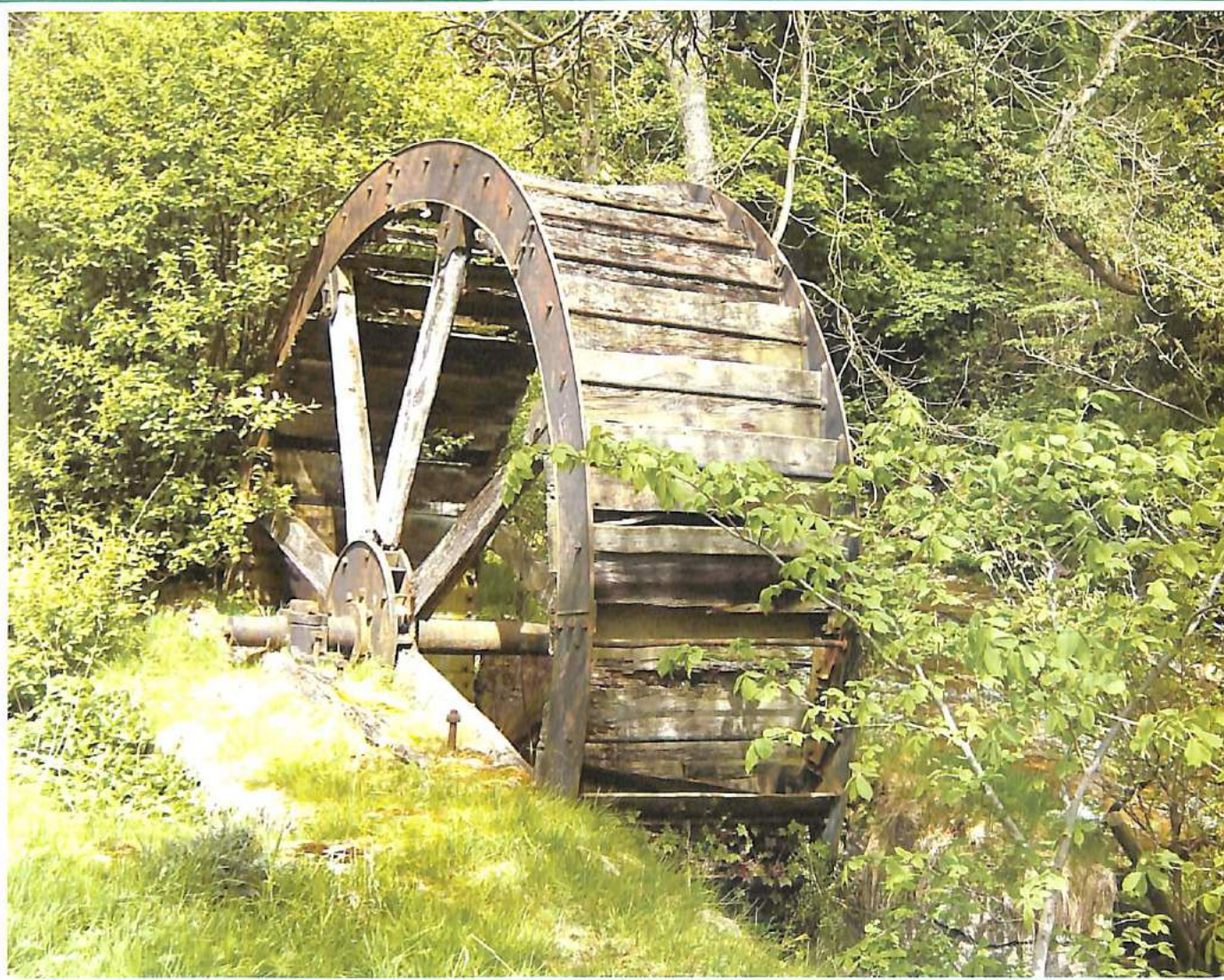


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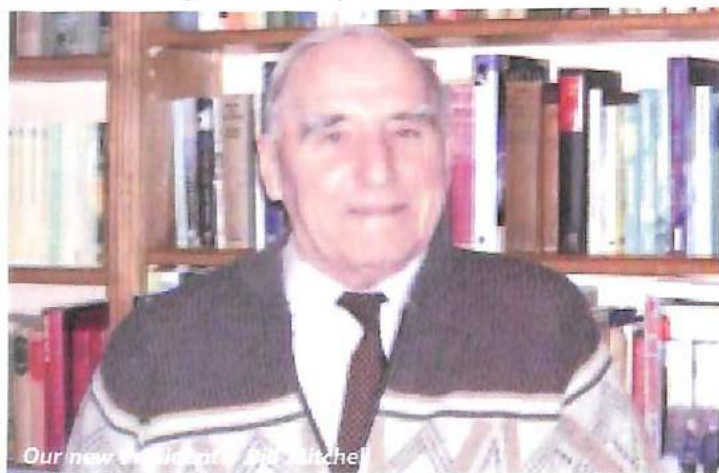


Our New President

Saturday May 10th 2008 saw Bill Mitchell unanimously elected as Yorkshire Dales Society President at the YDS AGM at the Dalesbridge Centre in Austwick. Among Bill's many distinctions, was the more unusual one of packing a Yorkshire Dales Society AGM in 1996 at Pateley Bridge with about 100 people, well over twice the number of members who attend such functions on average, where he gave the post AGM lecture after becoming an Honorary Member of the Society. Bill is a superb raconteur and kept his audience entranced with a constant flow of entertaining and pointed anecdotes, and reminiscences.

Bill Mitchell was born in Skipton over 80 years ago and became a reporter on the Craven Herald & Pioneer in the town, meeting Harry J. Scott who founded The Yorkshire Dalesman (later The Dalesman), in April 1939.

After two years national service in the Royal Navy, Bill was offered a job on the Dalesman and during most of his service with the magazine, edited it single-handed, with the riposte, "I could not afford to be ill!", holding the job till his retirement in 1986 and completing 60 years' association



with the Dalesman Publishing Company. In addition Bill also delivered several thousand talks and slide shows, including some memorable ones to the Yorkshire Dales Society, and contributed countless newspaper articles. A recent anecdote from the Country section in the Yorkshire Post gives the flavour. A librarian from one of the Dales mobile library vans was taking a heavy pile of books across a dales farmyard, when he was confronted by a fierce farm dog ready to fly at him. His rescuer proved to be rather surprisingly another farm dog who pinned the other animal firmly by the ear, allowing the nervous librarian to reach the safety of the farm house.

Bill from 1951 added the editorship of Cumbria, a magazine with its main focus in the Lake District, to his other regular commitments. Presiding over an area from Solway to Humber, and from Tyne to Hodder, nevertheless he managed to keep separate on one desk items for each magazine.

In 1996 Bill was awarded the MBE for his services to journalism in Yorkshire and Cumbria, and he was also admitted by the University of Bradford to the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters during the same year. In 2008 came further recognition for his many talents with a major award by the Outdoor Writers' and Photographers' Guild with Bill cited as one of the founding fathers of outdoor writing - a superb accolade.

Bill is a consummate professional in everything he involves himself in, his 160 books plus are always immaculately researched and presented, exceedingly readable, with a superb ear for dialogue and the idiosyncrasies of human nature. He writes with warmth, wit, compassion and scholarship. As a Methodist lay preacher of 40 years standing, his knowledge of dalesfolk is formidable, and likewise of the chapel pulpits throughout Dales and Bowland.

Bill's connection with the Yorkshire Dales Society goes back to its early days when he became friendly with Colin Speakman after sub-editing Colin's first book, "Walking in the Yorkshire Dales" which was published by Dalesman. Bill joined the YDS and in 1996 his Honorary YDS membership cited "in recognition of your services in protecting the environment of the Yorkshire Dales."

More recently Bill has become a member of the YDS Review editorial team and offers us many useful insights as well as producing excellent articles with the utmost promptitude. In response to our query as what role he saw for the Yorkshire Dales Society, he replied:

"To be elected as President of the Yorkshire Dales Society was an unexpected delight. I have been impressed by the courageous way in which the Society speaks up when the Dales landscape or way of life is being threatened by alien ideas, and how the Society helps to sustain a delicate balance between conservation and the provision of facilities that enable worthy folk to enjoy their Dales heritage."

Fleur Speakman

Ruswarp: The Paw-print that helped to Save a Railway

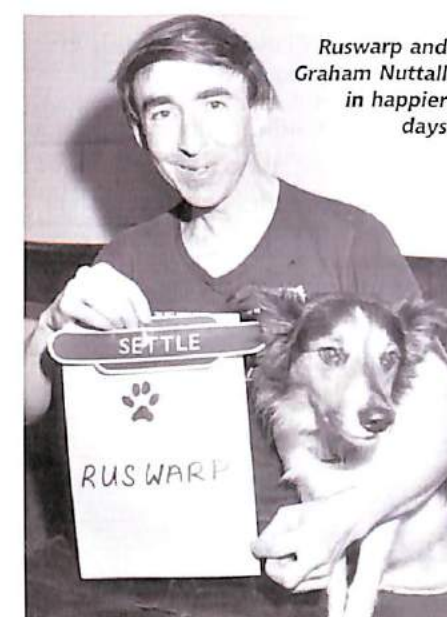
In the 1980s Britain's most scenic railway line, the Settle to Carlisle, was under threat of almost certain closure. There were just two trains a day and no freight at all. Today, the line is busier than ever in its history, open 24 hours a day and about to have its capacity doubled to cope with demand. An amazing turn around!

The two people most widely credited with forming the group that was to save the Settle-Carlisle railway line from closure were David Burton and Graham Nuttall, two remarkable Lancashire men who shared with a growing number of people a sense of outrage that the S&C seemed condemned. They were the first Chairman and Secretary of the Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line (FoSCL). David Burton is still around. Graham Nuttall's tragic story cast a shadow over FoSCL's early days, but inspiration too.

He and his faithful Border Collie Ruswarp (pronounced 'Russup') were inseparable. Ruswarp had the distinction of being the only canine objector to the line's closure. He was deemed to be a 'fare paying passenger', about to suffer 'hardship' indeed as required by the men from Whitehall, should the line close. FoSCL were troublemakers, a thorn in the sides of the powers-that-be. Undaunted by the odds, they campaigned and won. Graham lived just long enough to see the line's reprieve in 1989 for on January 20th 1990, he went missing. He and Ruswarp bought day return tickets from Burnley to Llandrindod Wells, there to go walking in the Welsh Mountains. But Graham never returned.

Neighbours raised the alarm. Searches by police and mountain rescue teams in the Elan and Rhayader found nothing. The case aroused national interest for a time. FoSCL produced Missing Person posters as did the police in Lancashire and Dyfed Powys.

Then on April 7th 1990, lone walker David Clarke found Graham's body, by a mountain stream. Nearby was Ruswarp, so near death that the 14 year old dog had to be carried off the



Ruswarp and Graham Nuttall in happier days

mountain. He had stayed with his master's body for eleven winter weeks.

Ruswarp was cared for by the local vet Bertie Ellis of Beulah - fees paid by the RSPCA, who quickly decided to award Ruswarp their Animal Medallion and collar for 'vigilance' and their Animal Plaque for 'intelligence and courage' on the nomination of Superintendent Ralph Rees of Dyfed Powys Police.

Coroner Alfons van Hees recorded an open verdict and heard evidence from Home Office pathologist Professor Bernard Knight. Ruswarp lived just long enough to attend Graham's funeral, having been lovingly cared for by Graham's aunt and uncle, Gerry and Edith Maden of Clowbridge. The RSPCA had been overwhelmed with offers to re-home Ruswarp.

Ruswarp's devotion to Graham has resonances of Edinburgh's Greyfriars Bobby - the Skye Terrier who remained at his master's graveside for 14 years until his own death in 1872. There are a number of similar stories on record but this level of devotion is rare. Through Ruswarp, the plight of the Settle to Carlisle railway leapt back into the public mind - for though reprieved, the line needed massive investment if it was to recover from years of neglect. A plaque was put up at Burnley railway station and there is a dedication on a platform bench at Garsdale - Graham's

favourite place. And life went on.

Garsdale station - remote and lovely - is about to be restored to its former glory by Network Rail. Their decision to do that restoration coincided with a letter which appeared in the local press suggesting that FoSCL should consider a more permanent memorial to Ruswarp - at Garsdale.

So it is that we have decided to commission a life size bronze statue of Ruswarp, to be placed at Garsdale station, under the watchful eye of the signaller. Graham Nuttall would have been delighted that the signal box is now operational 24 hours a day, so busy is the line he fought to save. We have a number of photographs of Ruswarp as well as colour film of him crossing the line at Settle in a documentary about the then doomed S&C, narrated by Alan Bennett no less. We have located a sculptor who specialises in dogs - in Wales as it happens. Network Rail has given approval for the statue to be placed in a prominent location at the refurbished Garsdale, there to add its chapter to the history of the place and the line.

We have decided to launch an appeal for the work - the sculpture will cost around £8,000 but we believe that it could come to symbolise the heroic struggle to save the S&C and the sacrifice and effort made by so many to build it, to save it and to restore it - and the incredible devotion of 'man's best friend'.

If you would like to contribute to the Ruswarp memorial fund, send cheques, payable to The Ruswarp Memorial Fund, to FoSCL's Ruswarp project officer Josie Perriman, at Foresters Cottage, 2 Howson's Yard, Settle, BD24 2EG. Should the fund be over subscribed, extra monies will go towards the Garsdale restoration scheme with a preference for enhancing the Ruswarp aspects. You can contribute online by going to the Friends' web shop at www.settle-carlisle.com/webshop, and then clicking on Ruswarp Appeal.

Visit of the Minister to the Yorkshire Dales Society Settle office

The Yorkshire Dales Society was privileged to entertain a Government Minister – Rosie Winterton MP, Minister of State Department for Transport and also the Minister for Yorkshire & The Humber to the Society's Settle office on 5 June. Mrs Winterton came especially up to the Yorkshire Dales to learn more

Yorkshire Dales Public Transport Users Group, that is now responsible for operating and developing no less than seven key Dalesbus leisure routes in the Yorkshire Dales. Whilst Mrs Winterton was not able to offer any Government money for the CIC's projects, she was both supportive and encouraging, and

to ensure continued sustainable travel opportunities to the Yorkshire Dales – as well as supporting community transport provision for local people and visitors alike.

Mrs Winterton, who was accompanied by YDS Vice President Ann Cryer MP, was joined by officers from the Yorkshire Dales Society, Yorkshire Dales National Park, Natural England and North Yorkshire Country Council who travelled with the Minister to the National Park centre at Malham. She confessed she was "thrilled" by the spectacular limestone scenery. She was also delighted to learn that thanks to financial support from the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, and hard work by members of the Dales & Bowland CIC, Malham will enjoy a new summer Sunday bus service this summer, the Malham Explorer, 814, which will operate directly from Bradford and Skipton, giving urban communities a direct link to the Dales – as well as creating a useful new Sunday bus service into Skipton for local people living in Malham, Kirkby Malham, Airton and Gargrave for Sunday shopping or family visits.

urged even close co-operation with the Harrogate and Dales Tourism Partnership and other tourism providers



Rosie Winterton and the ministerial party at Malham

about the pioneering work of Dales & Bowland Community Interest Company, jointly established by the YDS and the

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The Ken Willson Award – The future's bright for Archaeology in the Dales

This year's winner of the Ken Willson Award, given annually to a young person who lives or works in the Dales and has contributed in an outstanding way to some aspect of the Dales environmental heritage or to an aspect of Dales life, is Amy Ball, Assistant

illustrates nationally important finds from early cave excavations and the results of new research by members of the North Craven Historical Research Group. Her major exhibition in May focused on ancient technologies which she produced with the children of the

Young Archaeologists Club. She also enjoys running a family fun day every year to celebrate National Archaeology Week.

In her curatorship at Craven (her second post), Amy is "incredibly professional,

Officer at the Museum of Lancashire and at the local heritage centre in her home town of Lytham. Her first post at Fleetwood Museum, as part of a Heritage Lottery funded project, was to document information, and photograph the collection relating to trawlers. Part of the project involved creating a website to display the information and digital photographs gained during the project.

Already friends at school, Amy and her husband Chris became closer during A levels with a shared interest in ancient history, marrying in 2006. Chris now works as a legal recruitment consultant, after studying ancient history at university, and continues to have a great interest in archaeology and history.

On receiving the Award Amy stated, "I am thrilled to have won the Ken Willson Award. Working with archaeology and the heritage of the Yorkshire Dales is fascinating and it is wonderful to be recognised for the work I have done." The Craven Museum has indeed been fortunate to have a young officer with such



Curator of Archaeology at the Craven Museum and Gallery in Skipton.

During her tenure Amy has already created inventories for the Craven Museum archaeology collections and engaged the help of three volunteers to help her catalogue the collections. In addition she has designed and delivered a National Archaeology Day event with a record number of attendees and is launching her second such event this month in July. In the course of her work Amy has worked with the museum's education officer and delivered a number of talks to community and school groups. She also has been successful in winning funding for a project: Archaeology in the Landscape that is aimed at taking the archaeology collections into the community to form part of community events in Settle and Gargrave during 2008/9, as well as for school activities. Amy has also set up an official Young Archaeologists Club (CAB registered) which is hugely successful and now has a waiting list. Finally Amy has designed a display of cave material from the Giggleswick Scar Project, which

very creative and pays real attention to detail," her excellent IT skills enabling her to deliver top quality work that is both accessible and educational. She is also a great team member and is able to communicate her own passionate interest in archaeology and the stories it can tell at any level.

Born in Lytham St Annes, Lancashire, Amy's interest in history and archaeology was awakened when studying for Latin GCSE and later Classical Studies at A level, plus school trips to Pompeii and Greece. After a BA in Ancient History and Archaeology at the University of Birmingham (2000-2003), she developed a particular interest in the museum field. Graduating with merit from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne with an MA, she then volunteered for the Finds Liaison



Exhibition in the Craven Museum

initiative who has such empathy with young people and the ability to harness and channel their enthusiasm in such satisfying directions.

Fleur Speakman

Dale-Country Cookery

Whenever I visited the Raistricks at Linton, there was usually a baking day smell about the kitchen and Elizabeth – a homely person – offered me coffee and buttered scones. (Arthur seemed a bit finicky about his food, though I once joined him as he tucked into fish and chips at a shop in Skipton).

Elizabeth's researches into Dales life extended to the kitchen. She researched the fare of the 17th century when meat was roasted on a spit and progressed down the years to the period within living memory. In the 17th century, a stone-arched fireplace was the main feature of the largest room in one of the big new farmhouses. Set into one side was the bee-hive oven, where bread and pasties were baked.

When in full operation, the fire of such a range was capable of roasting an ox. Elizabeth said that usually a smaller fire of wood and peat sufficed. Meat was roasted on a *spit*, turned by a *jack* with, beneath, a pan to catch the *drippings* of fat and gravy. More common than roasting meat was boiling or stewing it in iron pans. These were either swung over the fire on a crane or, commonly, placed on a brigg of iron.

Meat was relatively scarce. On fast days – three a week, with long fasts of Lent and Advent – a useful filler was *pease pudding* (hot or cold or even nine days old, as noted by a familiar nursery rhyme). The historian Whitaker related that in Linton, when milk was plentiful in summer, cows were milked direct into bowls of fresh fruit juice, thus making *syllabubs*. The ultra-rich first flush of milk from a cow after calving was known as *beastings*. Thick and yellow, with specks of blood in it, this milk was used by the farmer's wife to make a pudding.

Several friends have broached the topic of the backstone and brought back to my mind the days when Mr Leach made oatcake in this traditional way in an upper room in one of the alleys of Old Skipton. It had long been known that if a thin slurry of oatmeal and water was thrown on to a hot surface, the mixture spread into a thin cake.

which was turned to cook on both sides.

Yorkshire oatcake, according to Ella Pontefract, came in two varieties – thin and flabby (as favoured in some of the industrial towns of the West Riding) or thicker and round (as made in the dales of the North Riding). The thinner type – which I associate with the Craven dales – had a mixture of oatmeal, salt, with perhaps a little yeast, and water. It



Country Kitchen. Photo courtesy of Wensleydale Creamery.

resembled a wash leather when it was suspended from a *fleeak*, a wooden rack, to dry. Oatcake was buttered before being eaten.

In the 19th century, a daleswomen's pride was in the new-fangled kitchen range, which once a week was annointed with black lead. Flanking the fireplace, but working in conjunction with it, was oven and water boiler. A kitchen I visited at a big house just outside Giggleswick had three taps at one end of the large sink. They represented hot water, cold water and "soft" water, the last named being rainwater, collected into a tank from the roof of a large barn and transferred by pipe, under the farmyard and up into the house.

The grocers who made their monthly rounds of Dales farms delivered oatmeal in ten-stone sacks. The meal would be served as porridge for

breakfast and, in some farms, on the supper table as well. My father-in-law, a Dales farmer, had a lile copper pan in which he made porridge, holding it over the edge of an open fire and stirring it with a spoon. Traditionally, porridge was made in a big pan and stirred with a wooden stick known as a *thible* till it was as thick as plaster; it was then doused with skimmed milk and consumed.

Norman Swindlehurst, a proverbial mine of information about life at old-time Keasden, recalled for me when his mother, Jane, used hamshanks, split peas and lentils to make an economical but delicious soup. All the bread was home-baked, dough being placed before the fire to "rise". If it was rising too fast, mother put her fist into it to deflate it. It then had to rise again! The Swindlehurst family also ate their way through two pigs per annum!

Sunday dinner, at a Victorian farmhouse, was distinguished by a roast, usually "a big lump of beef" which had to be cooked slowly to ensure it was tender at the stage of being eaten. With beef went Yorkshire pudding, made from a mixture prepared several hours before it was needed, then plunged into fat contained in a rectangular dripping pan. The fat was so hot it smoked. You were offered Yorkshire pudding at the

Meet the YDS Juniors

Judith Lancaster (YDS Hon. Treasure) and Anne Webster (YDS Administrator) recently ran a highly successful competition aimed at producing a logo for a new and potentially lively organisation aimed at the younger generation in order to encourage them to appreciate their local heritage. Information about the competition was sent out to 42 schools in the Craven area with an excellent response. Judith describes below why she felt it was so essential to create this junior group and what its future could be.

Legislation to ban hard sell advertising aimed at children on commercial television channels cannot come soon enough,



India Bremen, aged 8, High Bentham Primary School

in my opinion, with many youngsters seeing the latest gadget or toy as an essential which Santa is required to provide.

So the idea for Yorkshire Dales Juniors was born. A surprising percentage of Dales' children have not visited popular sites on their own doorstep. When I asked my own children which trip they enjoyed the most last summer, the clear winner was a walk to Gordale Scar, Janet's Foss and Malham rather than Euro Disney!

By involving families through events and activities of Yorkshire Dales Juniors (YDJ) children and their parents (or grandparents) can enjoy themselves in amazing surroundings and appreciate the need to look after these wonderful natural assets for future generations by spreading the word and taking up Society membership.

The YDJ is already off to a flying start with our successful logo competition, shown by the enthusiasm generated by our three prize-winning schools as illustrated, the winner in each case being awarded a giant chocolate Easter Egg and

each winning school was also given £50 for an environmental or rural project. Each of the winning competition logos proved to be surprisingly similar incorporating both rucksacks and wellies; very fitting motifs for the YDS.

At the recent Yorkshire Dales Society AGM on May 10th, some excellent ideas for future YDJ activities included

pond dipping, poetry competitions, environmental debate, a teddy bears' picnic and children's archaeology. We hope to incorporate at least some of them into our future programme. The aim is also to encourage more families to sign up for YDS family membership and take full advantage of reduced rates at events, and other benefits.

It is also hoped to popularise this new organisation at major agricultural shows. The YDJ will sponsor special child categories at three different shows, awarding a special cup for entries such as pet on a lead, and for environmental awareness through some form of illustration. Volunteers to man the tents on such occasions are always much needed, please contact the YDS office for details (see back cover.)

By the next YDS AGM, in 2009, we hope to report further on our flourishing Junior group and its varied activities.



Nash Hepburne, aged 11, Skipton Parish C of E School

Dale-Country Cookery – continued

start of a meal – usually Sunday lunch. Just before the Yorkshire pudding mixture was poured into the dish, a drop of cold water from the tap was added and the mixture was again beaten up rapidly.

Here's a variation on the making of rice pudding, quoted by Elizabeth Raistrick from a book published in 1842 under the title *A Woman's Secret or How to Make Home Happy*: Take a pound of rice, tie it tightly in a cloth and boil for two hours. It will then be a firm

pudding, which when cold can be cut into slices and eaten with a little treacle or milk or stewed fruit. My comment: Ugh.

Bill Mitchell

YDS Chairman's Report 2008

In his address to Society members at the Yorkshire Dales Society's AGM at Austwick on May 10th, the Chairman of the Society Dr Malcolm Petyt explained that although the past year had been difficult in some ways for the Society, there have been some very significant achievements.

Colin and Fleur Speakman, who founded the Society over 27 years ago and were its only part-time paid employees, had indicated their wish to retire from office two years ago. Fleur did finish at the end of 2006, but Colin was willing to continue in a reduced role for another year or so. In 2007 a paid Chief Executive was appointed on a one-day-a-week basis, with an Administrator working two days a week. The Administrator appointment proved very successful, but it soon became clear that the Chief Executive was looking for a bigger and better-paid post than the Society could afford. At the end of the six-month trial period she left YDS and has since become the full-time Chief Officer for a beautiful area in Northern Ireland. Unfortunately, the Treasurer she had just helped to find did not wish to continue under those circumstances, so there were important gaps to fill.

Fortunately Colin Speakman was able to continue his involvement until the recent AGM, which helped the Administrator, Anne Webster, to get fully established and take over more of the work for which he and Fleur had previously been responsible. Anne also helped us to find a new Treasurer, Judith Lancaster, a college teacher and a farmer's wife from Bordley in the heart of the Dales. As well as looking after book-keeping and finances; as a mother with young children, Judith is also keen to get YDS to involve more youngsters in YDS work.

The Society took the decision not to rush into a further appointment, as Colin's paid role terminated, but has made the Administrator's post a full-time position, and set up three committees of the Council of Management to be responsible for three major areas of work:

The Environmental, Social and

Economic Policy Committee chaired by Hugh Thornton, will deal with the crucial "policy and campaigning" side of YDS.

The Events, Communications and Membership Committee, chaired by Chris Wright, deals with membership recruitment and servicing, publications and the programme of events for members and the public.

The Finance and Governance Committee, chaired by Malcolm Petyt, deals with the Society's finances and with ensuring that, as both a charity and a limited company, YDS makes good use of its funds and operates in a way which satisfies all the requirements of both the Charity Commission and Companies House.

The Society is a **campaigning organisation**, working directly and through the media to influence the policies of government at different levels - by making those responsible aware of the unique and special qualities of the Dales' landscape and cultural heritage. Normally the Society works through the Council for National Parks when aiming to influence national government, but in dealing with local government, it feels it can achieve more by being a "critical friend" of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and the Committee responsible for the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, with the YDS Committee for Environmental, Social and Economic Policy leading in this area. Among its more recent initiatives a policy paper on local affordable housing in the Dales by Hugh Thornton, was widely circulated. The need for measures to combat or adapt to climate change, for instance through a renewable energy policy, has generated much discussion as to whether and in what circumstances support can be given to plans for energy generation by wind or water. Careful consideration was given to whether YDS should support or object to a planned Settle Festival; a reasoned response looking at the potential impacts on the environment and on local communities, and also road safety issues, was sent. Representatives of the Craven and Richmondshire branches of the Campaign to Protect Rural England

are part of the Committee, and are jointly monitoring applications for planning permission.

The YDS is also an **educational charity** with the Events, Communications and Membership Committee organising a programme of events, which is advertised and open to the public as well as to our members. As usual a series of lectures over the winter months on various aspects of the Dales heritage (most lectures preceded by a walk in the area), have been well attended, and some additional independent walks or events, including very popular visits to the restored Gayle Mill and Hellifield Peel, and a walk across Ribbleshead Viaduct. Ruth Evans has ably led her Events team.

The second area of our educational work involves YDS publications. The *Yorkshire Dales Review*, with its mixture of scholarly articles and those of general interest, passed its 100th edition during the year. The YDS extends its gratitude to Fleur Speakman for continuing to act as head of a small editorial team. The equally valuable *DalesWatch Digest*, also appears quarterly and gathers together press clippings from local and wider sources on matters affecting the Dales. Rhona Thornton has continued to produce regular issues of this important YDS publication.

The Society has a revamped website constantly updated, and also operates the Dales Heritage website containing details of over 80 organisations, bringing together all those with a love of and interest in the Dales.

Mostly recently the Society has developed a **public benefit delivery function**. This has been achieved by the creation of a wholly-owned social enterprise company, the Dales and Bowland Community Interest Company. This provides YDS with a mechanism to work with other partner organisations to set up and develop new projects in the Dales to benefit both local communities and visitors. It must work within the objects of the Society and any profit can only be retained by the Company or paid to YDS.

In view of Colin Speakman's experience and expertise, the main focus so far has been on the provision and promotion of public transport to enable local people to get around the Dales or Bowland area and to make it possible for those without cars who live outside these areas to get into the countryside. Apart from publicity initiatives, such as the "Wharfedale Triangle" leaflet promoting green travel in Upper Wharfedale, and the leaflet on public transport included in the "Bedroom

which enables people from the Grassington area to get to Harrogate and Ripon. Plans for Summer 2008 include a new Wharfedale-Wensleydale bus service which will also link to the Settle-Carlisle railway at Ribbleshead (with optional walks being offered by the Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line), and hopefully a Sunday service from Bradford to Malham, to enable people without cars to access the Park on Sundays outside the summer peak period.

Peter Sharp were standing down from the Council of Management and were thanked for their input: Peter's contribution to the Society as a gifted photographer and as a former farmer from Malham, had been particularly appreciated. During the year the YDS has co-opted to Council two very valuable new members. Richard Harvey (who was made an Honorary Member of YDS at our last AGM) and was the first and long-serving National Park Officer for the Yorkshire Dales; his

vast experience will be of great value to the Society. Nurjahan Ali Arobi was another very welcome recruit: coming from Bradford where she is the City's "Walking for Health" Co-ordinator, and also a "Mosaic Champion" - a link to the ethnic minority communities, as well as being the mother of young children.

The Chairman concluded by saying that every YDS chairman for the past 27 years has been expressing his gratitude to Colin Speakman for all

his work for the Yorkshire Dales Society, but this year there was a definite awareness that it was Colin's last term as a paid employee. "Over all that period he has given us much more than we paid for - and I am relieved to know that in the future he will be continuing to give us his time and wisdom in a different capacity."

As he concluded, Colin and Fleur Speakman, and Richard Harvey were then presented with some very attractive framed certification to mark their election as Honorary Members of the Society.

* See article on pages 12 and 13 on Hellifield Peel

YDS Group visit to Hellifield Peel*



Browser" folders made available in hotels and B&Bs, the Company has had real successes in the actual provision of transport into the Dales. The Cravenlink bus service between urban areas such as Bradford, Ilkley and Bolton Abbey has carried thousands of people into the Dales for work or pleasure, and provided guided walks for those wanting them. The Bowland Transit service between Settle, Slaidburn and Clitheroe has been promoted and a walking group established to increase patronage and awareness of this threatened service - which has undoubtedly contributed to its retention for the time being. A new service using what would have been an empty Little Red Bus has been set up

This brief snapshot of what the YDS-sponsored company is achieving, is something the YDS can feel justly proud of.

The Chairman concluded by warmly thanking the Council of Management, the new committees and especially their chairmen who had all given valuable guidance. He singled out the Administrator Anne Webster who had become a tremendous asset and had ensured the smooth running of the Society at several levels. He was also grateful for the contribution of the volunteer helpers she had recruited.

Jane Roberts, Gordon Kingston (who has moved away from Yorkshire) and

Why Dalesbus Matters

As someone recently asked, why on earth does the Yorkshire Dales Society spend so much time and energy worrying about Dales buses when very few YDS members ever actually use the buses even when they are there?

The answer is a complex one. Most YDS members enjoy a reasonable income and comfortable lifestyle, and for them transport is not an issue. Indeed the Yorkshire Dales Society could not function without the private car which gives members a freedom and flexibility to enjoy the Dales in so many ways that previous generations would envy.

Not everyone has such a choice. A very small percentage of people living in the Dales – mainly older people, young people and families on low incomes are totally dependent on the local bus



Wensleydale Explorer bus at Buckden

network. But a much higher percentage – around 25% of people living in what might be termed the major catchment communities of nearby towns and cities – Skipton, Harrogate, Leeds, Bradford, Shipley, Wakefield, Burnley, Keighley, Otley, Ilkley – live in households without cars.

These people support the Yorkshire Dales National Park and Nidderdale AONB through their taxes, but don't enjoy equality of access to them.

On weekdays, urban visitors can use the bus and train services local communities need. By doing so, for example, by catching the regular local service bus to go for a walk in the National Park, they are actually helping to financially support these essential rural services. The Ilkley-Grassington-Buckden bus 72/74 would not survive, for example, without visitors who more than double the fare revenues in the summer months.

The problem comes on Sundays and

Bank Holidays where, ironically at times of highest visitor demand, there are few local bus services available. Hence the concept of DALESBUS – an integrated network of leisure bus routes which enable visitors to reach the Dales, and incidentally also give local communities an often valued Sunday service.

But in 2008, owing to reduced budgets, the weekend Dalesbus network faced extinction. Though the loss of these services didn't matter to most YDS members, it effectively threatened to cut off visitors without their own cars from the Dales, and with this their spending power. This included many overseas visitors who expect to find good local transport in our National Parks.

Thanks to the initiative of the Yorkshire Dales Society's Dales & Bowland

Community Interest Company, an organisation specifically created to deal with the emerging crisis, Dalesbus has literally been rescued. By drawing in funds from a wide variety of sources – County

Councils, Metro, the Sustainable Development Fund, and smaller donations from the Friends of Settle Carlisle Line, the Yorkshire Dales Public Transport Users Group and Craven CPRE and private sources, the CIC has proved that an imaginative third sector approach can work. This has resulted in a new £15,000 grant from the National Park Authority to pay for core weekend buses to Wharfedale, Wensleydale and Malhamdale in the National Park, and a similar support is anticipated from Nidderdale AONB SDF for services to Upper Nidderdale, and from Natural England for a new park-and-ride walkers' bus in the Ingleborough area.

Please support these services if and whenever you can during the summer – details are available in local Dalesbus publicity, or check out the excellent YDPTUG Dalesbus website – www.dalesbus.org which has specific downloadable timetables.

But the real market for Dalesbus is NOT

most YDS members as such but the general public, and that is why developing and creating the new network is fundamental to our objects of helping understanding and enjoyment of the Dales, and a core charitable activity.

There is also the related issue of the massive damage car use is doing to our

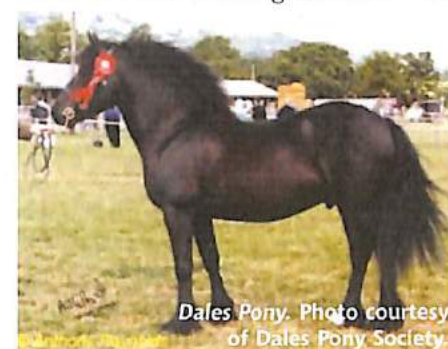


natural environment, which is why the YDS, as an environmental body, needs to keep its own house in order in terms of keeping green travel options available to all our own events. As we are doing with the Ingleborough Pony project, Dalesbus offers reasonably priced alternatives to driving huge distances and adding to quite serious levels of car congestion in popular parts of the National Park. High petrol prices are already making driving such distances less financially attractive and could be a real threat to Dales tourism and to the local economy. There is already evidence that free travel for over 60s on the Dalesbus network is becoming increasingly attractive and could be a real lifesaver for the Dales economy as bus users are also good local spenders.

In lots of ways therefore we are making a major contribution to the Dales local economy. It is also important to stress to members that because Dalesbus is being managed by a separate, semi-autonomous body, the Dales & Bowland CIC in partnership with the Yorkshire Dales Public Transport Users Group, this means that the work of the CIC in managing what is a highly ambitious rural transport programme does not in any way interfere or divert energy or resources from the mainstream work of the Yorkshire Dales Society – including our events programme and campaigning work. But as well as furthering our core charitable activity, benefiting visitors and the local community alike, the CIC's work is receiving national attention from bodies such as Natural England and even Government Ministers as a new way of addressing the problems and opportunities for sustainable rural transport in protected landscapes.

The Dales Pony - the celebration and return of a former icon

Famed for their strength, tough constitution, endurance and ability to negotiate rough terrain speedily, the Dales pony was originally bred for pack work in the dales lead mining industry. Lead was usually discovered on high moors, with nearby water for cleansing the lead, while smelting fuel came from



woodland in the vicinity, with a convenient windy hilly slope to aid the smelting process. Pigs of lead were then taken over the moors to north-eastern ports and any shortage of wood fuel eased by bringing back coal as an alternative. Working in loose groups of from 9 to 20, in charge of a man on horseback, the Dales ponies carried their huge burdens of ore, fuel and lead; an industry which flourished from Roman times till the mid 19th century.

The ancestor of the Dales Pony was the

Scottish Galloway who was bred extensively to dales herds on the hills. They were renowned for their depth, clean legs and speed, and used already in the Middle Ages by the army as well as for lead mining work. The animals gradually came to be deliberately interbred near the lead mines with local mares, resulting in the Black Galloway, which eventually became the Dales pony; fast, tough and sure-footed and normally black or bay in colour. With a pack load of 240 lbs or two pigs of lead per pony (2 cwt), their name became immortalised at Galloway Gate in Dentdale – a drove road from the Scottish border.

After the coming of the railways the ponies were particularly used in small dales upland farms, pulling a heavily laden farm cart, or for shepherding, covering many miles and able to carry hay of up to 12 stones in weight plus a rider in deep snow when necessary. These versatile animals could be harnessed to a plough or other farm machinery or even used for a day's hunting or to take the farmer to market.

In 1916 the Dales Pony Improvement Society was formed and during World War I the army enlisted 200 Dales

ponies for pack work to carry equipment over the Alps. Fearing that the Dales pony could be cross-bred out of existence, the Society introduced registration just in time. Numbers of ponies served again in World War II, but were then used to feed starving Europeans, and in the UK many dales ponies were slaughtered as surplus to requirements, after the rise of the motor car. From near extinction post-war, with registration and a careful programme, the breed slowly began to recover and was built up again so that the Rare Breeds Survival Trust has upgraded the ponies' status from vulnerable to rare. This rescue has been a remarkable success, and the YDS is proud to pay a modest tribute to the Dales Pony by naming the experimental new Sunday Clapham-Ingleton-Ribblehead minibus service the **Ingleborough Pony**.

Further information about Dales Ponies can be obtained from The Dales Pony Society - see their excellent web site www.dalespony.org for full details. Dales Ponies can be seen or even ridden around Malham - details from the Dales Trekking Centre, Holme Farm, Malham, Skipton, N. Yorks. BD23 4DA. Tel: 01729 830352 or log onto www.ydpc.net.

New Traffic Regulation orders to safeguard the Yorkshire Dales

The Yorkshire Dales Green Lanes Alliance (of which the Yorkshire Dales Society is a founder member) reports on major progress by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority to control the environmental damage and loss of tranquillity caused by offroad leisure driving traffic in the Dales. Mike Bartholomew, YDGLA Chairman, writes:

"A ten league stride was taken by the Dales National Park Authority's Access Committee at its meeting on 17 April 2008. It voted to authorise the imposition of full, 24 hour, 7 days a week traffic regulation orders on eight of the most vulnerable green lanes in the Dales. So, barring legal proceedings against the National Park (an unlikely prospect, for the Authority has been absolutely scrupulous in its handling of the matter), TROs will be in place by the end of the summer on the following routes: Ling Gill, Arncliffe Cote, Stockdale Lane, The High Way, Cam High Road, Foxup Road, and Gorbek Road.

"The results of the public consultation, which were laid before the committee, and which informed the committee's decision, were plain. For every off-roader who objected to the proposed orders, there were more than three members of the public who supported them. Moreover, while the opposition to the orders came exclusively from off-roaders, the support for them came from a wide range of Dales opinion - from farmers, cyclists, parish councils, the Yorkshire Dales Society and many others.

"The good news does not end there. The Access Committee also resolved to take a further five green lanes on to the next stage of public consultation. The lanes are, Horsehead Pass, Barth Bridge to Garsdale, Mastiles Lane, Long Lane (Clapham to Selside), and Carlton to Middleham High Moor".

Hellifield Peel - A Medieval Tower House

Francis Shaw describes some of the background history of Hellifield Peel after a very successful YDS visit in April of this year, and gives an insight into turning a listed ruin into a very desirable residence.

I first saw Hellifield Peel when I was in my teens on holiday going north to Scotland as well as a number of other tower houses and ruins on the same holiday. These sites were to prove formative in my life. I had decided I wanted to be an architect and I believed that my job would be to restore buildings like these.

There has been a manor house at Hellifield for over 1,000 years. The earliest structure was a Saxon Aisled Hall House, probably erected in about 850AD. The next phase in the building history was in the mid-12th century around 1150; the existing Saxon Hall House was enclosed in stone. This was a demonstration of wealth by the new lord. The outline of the end gable of this structure can still be seen in the east elevation of the house.

The main house dates from 1314 to 1330 and was built by one of the last Templar Knights, Sir John Harcourt. This tower would have included what is now the dining room and sitting room, the upper floors of our bedroom and the second floor Chapel, although the original Peel Tower would have had vaulted cellars which were filled in during the 18th Century.

The name Peel is a corruption of pale - a safe enclosure which would have been wooden fencing, in effect palisades. To be outside the safe area would to have been 'beyond the pale'.

The ownership of Sir John Harcourt also marks the joint Lordship of Hellifield Peel with the suppression of the Knights Templar. Most of the Temple cameras and land passed to the Knights Hospitallers. They remained joint lords until the suppression of the monasteries by King Henry VIII in the 1530s. In the late 14th Century the building of Peel towers up and down the country has been historically linked to Scottish raiding parties on regular jaunts after the English lost the battle of Bannockburn. Certainly there are records of the Scots raiding Gargrave

and Skipton and there was a massacre nearby at Coniston Cold.

The Origin of the name Hellifield

The history of Hellifield Peel itself is intertwined with the Hamerton family who came to be joint lords in the late 14th Century. Laurence Hamerton was granted a licence to add crenellations and towers in 1441: the towers can still be seen both inside and out, the building construction clearly visible. The Hamertons' most infamous period was during the northern rebellion and the Pilgrimage of Grace. These involved the Catholic populace rising up to rebel against Henry VIII's suppression of the church to justify his marriage to Anne Boleyn, and to swell the empty coffers of the King.

Sir Stephen Hamerton rebelled against the King twice; and was pardoned the first time. The second time he was hung and then beheaded at Tyburn. All of the Hamerton houses and lands were annexed by the Crown. These lands now form part of the Duke of Devonshire's estates.

The Peel

The Peel Tower was doubled in size by the addition of three levels of major rooms. These are now the kitchen, the drawing room and our bedroom - 'the square room'. The majority of existing crenellations also date from this period as well as the mullioned windows. The existing Chapel was most probably removed at this stage, as well as the lancet windows and the Piscina was blocked up. Huge mullioned windows were constructed on all levels and you can still see the outline of lintels, jambs and cills.

From this period the Hamertons had periods of financial difficulties when the Peel was leased and split into two, then into three ownerships in the early 17th century between 1601 and 1630. Further alterations were also made in the eighteenth century.

One of the last owners Sir William was taken ill in the late 1930s and moved to live at Ruthin Castle. Shortly afterwards the Peel was requisitioned by the MOD as a prisoner of war camp for firstly the Italians then German prisoners, and

after the war as a home for the displaced or homeless. In 1948 it was returned to Dorothy Hamerton who sold the estate at auction.

Harry Lund of Otley bought the estate along with the nearby woods and lake, and was responsible for stripping out much of the building materials, the roof in particular. Until the 1970s if a property roof was stripped then it would be exempt from rates. Many fine historic houses were deliberately destroyed as a result of this financial loophole.

Lund held a dilapidation auction at The Peel where Tot Lord, a local archaeologist, bought a lot of the existing fabric, selling panelling off to pubs in Settle and a house in Kirkby Malham. Tot has received a lot of unfair criticism for destroying Hellifield Peel but I believe he was trying to salvage the building's history before it got destroyed by the elements. The estate was bought in 1965 by Florence Hargreaves, passing to her son Nigel who sold the Peel Tower to Karen and (myself) Francis Shaw in 2004.

I had rediscovered Hellifield Peel a few years ago, a 14th Century stone tower house, on English Heritage's buildings on the at risk register as I was looking for a new family home and the Peel seemed perfect.

The stone tower had major structural fault lines through damage wrought through its deliberate dereliction - when the building was auctioned in 1948 and then stripped of its roof, beams, windows, stone door frames, archways, in fact anything that could be taken out. By 2003 the Peel Tower was unstable and its structural integrity was under threat.

Nevertheless the Peel Tower was classed as a Scheduled Ancient Monument by English Heritage; in conservation terms this is the most onerous classification. All changes require formal consent from the DCMS (Department of Media, Culture and Sport). Hellifield Peel was, English Heritage stated, the first Scheduled Ancient Monument to be fully restored back into a private home so clearly the restoration was going to be a test case.

A full archaeological survey was wanted before works could commence.

We bought the ruin in November 2004 a month after the clearing on site had begun. One month later the central spine wall of the tower 12 metres high and 1 metre thick crumbled and filled the tower up with rubble.

The Works

The stone masons Gardham & Henfrey were the most important appointment. Their skill, knowledge and attitude were key in selecting them for this project. My wife, who had been Product/Furniture Project Manager for Boots acted as Contract and Project Manager for the works.

The conservation ethos was to be guided by historical method, sustainability, and good practice. The repairs were agreed with English Heritage. The massive stone walls being over 2 metres thick in some locations needed a mixture of localised consolidation, rebuilding, grouting, stitching and new and old stone repairs. Each repair was agreed also a methodology.

The main stone used within the

building was gritstone locally supplied from quarries near Keighley. For pointing, a very soft lime pointing mix was used, although the joints were brushed in the English Heritage consolidation method rather than by scumbling. The wet and frosts would have led to the loss of stone surfaces.

Where possible all materials have been locally sourced. Environmental profiling was an important process in the design philosophy. Oak beams procured from France were used as the new construction frame for the structural integrity of the tower. This was because in 2000 the French had a disastrous storm losing nearly half of their mature woodlands. Large swathes of woodlands were logged and stored to season. The oak for the floors, stairs, doors, skirtings and attic feature window has come from sustainable local sources in the UK.

The sustainability of the rebuild for Hellifield Peel has been at the core of design philosophy. The energy source is via a geothermal heat pump (my wife and I laid over 1 km of pipe), the water source is from a well and sewerage is through a water treatment plant with

water tested to Environmental Association standards. Virtually all materials were sourced locally: even the roof slates were a cancelled order from Harrogate. The masons lived on site throughout the build, cutting down travel and adding to the economy of the village. Natural lime mortar, lime plaster and lime and ash screed were used extensively throughout the project, cutting out the use of concrete; even the blocks were pointed with lime mortar. A roof garden flat was added to the Peel, complete with stunning views.

The most important result of this scheme has been working with craftsmen across all the trades in a very rewarding and traditional manner. This has given the project the character and quality that should be expected in such an historic building.

Francis Shaw

This unusual and very striking family home with its very special atmosphere, and set in charming grounds, can be shared by those who would like to stay for a day or two. (Bed and breakfast is now available at Hellifield Peel, with flat also available tel. 01729 850248, info@peelcastle.co.uk, www.peelcastle.co.uk. Eds.)

Book Reviews

THE YORKSHIRE DALES LANDSCAPE AND GEOLOGY – by Tony Waltham – The Crowood Press – 217pp £16.99, available in local bookshops (ISBN 978-1-86126-972-0)

Tony Waltham is a geologist who studied limestone landscapes, above and below ground, while teaching at university in Nottingham. For many years the Yorkshire Dales have been his second home, and he still loves to walk their high fells.

This book is the first in an exciting new series that seeks to tell the story of some of Britain's most beautiful landscapes. Written with the general reader - the walker, the lover of the countryside - firmly in his mind, this book opens the door to a fascinating story of ancient oceans, forests, seas and glaciers. Over millions of years the rocks that now form the stunning Dales terrain were laid down on the floors of tropical seas and deformed by movements of the Earth's crust, before being shaped by rivers and ice sheets. The white limestone was fretted by rainwater into its own distinctive landscape riddled with hidden cave systems; then generations of miners and farmers added the final touches to the landscape we see today.

With the help of his own dramatic photographs, geologist Tony Waltham tells the engrossing story of the Dales, explaining just how the landscape of caves, moors and valleys comes to look as it does. Including guided walks specially designed to show off and explain the best of the National Park's landforms, this accessible and readable

book opens up an amazing new perspective for anyone who loves this wild and beautiful area.

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THE BACKBONE OF ENGLAND – by Andrew Bibby – Frances Lincoln Ltd – 208pp £20 (ISBN 978-0-7112-2852-2)

This handsome book, superbly illustrated with John Morrison's photographs, traces a journey by writer Andrew Bibby from Kinder Scout to Hadrian's Wall, following not the Pennine Way but the watersheds along the great Pennine hills which divide northern England.

It's not a walking guide as such – there is no strong sense of the physical reality of walking across wild uplands, but more a linked series of themed, topographical essays, sometimes inspired by place, sometimes by people such as Benny Rothman, Tom Stephenson, Alfred Wainwright, industrial poet Samuel Laycock or Cowling farmer David Airey, sometimes events such as the Kinder Trespass of 1932, sometimes themes such as access, peat moorland conservation and carbon capture, grouse moor management or military use of uplands.

Andrew doesn't reach the Dales until Chapter 17, where the limestone scenery between Hellifield and Fountains Fell (the watershed) is a backcloth to a debate about what is meant by landscape, looking at the European Landscape Convention and Landscape Character Assessment, whilst the next chapter on Pen y Ghent deals with footpath erosion

Feedback, Queries and Comment

A letter from John D Anderson, Shipley :
Our Solar System

"Unsightly panels" are castigated in Daleswatch [YDS Review, Spring 2008] with reference to solar roof installations. We have five solar thermal panels which heat our hot water. They are so lacking in unsightliness that hardly anyone notices them – or they think they are roof lights. Indeed our installer told us about one householder who was having some put on his roof and said he was the first in his road. "No," the installer said, "We put some on a house opposite you two years ago." He remonstrated – but he was wrong; he hadn't noticed them.

Contrary to the Daleswatch article's implications, we have a letter from Bradford Council assuring us that planning permission is not needed in our authority for solar panels as long as they do not project more than 100mm above the roof level; most do not.

In addition, our solar photovoltaic tiles, generating half our electricity, are so indistinguishable from the others that we have to point them out: they have a blue sheen, but fit exactly with our ordinary tiles.

If anyone is interested in installing any of this excellent and trouble-free technology, please contact me on dumelamazoo@yahoo.co.uk

Editors note: John has rather missed the point. The YDS is actually fully supportive of solar energy. Not all solar panels were "castigated" – only badly positioned ones, for example in conservation areas. We all agree that well positioned panels such as John's are hardly noticeable – and can make a major contribution along

with other clever pieces of technology such as photovoltaic cells, ground heat pumps and biomass systems. But planning controls that do exist need not compromise the efficiency of the system.

Alan Watkinson from Hawes has concerns about the lack of public transport in his area:

The Great Divide

Is it the fact that there's a hill between or are they on different maps – 'out of sight, out of mind' – or in some cases in a different local authority? Whatever the reason, it is impossible to get out of Upper Wensleydale to places to the west, southwest or northwest by public transport. And here we are, older lucky ones, clutching our free bus passes, eager to leave behind our cars; and where can we go? Just east down the dale to Leyburn – (admittedly with connections to Ripon, Richmond and Northallerton). That's it. To reach Ingleton (for Lancaster), or Settle, or especially Sedbergh for Kendal, is out of the question. Yes, there is a 'village bus' link to the station at Garsdale, but it fails to connect with several trains and is desperately under-used. Yet there are strong social links across this great divide: although we try our best to shop very locally, Upper Wensleydalers travel to Settle, Kendal and Kirkby Stephen or Kirkby Lonsdale and an increasing number of children go to school in Sedbergh, and even Kirkby Stephen. The reverse is also true, as people travel into Hawes for its auction mart and services.

Who decides where bus routes go, and on what criteria or market research? We got our 'village bus' (quite an insult really, as are definitely a town!) without any real consultation. Yes,

buses link with Wharfedale on Sundays, but they are arranged to bring visitors in, not to let the locals out! We are attracted to the idea of the new Sunday link: Buckden-Leyburn-Hawes-Ribblehead which could be useful for all kinds of walks, but a campaign is needed for us to get an escape route west- even if it is to foreign parts.

We've great news for Alan. Starting on Sunday July 27th for 10 weeks, thanks to the Yorkshire Dales Society and the D&B CIC there's a new bus service which will meet the new 807 bus at Ribbleshead to create a new bus west-bound link between Ingleton and Hawes which will give Hawes people a day in Ingleton and Ingleton people a day in Hawes. It's called the Ingleborough Pony – service 888 – and it's a bus route planned by YDS members for walkers and local people alike. Not the daily service nor all the links we'd like to see – but you've got to start somewhere. See www.dalesbus.org for detailed times.

Shirley Wise of Otley writes about the Bolton Abbey stepping stones:

I was standing looking at the stones with two friends one day and we could have crossed, but felt we hadn't got the right footwear. The water level was low. Then we went and stood on the bridge facing the other way, looking at the view for no more than ten minutes. We turned once more to look at the stepping stones again and were amazed to see that they were completely covered. (Thank you for your enjoyable magazine. I haven't managed to attend any of your events yet, but hope to in future.)

plays down the major contribution of Dales Rail and Dales Rail walkers in the 1970s and 80s to saving the line. Packed trains every other weekend in the summer, with over 10,000 people per annum using the local stations, were a little more than "occasional trains stopping at closed stations" – but history has already been rewritten about this more than once. Nevertheless, this is a fascinating and worthwhile book which takes an unusual approach to interpreting the very special landscapes of the Pennines.

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Book Reviews - continued

which is linked to tourism – maybe underplaying the fact that it is not so much tourists (i.e. staying visitors) that erode the Three Peaks Route but participants on one of Britain's most popular Challenge Walks, a different kind of activity. Mary Townley and the Pennine Bridleway dominate the section between Cam Fell and Great Knoutberry, but the next section to Garsdale Station has a fascinating essay on grouse management and the views of gamekeeper Nick Parker. The obligatory essay on the Settle-Carlisle line sadly

Summer Events 2008



Join fellow Yorkshire Dales Society members on a full or half day in the Yorkshire Dales this Summer - longer, lighter days, wild flowers and warmer weather. All members, friends and family are warmly welcome.

Monday, 07 to Sunday, 13 July

Spotlight on Ingleborough Week

Ingleborough area, Ingleton

A week of events celebrating this unique area and its wonderful surroundings.

Natural England, YD Millennium Trust and YD National Park Authority.

For further information, Tel: 01904 435 500

www.naturalengland.org.uk

Sunday, 20 July: National Trust Guided Walk to Buckden Pike and Gavel Lead Mines

10.30am - 3.00pm: Meet at Buckden Car Park. 5 mile strenuous high level walk.

Saturday, 16 August: Geocaching at Ribbleshead Viaduct

10.15am - 03.30pm: Meet at Ribbleshead Station 08.49 train from Leeds and return 15.49 from Ribbleshead.

Expert tuition by Pam Hickin from 'Yorkshire Dales Guides Company' following her very interesting article in January 2008 Review. Including training and GPS Trail. £15 per person. Limited numbers, please book through YDS.

Saturday, 20 September: 15 Guided Sponsored Walks

Starting and finishing at Ribbleshead Viaduct

In aid of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance - organised by Friends of Settle Carlisle Railway. £5 entry fee to include T-shirt and refreshments.

For sponsor form see www.settle-carlisle.co.uk

Train arrives Ribbleshead 10.08 am (departing from Leeds 08.49 am).

Saturday, 27 September and Sunday 28 September

The Slow Art Trail from Skipton to Strid Wood,

Bolton Abbey by Chrysalis Arts

See the article in the last "REVIEW"

Park and Ride facility from Skipton Auction Mart - or

bus 884 from Ikley.

The Slow Art Bus will become part of the trail with a live performance poet/storyteller on board to entertain. The Slow Art Trail will be open in Strid Wood until Monday, 20 October. For further information tel: 01756 749 222

Friday, 17 October: Hellifield Station

Lecture by Francis Shaw of Hellifield Peel

7.30pm - 9.15pm

£6.50 including refreshments

17.56 train from Leeds and return 21.23 from Hellifield.

Must book ticket in advance with YDS

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Back Cover picture: Logs galore in Nidderdale. Photo by John Fawcett.

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