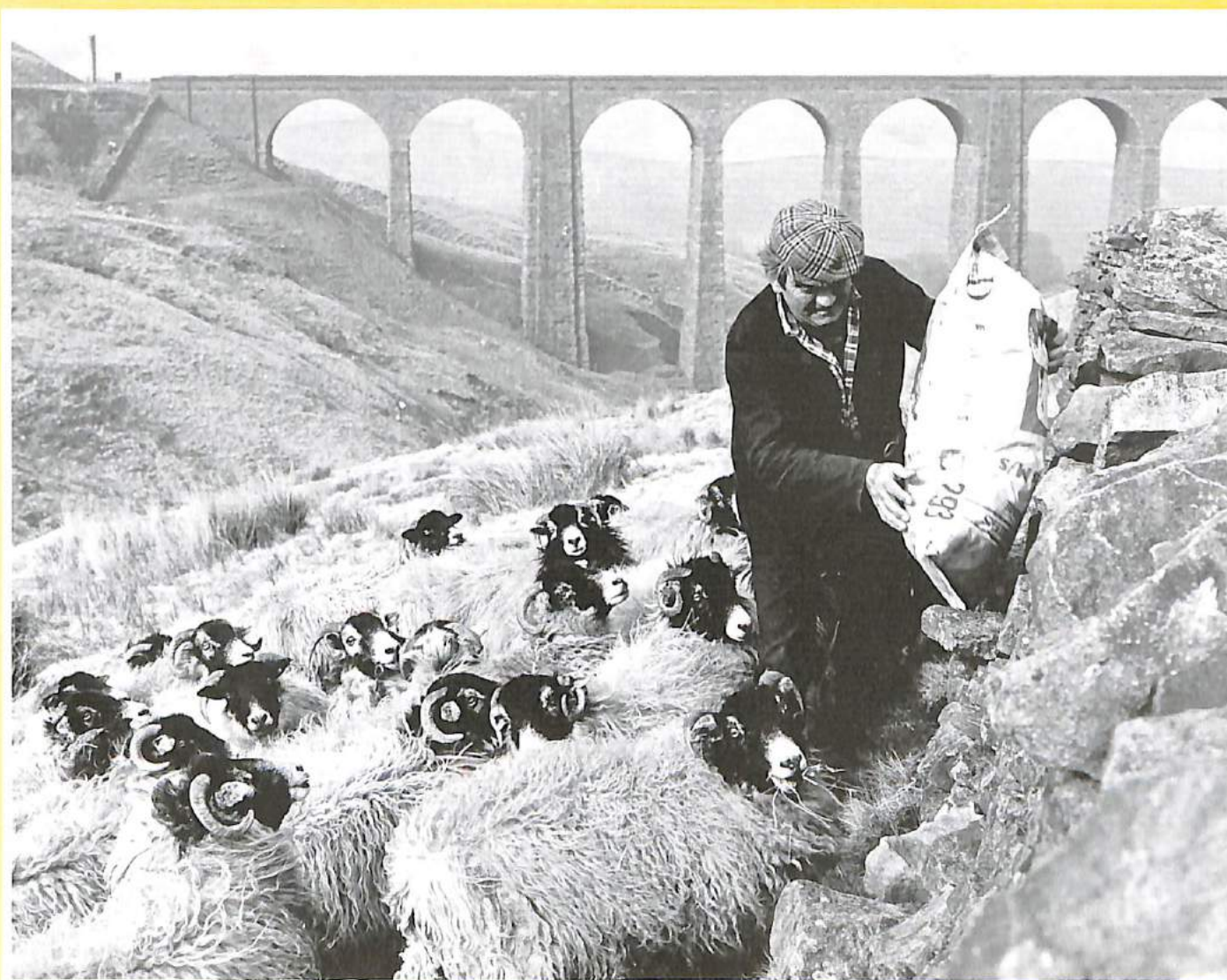


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Challenging Change

Even ignoring the many impacts of the global financial crisis, 2010 is a tough time for all voluntary bodies, including the Yorkshire Dales Society. We have to accept that over almost 30 years of our existence, our world has changed significantly.

Most of these changes are to be welcomed. There are now many more environmental and educational bodies active in the Dales, many overlapping with the work of the Society, often on the more localised level that people can more readily relate to. The growth of excellent educational organisations such as the U3A, especially strong in the southern half of the Dales, in Skipton, Ilkley and Settle, means that there are lots more walks, events and lectures in the Dales. Recently established organisations such as the Ingleborough Archaeology Group or Friends of Nidderdale can give a local focus on conservation work which a sub-regional body such as the YDS can never match.

Way back in the mid 1990s, the Yorkshire Dales Society was approached by the National Park Authority with a view to our charitable status being used to set up a new form of enabling charity. After much discussion, it was agreed that whilst we warmly welcomed such a move, our own campaigning role would, inevitably, be compromised by becoming a body which was initially to be bankrolled by the National Park itself. It would in future also be seeking funding from many other official bodies who would be concerned by an environmental campaigning organisation that might feel the need to criticise their actions – or lack of action. We therefore supported the concept of an entirely new charitable body, the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust. From the outset we saw ourselves as close partners, with no less than three founder members of the Society – David Joy, Jerry Pearlman and myself, becoming founder Trustees of YDMT, a tradition which continues over the years with the addition of Peter Charlesworth, Jane Roberts and most recently Karen Cowley as Trustees of both bodies. There is a Memorandum of Agreement between the two bodies, which commits us to co-operation and not competition, allowing the Trust to lead on major conservation projects and related educational work. The Trust has proved a huge success and has now become the leading environmental charity in the Yorkshire Dales. This is something the YDS actively supports and welcomes.

But where does that leave Yorkshire Dales Society? With an ageing and less active membership base, which

inevitably means decline as time takes its toll, there is a strong temptation to stay within our comfort zone, with informative talks about archaeology, ornithology or local history, and easy strolls for our increasingly less energetic members. Does this matter? Given the changing situation since our early years, do we still need a Yorkshire Dales Society?

The answer lies in our campaigning work. One part of the Society that is functioning especially well is our Policy Committee, as Hugh Thornton's Daleswatch report (page 5) will confirm. As the "critical friend" of both the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and Nidderdale AONB, we are an independent and sometimes outspoken voice for landscape and habitat conservation, linked to responsible social and economic development. We work closely on a national level with the Campaign for National Parks and the Friends of the Lake District on such issues as the National Park boundary changes, and on a local level with CPRE, and other amenity groups such as the Friends of Craven Landscape and the Green Lanes Alliance. Our key role is to articulate the argument for conservation and for economic and social policies to support the Dales.

But as a registered charity we must do much more than provide events to benefit our own members. We are also about bringing public benefit to people less fortunate than ourselves.

By establishing the Dales & Bowland Community Interest Company, a social enterprise company owned by the YDS, we have enabled many thousands of people, young and old alike, local people as well as visitors, without access to their own transport, to be able to reach and enjoy the Yorkshire Dales. DalesBus is now one of the best, fully integrated Sunday and Bank Holiday public transport networks in any National Park/AONB in the UK. In 2009, over 20,000 journeys were made on that network, a massive 56% growth compared with 2008. As well as free travel for the over 60s, bargain tickets such as the new £5 Sturtevant Rover tickets and free travel for children with adults, enable and encourage independent young people and families to visit the Dales. DalesBus also provides badly needed help to the Dales economy as bus users spend money on refreshments, services and overnight accommodation, and has helped reduce the environmental impact of private cars by giving visitors and local people – especially walkers – real travel choice.

But there is much more to be done. The new Coalition Government has warned us that there will be major cuts to public services in the years ahead.

Inevitably because of such factors as distance, high travel costs and low population, rural areas will be hit worst when the cost cutting starts, the rural poor and the young especially. Village schools, village buses, libraries, community transport, social care, health and educational provision all face severe cutbacks as financial managers look at rural services which are always more expensive to provide for smaller numbers of people. Just as serious is so-called "Peak Oil", predicted world shortages of petroleum as demand from the world's growing economies such as India and China outstrips supplies. Petrol price rises hurt rural communities in two ways, as rural people are more car-dependent and must drive longer distances to access services, but also lose vital car-based tourism income that keeps the rural economy alive. We may already be seeing a return to the "two gallon" day out, with the northern Dales suffering disproportionately as visitors from the major conurbations reduce their length of day trips to save fuel costs. Many small businesses are already feeling the pinch as less money circulates in the economy.

Once less affluent working families and younger people are forced to leave the Dales because of failed businesses or lost jobs, the Yorkshire Dales will increasingly become a retreat for the better off and affluent elderly who have little or no need for rural services.

This is both a challenge and an opportunity for the Yorkshire Dales Society. We must increasingly become the champion of Dales communities in such difficult times, joining forces with local politicians, voluntary bodies and the farming community to help strengthen the case for core services in the Yorkshire Dales to be protected. We must work with national and local political leaders to ensure its two prime industries – agriculture and tourism – receive vital support in order to safeguard jobs, businesses and livelihoods. We need to look at innovative ways to deal with transport, energy and local food production. For example there are several innovative renewable energy hydro schemes now being developed in the Yorkshire Dales. A school meals experiment in East Ayrshire where schools have to buy 70% of their food locally means that every school meal costs 10-15p more, but produces six times that benefit in terms of reduced food miles, health benefits

because of better diet, and – most of all – economic support for local farming businesses. This approach could work in the Dales.

The Dales & Bowland CIC is already in discussion with weekday transport providers including Community Transport to see how we can generate more income for rural buses, for example through our Green Networks website promoting new opportunities to walk, cycle and use both weekday and Sunday bus and train networks, but also to promote local shops, pubs and cafes. We need to actively support local post offices and community centres, supporting innovative schemes such as that at Wigglesworth where the post office is now in the village pub, so that people don't have to drive to the nearest market town using increasingly expensive petrol for every small purchase or service. We are also examining ways of making better use of vehicles and drivers used for school, health and social transport, thereby increasing income and bringing down costs. Affordable housing is another key area of need, and the YDS has advocated making better use of some of the large percentage of houses in Dales villages used for holiday lets or second homes as a cheaper alternative to new build, and as a way of bringing new life to communities.

Key to the Society leading the way on such campaigns and projects will be to harness the energy, enthusiasm, and skills of the Yorkshire Dales Society's greatest single asset – our members. There's an urgent need to engage with younger people if the Society is to renew itself and grow. Our top priority must be to activate both existing and potential new members so that we can work with many new partners in the Dales to keep diverse communities at the centre of a living, working landscape. As the Yorkshire Dales Society has always argued since its pioneering days, "A Landscape is a People".

If you'd like to join with us, to help us at any level, from Council or Committee, or with crucial administration tasks, at events, in editorial work, or on specific innovative projects, please contact us in the YDS office by phone, letter or email, explaining your interests and what areas you would prefer to be involved with, or have a word with any Member of YDS Council at any YDS event. Whether you live in the Dales or some distance away, we need your help. But above all it is the Yorkshire Dales, in these difficult times, which most need your support.

Colin Speakman

DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE RECENTLY DONATED TO THE YDS

We so appreciate your financial assistance which enables us to continue our total commitment to the heritage and future of the Yorkshire Dales.

Help to keep the Yorkshire Dales exceptional by giving a donation or by leaving a legacy.
A gift in your Will is the way you could enable the Yorkshire Dales Society to achieve something that will forever be your legacy.

For more information call the YDS office on 01729 825 600.

The Yorkshire Dales and the Icelandic Volcano 3000 years ago

The volcanic activity on Iceland that continues to cause so much disruption provides a useful illustration of how events far away once played a

impact on the appearance of the landscape, but that was to change when farming practices were introduced. The result was a whole new range of

ever increasing amounts. Each area cleared would be farmed for a number of years before the fertility of the soil fell and forced people to abandon them and move on to clear new areas. Once abandoned, the woodland cover was able to re-establish itself and the soil was able to recover its fertility and condition. Had population levels remained stable, this cycle of clearance and woodland regeneration would probably have been sustainable, but with larger areas being cleared and less time for the soils to recover, their fertility began to decline. While people still managed the soil it probably did not lose its fertility completely, but then an unexpected event happened that was to have a devastating effect.

That event seems to have been the eruption of the volcano Hekla on Iceland. Situated just north of the challengingly named Eyjafjallajökull that is currently causing us so many problems, Hekla is also very active and has a long history of violent eruptions. One such eruption around 3000 years ago is thought to have blasted 7.3km³ of material into the atmosphere, sufficient to affect the weather patterns for possibly as many as 18 years. It certainly seems likely that it resulted in a number of very wet years that would

domesticated plants and animals that were more productive and required less effort to harvest. It was quickly adopted as the preferred way of life and population levels were able to increase.

Fundamental to this new way of life was control over the soil which they had to clear of the natural vegetation cover in order to create the space to

significant role in the appearance of the upland regions of the British Isles. Such open landscapes may look wild and natural, but their appearance owes a great deal to a long history of human activity, stretching back almost 11,000 years, and the effects of climate changes.

It may be difficult to imagine but our starting point is a landscape of complete woodland cover. As the last Ice Age gave way to warmer conditions, a whole succession of tree species and other plants were able to re-establish themselves. From pollen trapped and preserved in peat deposits it is possible to say that by 8000 years ago, birch, alder, pine, hazel, oak, elm and many other species of trees covered the uplands. This supported a wide range of insect, bird and animal life which in turn attracted the attention of groups of Hunter/Gatherers. These early human beings who had already developed sophisticated ways of living off the natural productivity of the land, simply moved back as conditions improved. It was a very mobile way of life that required travelling around, hunting and gathering what they could, according to the seasons. This was to have very little



Cup and Ring marked stone on Ilkley Moor. Photo: Bradford Museums and Galleries.

grow their crops, and the grazing land for their live stock. From this time onwards humans were destined to burn and cut down the woodland cover in

have caused repeated crop failures, which would have placed great pressure on population levels. With the uplands soils already in a fragile and marginal

state, their fertility collapsed and all across the country vast areas of upland were abandoned, never to be occupied again. The agricultural value of the land was largely reduced to that of rough grazing, which ironically continued to suppress any opportunities for woodland regeneration. The situation might now be changing as a result of the harsh economics of upland farming and the last outbreak of foot and mouth disease. In some areas the reduced number of sheep is allowing saplings to once more establish themselves and these are now getting to be of sufficient size to be noticed. Whether or not this should be allowed to continue is

something for others to debate, but it certainly helps to illustrate the dynamic relationship between human exploitation and environmental factors and how that affects the landscape and its appearance.

That countless generations of people once lived out their lives on the uplands is known from a wide range of archaeological evidence, the most mysterious being 'cup & ring' marked rocks, a significant group has been identified on Rombalds Moor which lies sandwiched between the Aire and Wharfe valleys. Why they were created and what the markings

might mean is a whole study area in itself, but what they do provide us with is a physical and emotional link with the past. Each marking might only have taken a few hours to create yet that moment has survived thousands of years to affect us today and to make us wonder about what life must have been like all that time ago. It was the same hands that made these markings that were working the land to create what we see and appreciate today.

Gavin Edwards
Community Archaeologist
(Pennine Prospects)

Daleswatch - May 2010

Scargill House

Scargill House, near Kettlewell, has operated as a religious retreat for fifty years. The trustees have recently submitted a proposal for a £6.5m development to upgrade their accommodation with a combination of demolition, refurbishment and new development. In particular there would be new, improved accommodation for visitors including young people, and a multi-purpose hall.

The Society feels that every encouragement should be given to the Scargill Movement to remain and flourish on this site. The nature of their activities is the essence of the quiet enjoyment that many people seek to gain from the National Park.

However, we do have some concerns that we have asked the planning authority to address. Firstly, there needs to be

withdrawn, but the planning authority's discussions with the applicant are continuing on a range of issues. We look forward to seeing revised proposals later in the year.

Wind Farms

A proposed wind farm at Brackenber, just west of Gargrave, was turned down by the planning inspector after a public inquiry in January, but only on the grounds of its adverse effect on the amenities of nearby residents. The inspector did not accept that the damage it would cause to the quality of Craven landscapes was sufficient to outweigh the national need for additional sources of renewable energy. We would not be surprised if new proposals come forward on other sites in the locality.

After strong opposition from local residents, Craven Council, the YDS and the Campaign for Protection of Rural England, proposals for wind turbines at Chelker have been dropped.

Affordable Housing in The Park

Given the acute shortage of affordable/local needs housing in the National Park, the Authority will be consulting on its updated Housing Policy during June and July. The draft policy contains 38 possible sites, and suggests amending the designation of over 20 villages to broaden the scope for further sites to be brought forward. Even so, the Authority estimates that this will only provide a small proportion of what is needed. The Society will be looking closely at the proposals.

Hugh Thornton
Chair of YDS Policy sub-committee



Scargill Chapel and buildings.

a Travel Plan that sets out to minimise the amount of car traffic that will be generated. Secondly, the design aspects of the proposals are a very sensitive issue. We do not ourselves have great expertise on design issues, but have suggested that the Park might wish to seek independent advice, and understand that this is being considered.

At the time of writing the initial application has been

ED. The editor of Dalesman has written persuasively on the need to be more open-minded regarding a potential renovation of some of the Scargill buildings, see June issue 2010 A Dalesman's Diary, p13-14.

The Changing Dales - Dentdale

I grew up on a small hill farm in upper Dentdale, with my brother Ian and parents John and Nancy Murdoch. The farm had 60 acres around the house, known as inbye land. The rest was fell, including a 250 acre allotment and the right to graze 100 sheep on Whernside.

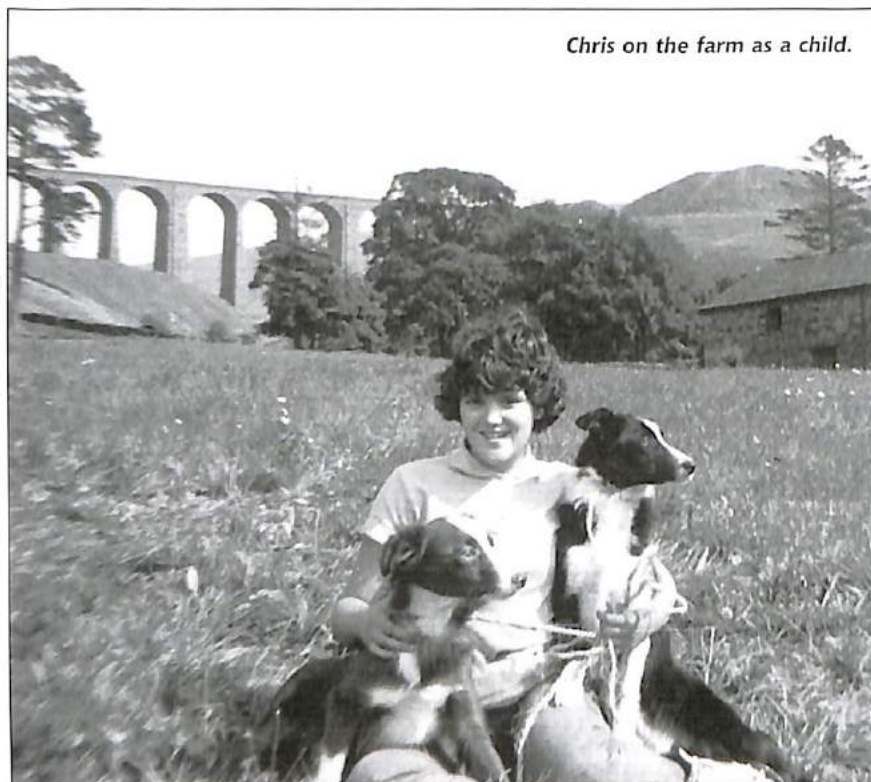
May 1965. The rent went up from £290 to £315 a year. Twenty five pounds a year may seem very little today but to a tenant farmer in Dentdale in the 1960s, it took some finding. My family had lived at Stonehouse for nearly five years. My mum's meticulous records show that we had 325 breeding ewes, 8 milk cows, 4 goats and 90 hens. Although Stonehouse was a sheep farm, the cows and hens were essential. The income from milk and eggs was regular with cheques arriving every month, unlike the sale of lambs and wool which happened once a year, in September.

1965 was a fairly typical year, with sheep sales bringing in £1,017, cattle £336, milk £726, wool £183 and the sale of a dog £30. Lambs fetched an average £4-4s-5d a head (about £62 at today's value). Around a quarter of the total farm income came in subsidies of one sort or another. Expenses included £378 on new stock and haulage, £172 on machinery and repairs, £112 on vet's bills and a whopping £1,041 on animal feed. That is why hay making was so crucial.

It was a wonderful childhood. My brother and I were farm children, born and brought up in the countryside and always outdoors. Not playing out exactly, more helping out – like all the other kids in the dale – we had jobs to do on the farm. I fed hens, collected eggs, brought cows in for milking. I loved lambing time and clipping and

sheep sales but wasn't too keen on hay time. For weeks before the first grass was cut, our hands were rubbed with methylated spirits to "harden them up". Not that it worked – after a day in the hayfield turning grass with a rake, its wooden shaft sliding between fingers

hill farmer is now 59. With these pressures many choose to sell up. Since 1954 the number of farms in the Dales National Park has fallen by a third and the number of small farms under 50 hectares (124 acres) has halved.



Chris on the farm as a child.

When I wasn't helping on the farm, my school holidays were spent packing orders in Batty's shop in Dent. The dales women would write down their weekly grocery orders and these were packed in the shop and delivered to the farms by van. Batty's was one of two grocers in the village. The other was Dinsdale's, which still exists as Dent Stores. There was also a post office, draper, butcher, cobbler, blacksmith, provender merchant, two pubs and two banks.

and thumbs, small hands were blistered and sore. The work was a relentless race against the weather to store feed for the following winter and everyone had to muck in. In the days before balers were seen in the Dales, hay was brought to the barns loose on a trailer or sledge and forked in through a forking hole. As the smallest in the family my job was inside the barn on the "hay mew", receiving the fork loads and spreading them out.

After deductions for essential household expenses such as groceries and fuel, the farm made a profit of just £260-18s-6d – a little less than £4,000 at today's value.

Today haymaking is done by machine. Farmers cross the fells on quad bikes rather than on foot, but hill farming remains a precarious way to make a living. Net business income for hill farmers fell from £17,459 in 2004 to £10,786 in 2008. The average age of a

The post office closed in 2008 leaving just one shop remaining. The delivery vans to be seen trundling down the narrow roads to the village today are from supermarkets in Kendal and Lancaster. The two pubs are still open though, with a third at Cow Dub further up the dale. Dent also has its own brewery now. Lyon Equipment is a major employer and there are several campsites which are very busy in summer. The leisure industry is now vital to Dentdale's economy.

Chris Grogan

See also our cover photo of Chris's dad, John Murdoch. This is an edited version of a longer article which you will find in Chris and Tony Grogan's book, *A Dales Highway Companion*. (Skyware £9.99) ISBN 978-0-9559987-0-6 and previously reviewed in the winter issue of the YDS Review 2010.

Wulstan Atkins in the Dales - the Edward Elgar Connection

My intention had been to take Wulstan Atkins, godson of the composer Edward Elgar, direct to the farmhouse in the Duddon Valley where I had been shown a cardboard box full of Elgarian letters.

Another time, on opening the door in a long clockcase, I had a bonus – a cascade of musical scores, including some signed by Elgar in the 1880s.

Wulstan was keen to see the place where Monica, the married daughter of Charles Buck, had lived and who had been a great friend of the composer. Wulstan stayed overnight with us. My wife Freda ensured that he took his cough medicine before retiring. Next morning I decided that our journey to the Duddon Valley would be via Swaledale, where – at Crackpot Farm – the wife of an old friend from further up the dale was temporarily staying.

Wulstan recalled when, as a lad, he and his father visited Leck, just off the Lune Valley. He had little experience of the Yorkshire Dales. I drove him over the Buttertubs, then down dale on a road which had an aversion to going straight. Just short of Gunnerside, we turned off for Crackpot and at the farm had a real Dales welcome. He would also remember the visit because while we chatted he sat on a chair near the door while, under the chair, a cat gave birth to some kittens.

At the house in the Duddon Valley, he sat on a chair which had been a gift from Elgar to Dr Buck. Arms that swung could be brought together as a rest on which music might be laid. He saw the kitchen where Bill Brocklehurst and I had photographed the large collection

of Elgarian letters, and also the clock that had yielded the Elgarian scores. Some had been signed as of "Giggleswyke". Elgar had a Puckish nature.

the floor amid my photographs of the Settle-Carlisle system.

Wulstan provided a foreword for my little book *Elgar in the Yorkshire Dales*.

He who had, with his father Sir Ivor, frequently visited Elgar at his home, noted that he had the happiest memories of Dr Buck at Settle and Giggleswick. He often told Sir Ivor and Wulstan tales about his visits. It had been a help at that stage of his musical career to be able to talk about his early compositions with Dr Buck. There had been joy and pleasure playing the violin with his musical friends during their evenings of chamber music.

Getting to know the Dales – so different from Elgar's own Worcestershire – had brought new life and inspiration to him. "To be able to write to a fellow string-player and discuss the daily events with so understanding a man, and to receive his encouragement, was just what Elgar had needed."

I made a tape-recording of Wulstan's memories of visiting Elgar in his later days. A copy of the tape

was made available to a friend who was a prominent member of the Elgar Society. The recording includes several interruptions by Freda, my wife, relating to cups of tea and eventually to the readiness of lunch. For lunch had not stopped our talk about Elgar. I had taken my recorder to the dinner table: it recorded not only words but, with some surprise, the clink of cutlery against crockery. (Wulstan died in 2003, aged 98).

Bill Mitchell



Wulstan Atkins at Crackpot Farm, Swaledale. Photo: W R Mitchell Archive

I had my introduction to Wulstan via Anne and Peter Read. She had invited him to open an exhibition of Elgarian interest at the museum. He should, subsequently, have had tea with them at their moor-edge home but an unexpected blizzard changed the plans. The venue was switched to our house. Food was brought in and consumed. Later, Wulstan – a railway fan who had travelled on every mile of service railway in Britain – scrabbled happily on

Malhamdale and Littondale

Frank Gordon introduces us to Malhamdale, celebrated for its dramatic photogenic limestone Cove and rugged Gordale Scar, but focussing here on some lesser known aspects, contrasting with the more tranquil Littondale with its open views and pretty villages.



Looking towards Malham from the top of the Cove.



Hanlith from Kirkby Malham, Malhamdale.

Foxup, Littondale.



Looking down Littondale from above Halton Gill.

The Future of the Past at the Swaledale Museum in Reeth

The late 1960s and 1970s witnessed a flowering of the Folk Museum, as old ways of farming and living were rapidly changing and the objects associated with them were disappearing. Of the hundreds of museums created at this time, many have not survived. Those of

of activity focusing not just on preservation, collection and display of the local Swaledale heritage, but as a resource for as wide an audience as possible.

The core collection of lead mining, farming equipment and social history objects has been enlarged with new donations, including geological and archaeological material, taking it beyond its original Folk Museum remit. A range of exciting finds has also been re-discovered. One of these is a pair of brightly embroidered pockets. Lying wrapped in old newspaper in a wood-wormed cabinet; these pockets, precursors of the 19th century handbag, turn out to be a real gem. Thanks to a network of contacts established while working at the Victoria and Albert Museum, we were able to get expert advice. The pockets are in fact fine early to mid 18th century examples of this now forgotten female

accessory, and are on a nationwide database (Pockets of History at: www.vads.ahds.ac.uk/collection/POCKETS), illustrating how small collections can hold hidden gems of national importance and relevance.

Within a year of taking over the Museum, we set up a Friends society which is now a thriving and lively group of incomers and dales folk. They meet every month for a talk; the subjects have covered topics as diverse as memories of a dales farming childhood to the historic maps of the area. A very popular talk by Reuben Frankau on Percival's buses that ran up the Dale until the 1970s, was enlivened by memories of drivers stopping suddenly to shoot the

odd rabbit, with butter, cheese and even shoes to be soled being ferried on board. Or alternatively, you could even arrange to have your new sheepdog sent to the nearest railway station and then picked up by bus as part of the service! Reuben's forthcoming book *Bus up the Dale* makes full use of the museum's family and local history archive.

Interests within the Friends group has stimulated the setting up of several satellite organisations. In 2007 a group was created to ensure that the historic and vernacular buildings of Swaledale & Arkengarthdale are surveyed and recorded for posterity, and to raise awareness generally. The following year the Swaledale Voices Project was initiated to record local memories for posterity, and are available in the museum via audiopost. The Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Archaeology Group are recording our pre-historic landscape while our Knitting Café is a popular monthly meeting place for technical tips, wool exchange and gossip.

Further information on activities, exhibitions, book launches, lectures etc. on www.swaledalemuseum.org or contact us on 01748 664118.

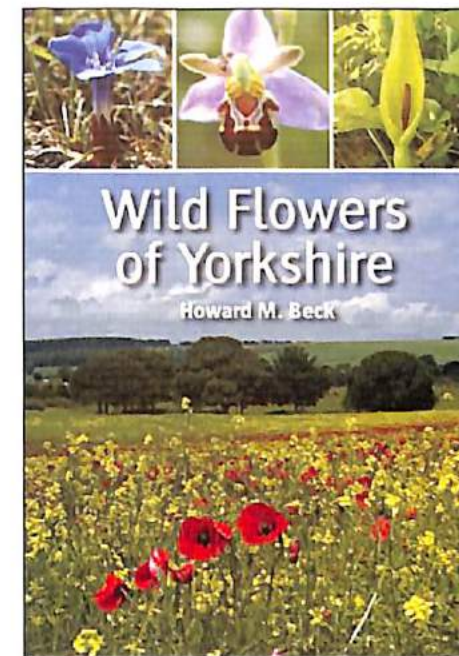
Helen and Alan Bainbridge
Curators and Owners of
Swaledale Museum

Photos: **Display of Assorted Objects at the Swaledale Museum** (above left), photo by Scenic View Gallery, Reeth and (below) **detail of one of the Embroidered Pockets shown on the back cover**, photo by Tom Gardner



independent status set up by enthusiastic individuals have suffered difficulties in funding as they fall between business and charity status, and lack the backing of larger organisations. One such survivor is the Swaledale Museum. Set up in 1973 in the old Wesleyan Methodist Day School in Reeth, the Swaledale Folk Museum lies hidden away from the main Green just down from the Post Office. In 2004 its future was in jeopardy as its founder and owner could no longer keep it open. The building was in decay, and the collection in peril. Once disbanded, it would have been impossible to recreate this collection, a snapshot of a way of life, even if not completely lost, then certainly seriously endangered. Through a series of coincidences we purchased the building, with a determination to keep it as a museum. After five years hard work and not a little expense, the Museum is not just restored, but has evolved into a centre

Book Reviews



WILD FLOWERS OF YORKSHIRE by Howard M. Beck

Published by The Crowood Press at £12.99. Available in local bookshops or direct from publishers at www.crowood.com or from Amazon.com

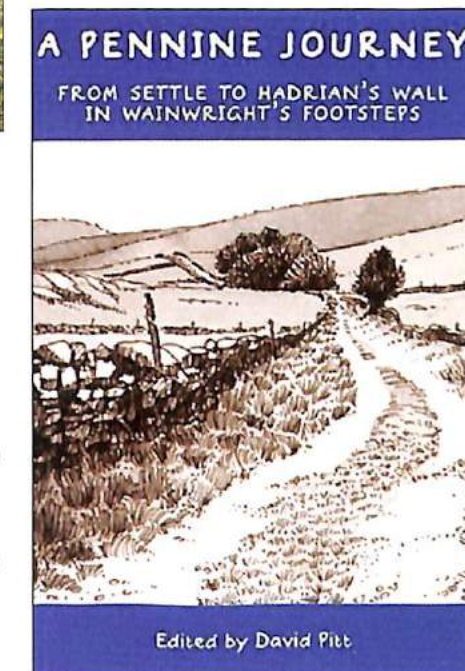
Wild Flowers of Yorkshire provides a comprehensive guide to the wide range of wild flowers most likely to be found in the largest county of Britain, together with some of the rarer species. Lavishly illustrated with over 300 stunning colour photographs throughout, the book is a perfect guide for the amateur botanist exploring the region. Flowers are arranged according to colour, making the book easy to use out in the field.

Topics covered include the geography of Yorkshire, the anatomy of flowers, over 400 species described and flowering times and distribution. Howard M Beck has spent nearly 40 years studying and photographing the geology, flora and fauna of his native Yorkshire. As a freelance author and photographer since the early 1980s, his work has appeared in a wide range of books, periodicals, calendars and other publications.

A PENNINE JOURNEY - FROM SETTLE TO HADRIAN'S WALL IN WAINWRIGHT'S FOOTSTEPS Edited by David Pitt

Published by Frances Lincoln Ltd. £13.99. Available in local bookshops or direct from publishers at www.franceslincoln.com or from Amazon.com

In September 1938, Alfred Wainwright made a solitary walk through the Pennines. The following year he wrote up an account of this walk which was eventually published as *A Pennine Journey* in 1986.



This pictorial guide, written by members of the Wainwright Society, is a re-creation of his walk adapted for today's roads and rights-of-way. It takes a route that Wainwright might have chosen if he was planning it today. The 247 mile long route is divided into 18 stages enabling the walker to conveniently plan his journey. With maps and illustrations inspired by the work of the great man, this labour of love is an essential for all those who wish to follow in Wainwright's footsteps.

A superb guide, excellently illustrated in Wainwright style. A "must have" for the serious, or armchair walker.

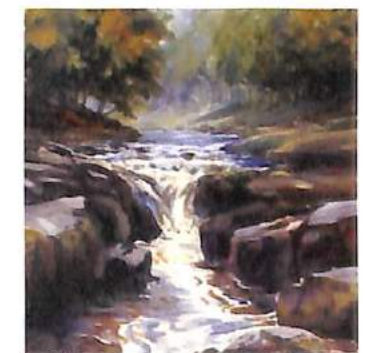
YORKSHIRE IN WATERCOLOUR by Les Packham

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Yorkshire is a fascinating and diverse county and its topography provides many inspiring vistas for the landscape artist. This book portrays the Yorkshire landscape through the eyes of one of the county's most celebrated, versatile and best known watercolourists. From the Pennines to the coast, over the North Yorkshire Moors and through the Wolds to the industrial south of the region, this book encompasses everything to please lovers of this remarkable county. Produced in full colour, the book is available in both paperback and hardback editions, as well as a very special, hand bound edition that is signed by Les Packham and includes an exclusive, limited edition print of the Strid at Bolton Abbey. The book accompanies the exhibition *Yorkshire in Watercolour*, - exhibition as well as artist's notes on each one.

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YORKSHIRE IN WATERCOLOUR



LES PACKHAM

Introducing recent Yorkshire Dales Society Corporate Members

The Yorkshire Dales Society has 23 Corporate Members, ranging from artists, tearooms, farm shops to retail shops and an outdoor pursuits centre.

Corporate Members support the Society's twin objectives: "To advance the public knowledge and appreciation of the social history and the physical and cultural heritage of the Yorkshire Dales and to preserve its condition, landscape and natural beauty." They also share the Society's concern to support economic activity in the Yorkshire Dales by encouraging sustainable development in all its forms, especially farming, tourism and small businesses within the Dales, providing such activity does not compromise the special landscape quality and natural beauty of the Dales.

Below is a selection of our latest corporate members:

Yockenthwaite Farm - Liz and Stuart Hird

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www.yockenthwaitefarm.co.uk

History

Yockenthwaite Farm is sited in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales, in Langstrothdale, Upper Wharfedale; the farm's history dating back to the 13th century. Yorkshire Dales Real Food is owned and



run by the Hird family who have farmed in Yockenthwaite and cared for the land there since 1842.

It is a traditional Dales hill sheep farm and farming practices there have changed very little over the last century and a half. Small bale hay is still made wherever possible and is stored in the ancient stone field barns, many of which still house cattle during the winter months. Over the centuries, these traditional practices have created and preserved the beautiful dales countryside that can be seen all around today.

Yorkshire Dales Real Food was born out of a passion for rearing lambs so that you can create delicious home cooked food to share with your family.

Yorkshire Dales Lamb Direct

Yockenthwaite lamb is naturally reared, grazing on the ancient herb rich pastures that are so special to this area of the Yorkshire Dales and non-intensive traditional hill shepherding means their lambs are reared to the highest welfare standards, enabling them to mature slowly in the old fashioned way, producing a tender succulent flavoursome meat. Yockenthwaite Lamb is a quality product that is natural and wholesome and at an affordable price.

You can buy Yockenthwaite lamb in a half or full lamb box. These will be prepared by the butcher into a selection of convenient joints and cuts; chilled, packaged, labelled and boxed

before being delivered direct to your doorstep - ready to either cook or freeze. A whole lamb can weigh between 16½ - 18kg (36-40lb).

Remember lamb is a seasonal offering and is

available from September to February. Delivered straight to your door from Yockenthwaite Farm or perhaps collect

it yourself for a day out in the dales.

Yorkshire Dales Real Food - Granola

Liz makes her delicious hand-baked Granola on the farm from the finest natural ingredients. Originating as a special breakfast treat for their house guests, the Granola has become so popular that larger quantities are now prepared in her farmhouse kitchen. The Granola is made from freshly milled wholegrains bound together with an emulsion of olive oil and honey and hand baked in small batches every day with choice of three different varieties.

Dales Way Association PO Box 1065, Bradford BD1 9JY
www.dalesway.org.uk

The Dales Way is a long distance footpath of about 80 miles (129 km) situated in the north of England and running from Ilkley to Bowness-on-



Windermere. It is rated as one of the top favourite long distance paths in the UK. By following as far as possible riverside paths, it offers a scenically varied and attractive route from urban West Yorkshire to the Lake District, perfect for families or individuals who would enjoy a week's walking. Extremely well served by public transport, by following natural and sometimes ancient lines of communication, the Dales Way passes through many villages which means accommodation is not a problem, although it is advisable to book in advance. The Dales Way Handbook offers a wide range of accommodation to help you plan your route and make your decisions.

The Dales Way Association was established in 1991 by a small group of

individuals, reflecting user group and tourism interests along the Dales Way. It now has over 450 members. Over 100 of these are owners of guest house, inn, farmhouse, and bed and breakfast accommodation along the route, together with a number who provide services such as baggage transfer, accommodation booking etc. The remainder of the membership are individual walkers. Membership is open to all who have walked, or plan to walk, the Dales Way or simply care about its future. Members receive a free copy of the Dales Way Handbook (reissued each year) and occasional Newsletters. The Handbook is produced in conjunction with the West Riding Area of the Ramblers' Association. Copies of the Newsletters are also circulated to other interested parties such as the National Parks, Local Authorities etc.

Town Head Studio Patricia Jones Water Colour Artist

Patricia Jones is predominantly a Yorkshire Dales artist capturing the beauty of the landscape in all its moods and seasons.

Patricia has been a world-renowned professional artist for over a decade, with paintings on display in three continents, she demonstrates for art



clubs all over Yorkshire and Lancashire, and also takes a monthly workshop where students learn the art of painting water colours under Patricia Jones' expert tuition.

You can view Patricia's Original paintings, prints and cards at her Town Head Studio. With over seventy pictures on display it's well worth a visit. Viewing is by appointment only or you may view at one of her five exhibitions which she holds each year Town Head Studio, 43 Esp Lane, Barnoldswick, Yorkshire BB18 5QQ.

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Horseless Carriage Services Pride of the Dales

www.prideofthedales.co.uk - trying to clear the roads of weekend drivers

Mark Stewart-Clarke, the owner started the business in 1987 as the Horseless Carriage Services providing a taxi service in the local area. Six years prior to this Mark was involved in all aspects of haulage of goods. So far, as Mark claims, the only advantage of changing from haulage to passengers is that the 'load' gets on and off by itself! In 1992 Mark moved in to buses, or



more correctly one bus, providing services in Wharfedale in the Yorkshire Dales National Park where he lives. After 18 months of struggle and near collapse, the company tendered and won the contracts for some work from North Yorkshire C.C. to provide local bus routes from Grassington to Skipton and several school routes. Over the years the routes have been expanded and are so successful that now Mark has been able to provide five new Optare Solos - all low floored and wheel chair accessible.

So what does the future hold for the business and the services in the Yorkshire Dales? The County Council, the Government and to some degree, the general public all have key roles to play.

Greater funding is needed from the Government for rural services, for the benefit of both tourists and local people. A change in attitude is needed from the county council; cheapest is **not** always best and small can be efficient. Longer contracts allowing operators, particularly small ones, to invest in better equipment are

essential. Greater support and use of public transport by the general public and less use of the car would help enormously and would also reflect a more sustainable attitude. Operators need to co-operate more instead of being in constant competition. If profit is the over-riding factor, it is difficult to achieve an efficient and dependable transport system.

Mark says that the aim should be to have a system that would allow a passenger to travel on comfortable modern rolling stock, from their preferred departure point to arrival point, with one return ticket, offering unlimited travel on any service, for the duration of the ticket, at a reasonable cost. Such services with integrated ticketing are available in many European countries, so why not here?

West Winds Yorkshire Tearooms, Buckden, Skipton, North Yorkshire BD23 5JA

West Winds Yorkshire Tearooms are running a Yorkshire Dialect Fortnight from Saturday 31 July to Sunday 15 August 12.30-6pm.

Some special guests and extra surprises are promised.

Celebrated for its home-cooked food and excellent cakes, there is also a chance to admire the West Winds Tearooms' herb garden, where the varied produce makes its appearance in many of the dishes on the menu such as game pie, quiches, vegetable casseroles, salads and omelettes. Enjoy



a meal or an overnight stay (B &B) in a lovely part of Wharfedale.

Telephone 01756 760883.
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Anne Webster

Beer and Stamps at the Plough

Publicans Philip and Theresa Walsh of The Plough Inn at Wigglesworth, near Settle, have provided a new venue for the village post office which was forced to close in December. The post office opened recently in its new home, the original Tap Room of the seventeenth century hostelry, which has undergone substantial renovation. The couple, who supported village activities since their arrival last year, also offered the inn as a venue for events and meetings.

Theresa explains, "We're delighted to be able to provide a

home for the post office, it is such an important part of keeping the village identity and, like everyone else, we missed it when it closed. Most of our staff live nearby, and we feel it is important that The Plough provides a focal point for the locals as well as attracting diners and residents from away."

The new post office is open on Mondays from 10.30am to 12.30 and on Thursdays from 1pm to 3pm.

Jane Ellison-Bates

Yorkshire Dales Society Photographic Competition Reminder

Don't forget, there is still plenty of time this summer to go out and about with your digital camera and enter our YDS Photo Competition, with the chance of publication in the YDS Review and a small prize. We have chosen the theme of the Yorkshire Dales' rivers and hope

We repeat our entry requirements for your convenience.

Competition Rules

1 Entries are only open to all members of the Yorkshire Dales Society with

the exception of the YDS Council of Management or any employee. (Amateur entrants only please).

2 Members are asked to offer **one or not more than three entries of recent digital colour photos** which seem to best convey the special

qualities of a Yorkshire Dales river.

3 Entries of digital colour photos must be sent with brief titles on the photo, and a message with your photo(s) and contact details to the email: ydscompetition@yahoo.co.uk

4 Your accompanying email must contain your name and address, and any number coding.

5 Two well-known professional photographers based in Yorkshire, will be the judges: Simon Warner and Barry Wilkinson, both have highly successful photographic careers. In the event of a tie-break, the editor of the YDS Review will be asked to assist in a lay capacity.

6 The judges' decisions are final and the Society reserves the right not to issue particular awards.

7 The Yorkshire Dales Society also reserves the right to reproduce any of the photos submitted during or after the competition with suitable acknowledgments.

8 Photos and details **must** reach us within the specified deadline – October 31st 2010.

9 The Society cannot be held responsible for any delays, damage or computer problems.

10 You are asked to ensure your jpeg photos are not larger than 5 x 7 inches (13 x 18 cm), 72 dpi (dots per inch). Prize-winners will be asked to send a disc with photos sized 300 dpi, for re-production purposes.

11 Prize winners will receive book tokens and certificates.



you will be inspired to take some unusual or striking shots which may be of particular features connected with rivers and riverbanks, waterfalls, weirs, smaller tributaries or whatever inspires you. But that doesn't mean you can't include other things as well, as long as there is some identification with a river in some form.

Teatime Bus Opens Access to Dentdale

Thanks to support from Northern Rail and Sedbergh Parish Council, and initiatives by the YDS's Dales & Bowland CIC, there is now a late Saturday afternoon bus along Dentdale, bringing local people and visitors back from Sedbergh to Dent at 1645, leaving Dent at 1700 for Dent Station in time

for the train to Leeds – or back into Dent and Sedbergh from Carlisle. Every Saturday until October 2nd, people from Sedbergh and Dent can now enjoy a day on the Settle-Carlisle line to Appelby or Carlisle. (or even use the bus link to Hawes) whilst walkers now can enjoy an especially beautiful section

of Dales Way along Dentdale, with a perfectly timed bus back from Sedbergh or Dent for their evening train. For details of the full 564A Dentdale Explorer morning and afternoon service log onto www.dalesbus.org

Summer Events 2010



Join fellow Yorkshire Dales Society members on a full or half day in the Yorkshire Dales this Summer - longer lighter days, wild flowers and warm weather. All members, friends and family are warmly welcome. Most walks will finish around 12.30pm and are free of charge.

Saturday, 10 July 2010

11.00am Dr Malcolm Petyt, Chairman of the Yorkshire Dales Society, will lead a circular walk from Kettlewell to Starbotton. Meet outside the Racehorses Hotel. Bus 72 d. Skipton rail station 1000. Bus 74 d. Ilkley 0935. Lunch available at the Hotel.

YDS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Racehorses Hotel, Kettlewell at 2.00pm prompt
Guest Speaker: Julian Carlisle, National Trust Farm and Countryside Advisor for Yorkshire and the North East - 'Farming our Countryside'

Sunday, 11 July

MUSIC IN THE DALES

1.30pm - 5.30pm at the Buckden Institute
An afternoon of traditional Yorkshire Dales Music and Dance, spiced with some traditional South Asian music from West Yorkshire.

Park Buckden Car Park or Dalesbus 870/874 from Leeds and Ilkley (connection from Bradford, Keighley and Skipton) arrives 11.40am – local walk to Buckden Gill can be arranged with time for lunch.

Bus 872 back to Skipton and Ilkley (trains to Leeds, Bradford etc.) departs 5.50pm.

Tickets Adults £5 to include refreshments - children under 16 free, young people – 16-20 £1.

Accommodation limited - advance booking essential, please send SAE to Society office.

Saturday, 24 July

MEET THE REAL DALES PONIES

Gill Woods, owner of registered native ponies will give an informative talk on 'History of the Dales Ponies'

Meet: 11.00am at Stainforth Car Park

The ponies are a short walk away.

Train: d. Leeds 08.49, Skipton 09.26, Settle 0950

Bus: B1 d. Settle Market Place 10.45 a. Stainforth 10.53

Afternoon Walk:

From Stainforth to Horton Station following the Ribble Way. Approx 5 1/2 miles. Moderate with some steep sections. Return B1 bus to Stainforth available at 1815, or train to Settle and Leeds at 1556 or 1748.

Walk Leader: Colin Speakman, YDS

Saturday, 21 August

Circular Walk - Foxup to Cosh Knott

Walk Leader: Mike Stephenson, YDS

Meet: 10.30am Bridge Farm, Foxup

(car parking at Foxup) to approx. 4.00 - 4.30pm

Hard walking on rough ground, steep section at start, tufted grass on ridge, spectacular views (weather permitting) of main hills in Craven and beyond.

Approx. 8 miles. Wear suitable clothing and footwear and

bring wet weather options.

Tea and biscuits available at Rock Cottage.

Saturday, 25 September

Morning: 11.30am - 12.30pm

Visit the well-known Aysgarth Edwardian Rock Garden for a conducted tour by Angela Jauneila.

Vintage bus 127 departs Ripon at 0940 a. Aysgarth Village 1125.

Meet at the Garden. Ample parking in village

Afternoon: 2.00pm - 3.30pm

Paul Sheehan YDNPA - Dormouse Walk around Freeholders Wood. Following Paul's lecture last September, he will now show you the dormice habitat.

Easy stroll, approx 2 miles.

Meet at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Car Park at Aysgarth

Saturday, 02 October - Dent

The first of our winter programme of Walks and Lectures.

Walk: Dent Circular

Walk Leader: Dr Malcolm Petyt, YDS. Walk 4 miles easy/moderate; 10.45am at the Memorial Hall, Dent.

Bus 564A leaves Dent Station for Dent at 1020, meets Leeds train. Return bus leaves Dent village for Station at 1700

Lecture: The Howgills Shepherdess

By Alison O'Neill, farmer, author and writer. Featured on Dales Diary, Tourism Award Winner, leads 'Free Range Walking' over the Howgills.

Meet at the Memorial Hall, Dent for 2.15pm start

Saturday, 09 October 2010

CLIMATE CHANGE SEMINAR

9.30am - 4.00pm

Grassington Town Hall

by Tom Lord and Peter Wilson

Nine guest speakers on topics from The Little Ice Age and Upland Farming, Victoria Cave, Settle and Evidence for Multiple Glacial/Interglacial Cycles in the Yorkshire Dales, Abrupt Climate Change: Paleoecological Records from Tarn Moss, Malham to the Hydrology of the River Wharfe and Climate Change - School Log Books as Evidence for Extreme Weather Events - a Case Study from Arkengarthdale.

Tickets £8.00 (inc. Buffet Lunch)

from The Yorkshire Dales Society
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Further information - tel: 01729 825 600



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