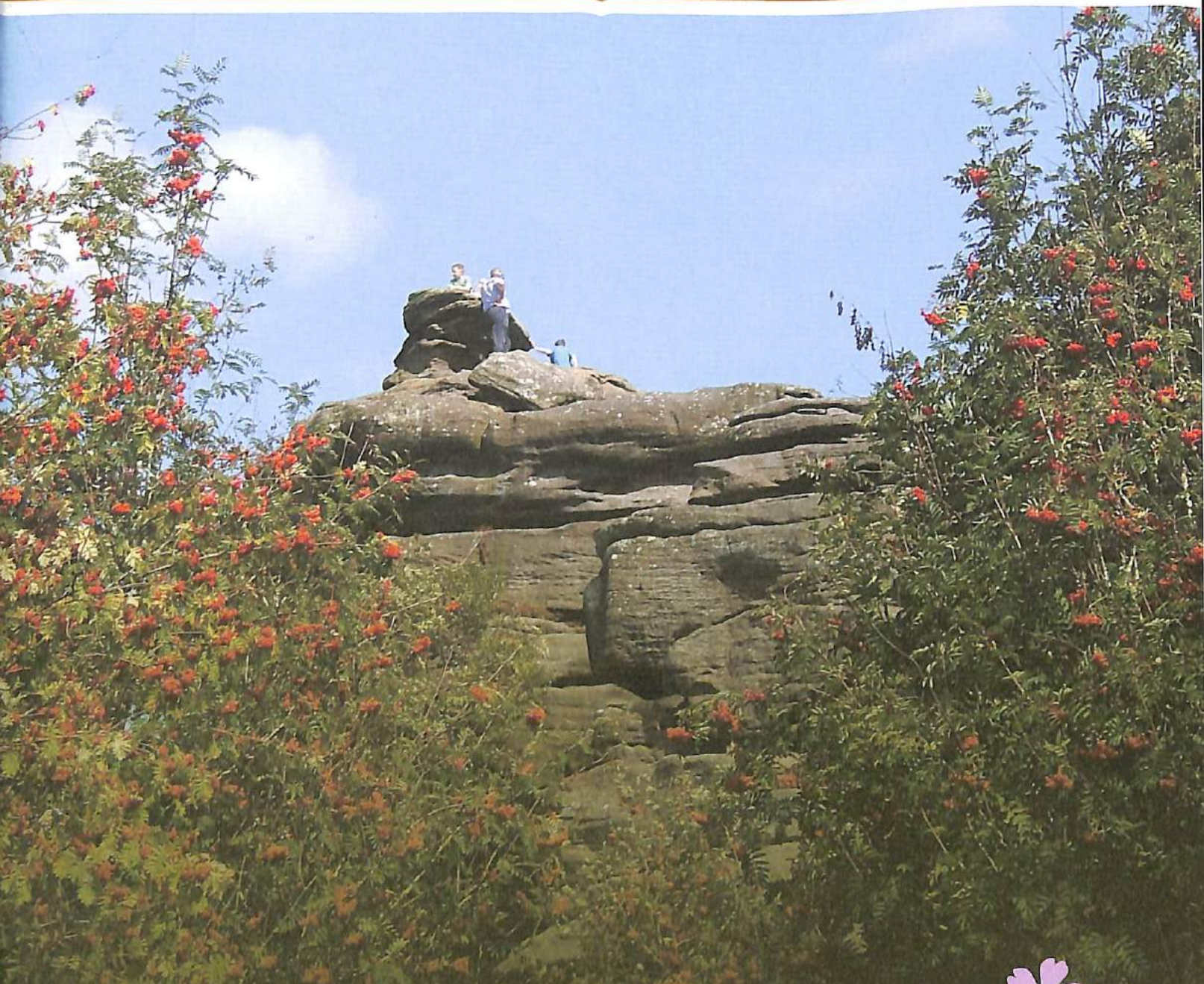


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## COUNTING THE PETALS

FLEUR SPEAKMAN

We have had an excellent response from members when we asked for comments on the new-style YDS Review. Members were generally very positive and appreciative, and also gave us some very constructive criticism for which we are very grateful. There were additionally very useful things to learn from the few who were less appreciative. All your feedback has been carefully pondered on and sifted, and we can now move forward.

The new YDS logo was commissioned by the YDS Council of Management as part of a re-branding exercise for our 30th Anniversary, and the initial version was approved by Council who chose to give the new logo its first outing in the YDS Review. Though generally well received, there were a number of strong views, especially from one or two eminent botanists, regarding the Society's main symbol, the bird's eye primrose. The design company had used a photo as the basis which appeared to show a less usual four petalled version of the flower, though as many people quite rightly pointed out, the *primula farinosa* individual flower head is normally five petalled. The Council's decision as a result, was that a new version of the logo should be created even though some extra work and costs would be required. This new version appears in our current YDS Review, with the dot on the 'i' reinstated, in the Yorkshire Dales Review caption.



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Autumn is one of the most spectacular times of year in the Dales - the colours offer a vivid reminder of the amazing change that takes place in nature.

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AUTUMN BEECH LEAVES

## EDITORIAL CONTINUED...

New material for the Review is always welcome from members in the shape of feature articles, and also high quality photos or drawings suitable for publication. Please contact the Editor if you would like to contribute, via the YDS office, (details available on back page). News from YDS Corporate Members could also feature more frequently.

Do let us know also if you have any suggestions or ideas for future events you would enjoy during 2012. We often get useful leads through your ideas. Again, please contact the YDS office by post, email or phone to help the Events, Communications and Membership Committee plan a suitable programme. Finally, use the new website to express your views. [www.yds.org.uk](http://www.yds.org.uk)

## CAMPAIGN, PROTECT, ENJOY

We try to balance the Society's new by-line of Campaign, Protect, Enjoy in the various issues of the YDS Review, to explore some current concerns and topics of interest in the Dales, but also to suggest the different ways in which the area can be enjoyed. For example, in June the YDS was invited to a Yorkshire Dales National Park/National Trust study visit aimed at local farmers in the higher Dales to explore how the Yorkshire weather can be used to advantage on upland Dales farms by the use of small-scale turbine energy. But this has to be, and indeed can be, achieved within the context of not detracting from the special landscape quality of the National Park or AONB, as the article on Wind Turbines, Conservation and the Landscape of the Dales suggests.

It's also good to congratulate this year's Ken Willson Award winners, Polly Johnson and the Craven Youth Council for their contribution to the life, work and environment of the Yorkshire Dales. The Group is campaigning for better transport for young people in the Dales, using some imaginative ways to draw attention to the plight of young people in Craven in particular. John Mason Printers, a Skipton-based YDS corporate member, has run a fascinating environmental project for a number of years in conjunction with Craven College; a local tree planting scheme linked to the business. Enjoyment comes from experiencing the scenic beauty of the Dales in environmentally sustainable ways by using the DalesBus network on Sundays and Bank Holidays. The network will continue to operate throughout autumn and winter 2011/12, organised by our own Dales & Bowland CIC. Finally, another aspect of the cultural heritage of the Dales to support if you can, is the Settle Storytelling Festival in early October. But not to be forgotten in terms of enjoyment, is our own YDS Winter Walks and Lectures programme (page 19) with some outstanding events planned for the coming months.



## Wind turbines, Conservation and the Landscape of the Dales...

Since the Industrial Revolution, mankind's ever-increasing demand for cheap energy has had a massive impact on the rural landscape. In Britain, during the 19th and early 20th centuries, whole areas of once beautiful countryside, in areas such as South Wales, South Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire, Central Scotland, Durham and Tyneside, were blighted by coal mining.

For geological and other reasons, much of upland Britain escaped this industrial blight. What are now National Parks were so designated precisely because heavy industry had not disfigured a priceless landscape and cultural heritage.

However, even after designation, National Parks have been under constant development pressure for new motorways, reservoirs, quarries and commercial monoculture afforestation. Many battles have been fought to protect our National Parks from at least some of the worst industrial excesses. Among these have been battles to resist high voltage electricity pylons, both the National Grid and more localised distribution. A major success in recent years has been the willingness of distribution companies to consider more expensive undergrounding schemes in sensitive locations.

The latest major threat to National Parks in recent years also relates to energy - huge wind turbines on the summits of the hills. Whilst current Government legislation indicates that major turbine development will not be permitted within the boundaries of protected landscapes such as National Parks and AONBs, many fine areas of countryside immediately adjacent to National Parks, in what in other European countries are known as "Buffer Zones", are faced with a plethora of applications. This is happening in the Yorkshire Dales in the Chelker/Embsay area, around Gargrave and on the fells between the Dales and the Lakes.

Arguments for and against turbines tend to be polarised, with some green-minded individuals declaring that they are desperately needed in their millions to save Planet Earth, but with many other conservation-minded people decrying them as an expensive abomination.

As in all such arguments, truth is not black and white, but many shades of grey. Renewable energy is undoubtedly vital for Britain's economy, both to reduce our collective carbon footprint and for energy security, as ever higher fossil fuel prices, increasingly controlled by foreign governments, threaten our economic recovery. Equally there is a certain hypocrisy, with Government currently slashing funding for rural public transport, forcing local communities and visitors into ever greater car dependency at a time when transport is the fastest rising source of greenhouse gases. And there is even a perverse school of thought that sees 80 metre high turbines as objects of beauty, which might even enhance the landscape of the Yorkshire Dales. Once we are in such an area of subjectivity, this might equally also be claimed of electricity pylons, motorways, exposed quarry faces or any other large scale industrial development.

In fact not only do turbines have a significant landscape impact, positive or otherwise, (including the concrete of their foundations and linking tracks) but there also are significant carbon costs in their construction and erection. They are not exactly silent, especially for people living nearby. They also don't work in periods of calm or severe gales and there are conflicting views of their efficiency. Fundamentally, they are only "economic" if one way or the other they receive significant public subsidy. Cynics will argue that Government is happy to do this as each turbine development ticks key boxes of international agreements about climate change mitigation. And they are also sufficiently visually



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“high profile”, to allow us to believe we can carry on with business as usual in terms of driving ever longer distances, in our cars, buying more energy-consuming gadgets or flying frequently to the far corners of the globe. In other words, hill top turbines may be a convenient fig leaf for politicians unable or unwilling to persuade people to change their energy-hungry lifestyles.

The Yorkshire Dales Society does not, in fact oppose, even the largest turbines, in the right location. Britain is full of areas which have been degraded by human activity, including old industrial areas and windy industrial coastlines and estuaries, or even the exposed, featureless (and windy) agri-prairies of much of eastern Britain where it could be argued turbines give landscape much needed scale. Off-shore turbines, now a favoured option, also make far less visual impact, though there are issues for migrating birdlife.

So the Society will continue to look at each application in the Dales on its own merits, in terms of its impact on the landscape and on local communities.

But the only real solution in terms of both the economy and climate change mitigation is to look at a combination of measures. Top priority has got to be energy conservation, especially insulating our homes and workplaces. There also needs to be a reversal of the current wilful withdrawal of local transport grants (in terms of carbon saving per pound spent, support for local buses may offer far higher potential carbon saving than wind farm subsidies). There needs to be a menu of different, in most cases small scale, renewable solutions. These can include solar panels and photovoltaic cells (which work even in cloudy Yorkshire); medium and small scale hydro schemes, bio-fuels based on farm and food waste, ground heat pumps, and yes wind power. As our report on page 7 about the recent

National Park/National Trust visit to examples of good practice on Dales hill farms shows, farmers and landowners can lead the way. A modest sized wind turbine standing next to a modern milking parlour or a set of solar panels on an agricultural building will have little or no environmental impact, but will be of real positive economic value to an individual hill farm business, with wider environmental benefits.

In the Yorkshire Dales National Park and Nidderdale AONB, and indeed along their highly visible fringe areas, it is therefore fundamentally about finding appropriate solutions which do not dominate nor seriously distract from an otherwise unspoiled landscape.

It is a question of scale, intelligent siting, using appropriate materials, and above all making energy conservation, including the critically important area of personal transport, the highest priority.





## THE POWER OF STORY

*Stories are exciting; they are powerful and important for mankind. They give people what they want on a profound level...more than merely amusement or entertainment or suspense, stories are important for our survival.*

Wim Wenders, 1994.

We are all captivated by a good story. In the Arabian Nights, Scheherazade escaped execution, day after day, by telling her husband a series of gripping tales – each one prompting him to delay her death by one more day so he could find out how the tale unfolded. Why do we find stories so compelling?

Like language, religion and music, stories are found in all cultures. They are part of what make us human. Much of our conscious thought takes the form of an internal narrative in which we try to understand ourselves and our actions. We tell stories to make sense of the world, to communicate, and to influence others.

A Kenyan folktale tells of a Sultan whose wife is sick and unhappy and getting weaker by the day, whilst a poor man in the kingdom has a wife who thrives. The Sultan summons the poor man and asks him the secret of his success. The poor man replies "I feed her meat of the tongue". The Sultan commands his men to find all the tongues of all the animals in the kingdom but still the sad Sultana withers. The Sultan then orders that the poor man's wife swaps places with the Sultana.

The Sultana at last begins to blossom and the poor man's wife grows weak. The meat of the tongue, that the poor man referred to are of course stories, riddles and songs. With storytelling the poor man had not only entertained his wife, but banished sadness and brought in joy. So she flourished. Storytelling was essential to her survival.

Traditional folk and fairy tales allow us to try out ideas and find out what would happen if we took more risky choices. In Little Red Riding Hood for instance, we are warned about what might happen when we talk to strangers. Within the context of the story arc we can withstand the fear because we know that resolution follows the conflict. Intense emotions can be safely experienced because the story provides an emotional safety net. As Albert Einstein said, *If you want your children to be intelligent tell them fairy tales, if you want them to be more intelligent, tell them more fairy tales.*

As every good storyteller knows, stories bring us to the core of authentic human experience. Stories are a primal form of communication that makes timeless links to ancient traditions, archetypes, myths and symbols. They are the common ground which enables us to communicate and overcome our differences allowing us to understand ourselves better. They have the power to influence perception, attitude and behaviour. Simply put, they are a way of helping society perceive right from wrong. Laws cannot force the minds of humans the way that stories and particularly folk or fairy tales can.

When a storyteller holds their audience, frequently the audience will nod or follow gestures and movement, as they become entranced and spellbound by the experience. In fact, this connection between teller and listener is greater than we think. In 2007, a study at Princeton University led by Uri Hasson showed that when someone tells a story and another actively listens, their brains actually begin to synchronize. By telling a story, a storyteller plants ideas, thoughts and emotions into the listeners' brains. Hasson found that the more listeners engaged with the story, the more their brain activity dovetailed with that of the teller's.

So when you listen to stories, you experience the exact same brain pattern as the person telling the story. You develop empathy with the teller because you experience the events for yourself. You may think you can tell fact from fiction, but your brain doesn't know the difference.

**“To the human brain, imagined experiences are processed the same as real experiences. Not only therefore is storytelling a very real experience but the teller and the listener become one in the process. No wonder Plato said, ‘Those who tell stories rule society.’”**

Sita Brand is the Director of the annual Settle Storytelling Festival. This year the festival ran from the 6th to the 9th October 2011.

For more information go to [www.settlestories.org.uk](http://www.settlestories.org.uk)

## HIGH POWER Renewable energy on off-grid farms...

Dr Dorian Speakman, formerly of the Tyndall Centre, University of Manchester, reports on a fascinating visit to some innovative green energy schemes in the Dales.

Running a farm at altitudes of over 400m (1,300 ft) above sea level has its challenges - not least because of the climate. At these heights it is considerably more cloudy, cold, windy and wetter than in the dale down below. But some of these elements of the weather can be turned into an advantage. On a day hosted by the National Park and the National Trust, a tour round some upland farms above Malham demonstrated just how this can be achieved. Up at Middle House Farm, on the limestone plateau above Malham Tarn, a new wind turbine has been installed, which has a 6 kW peak capacity. Our first visit was to see this turbine in action, but actually seeing it was, interestingly enough, quite tricky, as the blades of the turbine were well blended into the scenery. Only when we got within a few hundred metres could we make out the wind turbine on a hillside below a limestone scar - on an open, treeless plateau.

The day we visited it was a breezy showery day, and the turbine was turning rapidly and producing a useful 4.5 kW. This model was reportedly much quieter than its predecessor which managed a much less impressive 800 watts. From the turbine platform, the electricity wires are buried underground and lead from the exposed shelf of hillside a couple of hundred metres down to the farm. With 8000 kilo watt hours kWh (units) produced last year, it provided a saving of £2000 for the farm. The power is fed into a bank of 48 batteries which then feed the electricity into an inverter to provide mains voltage. Much of the usage is for domestic uses such as the washing machine, and with the batteries full, there was plenty of power available when we visited. Nevertheless, with many quiet calm days these last two winters, the diesel generator has had to be brought into use to keep the house supplied. So while the wind turbine has reduced the need for the diesel generator, it has by no means eliminated its use. To reduce use of a generator further a solution might be to increase energy storage, involving a bigger bank of batteries and a control system, or another, second source of renewable energy.

Two miles away, just over the watershed at Tennant Gill, a twin renewable power solution was our next port of call. Despite the heavy rain, the solar panels installed on the roof of a barn were still producing power. Because the barn was not classed as a heritage building, there was no

problem with aesthetics and planning permission. The heavy rain encouraged us back to the farm buildings, where we could inspect a micro-hydro scheme. This runs through four pipes which force water through into two turbines: with a 90m (300 ft) drop from the stream, there is plenty of energy in the water. The turbines provide a "trickle" charge of 2 kW which feed a battery bank and inverter allowing for an output of 6kW. This was demonstrated as the 18 strong party was treated to hydro-powered tea - a large tea urn was heated using power generated on the farm, that and the cakes were most welcome in an afternoon beset by squally showers.



SOLAR PANELS ARE BECOMING A REGULAR SIGHT IN THE DALES

Installing the system is not just a technical issue of a site's potential, as hurdles over planning permission and environmental impact need to be overcome as well as assessing the economic benefit from the government's feed-in tariff. The feed-in tariff is a payment made to owners of renewable power installations if they have an approved installer. The generator is paid per unit of electricity irrespective of their own usage; even off-grid installations can receive (slightly lower) payments. This year, the government is holding a review on the feed-in tariff, in which the generous allowance for solar power generation is likely to be reduced to allow for other renewable energy sources to be supported.

Incredibly, with power from both hydro-turbine and the solar panels, the diesel generator had only to be used for half an hour in total during the previous year. With these resources, serious financial and carbon savings can be made, as well as a high degree of independence for power supplies.

Thanks are extended to Adrian Shepherd of YDNPA and Richard Humpidge of the National Trust for organising this event, and to the farms for their hospitality.



### 7TH ANNUAL KEN WILLSON AWARD

#### Recognising the achievements of young people in the Yorkshire Dales

The Yorkshire Dales Society and Craven Branch of CPRE have awarded £500 to Polly Johnson, representing Craven Youth Council, for its valuable contribution to the life, work and environment of the Yorkshire Dales.

This is the seventh annual Ken Willson Award. The award is a "living memorial" to Ken Willson MBE (1914-2003), of Addingham. Ken spent most of his long and active life working and campaigning for the Yorkshire Dales. In order to celebrate his lifetime achievement, the Yorkshire Dales Society and Craven CPRE, two of the organisations with whom Ken was long associated, have established this annual Award in his name to recognise the achievements of young people in the Yorkshire Dales.

*Ken Willson was always passionate about helping and supporting young people, commented Colin Speakman, Chairman of the Yorkshire Dales Society; and he would have been especially delighted to see Polly and her colleagues at Craven Youth Council win this award for work they have done to highlight the needs of other youngsters in the area.*

Craven Youth Council, supported by the 4 Youth service, represents the voices of young people in Craven. The Youth Council regularly meets with Councillors from Craven District Council and has been working on many issues this year including things to do for young people in the evening, supporting local community projects and campaigning against expensive public transport.

The Youth Council have worked extremely hard on the issue of cheaper public transport for young people. This is a very important issue in a rural area, particularly for young people who find it difficult to access alternative methods of transport.

The Yorkshire Dales Society's subsidiary company, Dales & Bowland CIC, is currently operating the network of DalesBus Sunday and Bank Holiday services throughout Craven to enable people of all ages to reach the National

Park at weekends, and local people in the Dales to access Skipton and Leeds.

The Youth Council gathered over 700 signatures on their petition for cheaper transport and presented this at a Council meeting in the Craven Area Committee. They also illustrated the point about how difficult travel in the area was by setting up a £5 challenge to see how far you could travel from a remote area of Craven towards Skipton with £5; this proved that local transport was very expensive.

As a result of the Youth Council's continued dedication to transport issues, in August this year North Yorkshire County Council announced a "Ride Around for a £1"



POLLY JOHNSON (FAR RIGHT HOLDING CERTIFICATE), WITH FRIENDS FROM CRAVEN YOUTH COUNCIL, COLLECTS HER AWARD AT A CEREMONY IN SKIPTON ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE KEN WILLSON TRUSTEES, YORKSHIRE DALES SOCIETY, CRAVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL AND NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

project, a scheme where young people aged 18 or younger could enjoy unlimited travel on any bus in Craven District for just £1 per day. The Youth Council said;

*We are really pleased we have won the Ken Willson award and would encourage any young person that wants to make their voice heard and make a real difference to young people's issues to get involved with Craven Youth Council.*

**To celebrate our 30th year, we have revamped the website...**

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Now on a computer near you.  
The new Society website is live  
[www.yds.org.uk](http://www.yds.org.uk)  
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Helen Jackson, Chief Executive Officer of the Campaign for National Parks, explains to YDS members the significance of CNP's 75th anniversary in 2011.

We are enormously proud to be celebrating the Campaign for National Parks' 75th anniversary in 2011. CNP is a small charity with a big campaigning history, and as we face new challenges and opportunities for our National Parks, it's worth reflecting on this inspiring heritage.

The Campaign for National Parks (CNP), originally the Standing Committee on National Parks, emerged in 1936 with the passionate commitment of a group of outdoor enthusiasts to ensure that Britain's finest landscapes should be protected permanently for everyone to enjoy. Membership of the new organisation included CPRE, the National Trust, the newly established Ramblers' Association, the Cyclists Touring Club and the Youth Hostels Association.

The Standing Committee led the fight to secure the celebrated 1949 Act of Parliament that led to the creation of our National Parks. This was part of the social reconstruction of Britain following the ravages of the Second World War. John Dower's White paper of 1945 set out the philosophy of those early campaigners: *National Parks are for people of every class and kind, from every part of the country.* The subsequent 1949 National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act enabled the designation of National Parks, and enshrined a hard fought right of access for all. Following this first major campaign success, CNP's predecessor, the Standing Committee, was instrumental in achieving the designation of National Parks in the 1950s. The first National Park was the Peak District, created in 1951, with seven more following during the 1950s. In the subsequent decades, CNP fought to strengthen successive National Park legislation, and to lobby governments to ensure that National Parks were properly resourced to fulfil their objectives.

Today the National Parks in England and Wales represent 13 unique landscapes, covering 10% of England and Wales. The most recently created is the South Downs, confirmed as a National Park in March 2010. In 2011 CNP remains the only independent watchdog dedicated to protecting and promoting this whole family of National Parks.

There remains much work for us to do. Despite their protected status, these iconic landscapes face formidable threats and new challenges in our increasingly crowded island, and we cannot take them for granted. Spending cuts, the effects of climate change, large scale energy developments and the need for new housing can all put pressure on these special places. Radical changes to the planning framework and possible threats to the concept/

designation of National Parks reinforce the need to counter complacency by demonstrating the continued relevance and value to the nation of our National Parks.

There are new opportunities too, and we want to make the most of these. We want to develop the role of National Parks as living, working models for sustainability, and as providers of natural resources such as water and carbon, linked to the new thinking on ecosystem services. National Parks also have a critical role to play in the government's new proposals for creating woodland and recovering wildlife, and in innovative thinking to counter climate change, such as sustainable transport and community energy projects.

Our new three-year strategy will help us to meet these challenges and seize the opportunities. Through this we will:

- Help people to understand why National Parks matter by demonstrating how they benefit people, communities and the environment
- Lead debate, take action and encourage more people and organisations to challenge threats to National Parks so that they are better protected
- Inspire more people to get involved with and enjoy National Parks so that they are better looked after

We are working with our partners in our anniversary year to demonstrate why National Parks are vital to the nation and more relevant than ever before. Current campaigns include securing extensions to the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales National Parks, ensuring the future of National Parks' forests, promoting sustainable travel in National Parks, continuing our undergrounding campaign to ensure that energy needs are met in an acceptable way, and extending our award-winning Mosaic programme into the three National Parks in Wales.

We intend to make sure that these beautiful and inspirational places are protected and enhanced, and that more people enjoy and appreciate them for the next 75 years and beyond. Our National Parks are *not ours but ours to look after, and future generations will not forgive us if we fail to deliver to them their inheritance intact* (Brian Redhead, President of the Council for National Parks from 1986-90).

Find out more about our work and please support us by becoming a Friend of the Campaign for National Parks. Visit [www.cnp.org.uk](http://www.cnp.org.uk)

Helen Jackson, Chief Executive



## CELEBRATION, CHALLENGE AND CHANGE...

At the Society's AGM in July, YDS Chairman Colin Speakman declared that the past year had been a most rewarding one for the Society.

He put on record the huge debt of gratitude the Society owed to Dr Malcolm Petyt, his immediate predecessor who had steered the Society through a period of quite extraordinary upheaval over the last 6 years, following the move to Settle and the Society's transformation to a much more effective campaigning body.

Malcolm is now a very active Vice President and remains a key member of the Policy Committee.

The year was also marked by the retirement of the Society's full time Administrator, Anne Webster. Anne started work in 2007 on a purely part time basis, during a very difficult time for the Society. Her considerable administrative skills and office experience proved invaluable, and she was soon working full time, setting up some lasting professional systems in the Settle office. Ann Shadrake, her successor, is already making her mark on the Society's affairs, though our changing financial situation, including less interest from investments, means that she can only be employed part time. Only with the active involvement of a team of skilled and dedicated volunteers can the Society cope to meet the many challenges for the Dales in the years ahead.

It was suggested that there has been much to celebrate already in the Society's 30th anniversary year. The YDS is fortunate to have an excellent Council of Management, offering knowledge, ability and dedication. They were warmly thanked by the Chairman for their outstanding support over the last year. Special thanks were given to Alan Watkinson, from Hawes, who retired this year after nearly 20 years as an active member of Council, and to Christine Hallas, another valued member from Wensleydale also leaving for personal reasons.

The Chairman turned to the Finance and Governance Committee that manages the Society's financial and legal affairs. The Society's finances

have to be invested to maximum advantage, linked to 100% security. The Society has to meet its legal obligations, to manage its affairs both as a Charity and Company Limited by Guarantee. The work of F&G, has this year to achieve these things, depended on the outstanding work of three individuals.

First is the Honorary Treasurer, Rhona Thornton who has worked tirelessly, in the Settle office, alongside both Anne Webster and now Ann Shadrake, and with our Accountants to deal with the many complexities of membership income, investment, outgoings and employment. The second key person was our Company Secretary, Alan Pease, who during the year retired after more than 20 years of outstanding service for the Society in this key role, before handing over to our third key F&G member, David Portlock who took over from Alan during the current year as our Company Secretary. David has brought fresh insight to bear on the Council's ever evolving legal obligations as Trustees of the Charity. In May this year a Governance Training Day was held for Trustees, ably directed by Christine Bainton of North Yorkshire Council for Voluntary Organisations.

This was extremely valuable. David is currently leading Council through the process of change to meet the many new demands of the Charity in terms of transparency and responsible governance. Warm thanks were extended especially to David, Rhona and above all to the Society's Vice Chairman, Hugh Thornton, whose constant help, wise advice and splendid support have been invaluable.

Hugh also chairs the Policy Committee where much of the real campaigning work of the Society is done, often in partnership with our national body, the Campaign for National Parks, but also with Craven, Wensleydale and Swaledale branches of CPRE with whom the Society works closely.

The Events, Communication and Membership Committee (or ECM) deals with how the Society communicates with its members and the outside world in such areas as our events, publications, and our press and public relations work. Warm thanks were given to the Events team, including Chris Wright, Chris Hartley and Ann Webster herself, who put so much effort into ensuring these events happened.

“ Highlights of the summer included a traditional Dales Music and Dance afternoon in Buckden, a trip to see some rare breed Dales Ponies with Gill Wood in Stainforth, and a highly enjoyable walk in Dentdale, followed by an inspiring talk by Alison O'Neill, the Barefoot Shepherdess from Sedbergh. ”

In October a Climate Change Seminar in partnership with the National Park Authority took place in Grassington, attended by over 100 people with some excellent speakers and thoughtful questions, and other extremely good winter walks and lectures were well supported. Spring saw a memorable visit to East Arkengarthdale Moor to see Black Grouse. In partnership with the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust as part of the Flowers of the Dales Festival, 32 Mosaic Partnership family members from Bradford visited Oxenber Woods to see the amazing flora.

A huge success story in 2010/11 has been the Society's unique Dales & Bowland Community Interest Company which has taken over the operation of the entire Sunday DalesBus network in the Yorkshire Dales. Over the last two years numbers of passengers using these services, despite Government and Local Authority financial cut-backs, has more than doubled. The future of DalesBus now depends on the Local Sustainable Transport Fund Connecting the Dales project made through the DITA partnership.

A vitally important way in which the Society communicates with its members and with the outside world has been the Yorkshire Dales Review. The regular publication of the Review has been an outstanding achievement of the Society over its 30 years; its success largely because of the outstanding contributions made by very many people, but especially its editor Fleur Speakman whose creative energy and expertise has driven the magazine from strength to strength. Few people are perhaps aware of the enormous work that the editor puts into the magazine to make it happen.

The new format for The Yorkshire Dales Review forms part of a process of change now taking place under the leadership of Tony Smith, recently elected to Council as the Chair of ECM. Tony and his team have been looking at every aspect of how the Society gets its message across and how the Society needs to reverse the trends towards an ageing and declining membership and attract

younger, more active members. One big success story has been the growth of our Corporate Members especially from smaller businesses in the Dales and in the nearby catchment towns. The website is also being currently upgraded and should prove more user friendly. Over the last few years the excellent Dales Digest has been superbly put together by Rhona Thornton. This is a highly skilled task and understandably, given her huge commitments to the Society as our hard working and very active Treasurer, Rhona has indicated that

the August Digest could be the last unless ECM can find a new volunteer to take on this demanding task.

Finally the Chairman thanked the Members themselves for their wonderful support; many of them have been with the Society throughout most of its 30 year history. The first 30 years had been a great success story. But, he suggested, perhaps what will happen over the next 30 years could perhaps be even more exciting and rewarding.



THE LANDSCAPE WE ALL LOVE AND WORK TO PROTECT



SOCIETY AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS WITH ALISON O'NEILL (CENTRE) AT THE 2011 AGM



## TRADITIONAL YORKSHIRE DALES FOLK TALES

### Part of our national heritage and culture

Folk Tales have a very long tradition, from earliest times evoking an image of a story-teller enthralled a group of listeners with a tale of magic and mystery or of an exciting series of adventures.

Shaped over the centuries, traditional stories were later written down and more widely disseminated. We still enjoy some well-known Dales' tales such as the Drummer Boy who mysteriously disappears under Richmond Castle, Potter Thompson who accidentally stumbles on the Sleeping King Arthur and his Knights, The White Doe of Rylstone who inspired William Wordsworth, and the frightening Barguest who roams the moors near Trollers' Gill.

But traditional tales were not solely used for entertainment. They could help to while away the monotony of working. Dent stocking-knitters sat in the evening firelight, with busy needles, listening spell-bound to a story. Yet folk tales often contain coded messages, a way of coming to terms with conditions in a particular society, giving hope that luck may turn, the future improve or issuing moral warnings that wrong-doing can be severely punished.

#### The power to "shock"

One of the most celebrated of the Dales folk tales, written in ballad form, though various prose versions exist, seems to be a way of explaining a natural disaster. But there is also a stark message, that transgressors will suffer terrible vengeance. The Ballad of Semerwater, (its setting the lake near Bainbridge in Wensleydale), is a very powerful dramatic tale which never fails to make an impact. An old poverty-stricken man goes from house to house begging for food and shelter, to be repeatedly refused by various prosperous inhabitants. He soon becomes drenched with the driving rain and shivers uncontrollably with cold. Finally he tries again at a cottage on the hillside, without much hope. Here he is received with great kindness by the poor woman who answers his feeble knock, and given food and shelter. Throughout the night a storm continues to lash itself into a fury, but in the morning, all is eerily calm. Thanking the old woman, the old man goes on his way, but then climbs a high rock, and pointing his staff in the direction of Semerwater, chillingly commands the lake to rise and cover the land; only the little cottage on the hillside is to be spared.

After these terrible words, the hillside begins to move; mud and water soon submerging the entire village nearby. There was no sign of the mysterious stranger. The woman who had watched the catastrophe helplessly, returned horror-struck to her cottage to find several gold coins on her table. On a fine day it is said that the drowned village can be seen in the waters of the lake. Interestingly, some have

given the story a strong religious interpretation, though the old man seems more an Old than New Testament figure. We can also empathise with some of the harsh realities of existence in times past. But to quote cultural historian Marina Warner, *Look at the context in which (the stories) were told, at who was telling them, to whom, and why*. Perhaps a modern version might concern itself more with the mixture of guilt and sorrow the woman might feel.

Retribution, in folk tales, as in the fairy tales which have been sanitised and relegated to children's literature, is violent and unyielding. The wicked stepmother in Snow White has to dance at Snow White's wedding in red hot iron shoes as a punishment till she dies, for arranging her step-daughter's murder. Red Riding Hood who has disobeyed her mother, is actually eaten by the wolf with a possible sexual dimension to the tale.

Nevertheless it is the overwhelming imaginative power of such tales as the story of the Sultan and Sultana, in Sita Brand's article on page 6 which demonstrates how essential and deeply significant they are to us.



BALLAD OF SEMERWATER ILLUSTRATION BY JULIE GARSIDE

A frustration of my old age is that I can walk short distances on level ground but soon feel stressful on an incline. Some of the happiest moments of my life came when I was striding through the Dales, the Lake District or favourite parts of Scotland, pausing not just to rest or eat but having time and an inclination to admire the scene - to ponder on our heritage and traditions. I did this for years with a trio of friends - Bob, Colin and Stan. We became known as the Geriatric Blunderers.

I feel much less frustrated now that I have a copy of Colin Speakman's original and enthralling book with the simple title of Walk! - subtitled "A Celebration of Striding Out". This is no tedious guide to individual walks; turn left, then right, cross bridge, etc. It relates how walking as we know it evolved. Also read fascinating stories of the campaigning that led to access to land which once was sternly prohibited, about the inauguration of National Parks, long distance walking, urban walking, walking as an aid to good health - and much else.

Ben Fogle and Sir Chris Bonington, two giants of outdoor recreation, provide introductions to this astonishing and informative tome, a hardback that is copiously illustrated in both black and white and colour. Pictures evoke the contributions of historical personages such as William Wordsworth, who "advocated walking as a poetic, almost philosophical experience". John Dawson, of Sedbergh, walked to Edinburgh and London to pursue his education. Walking inspired Charles Darwin's creative thinking process.



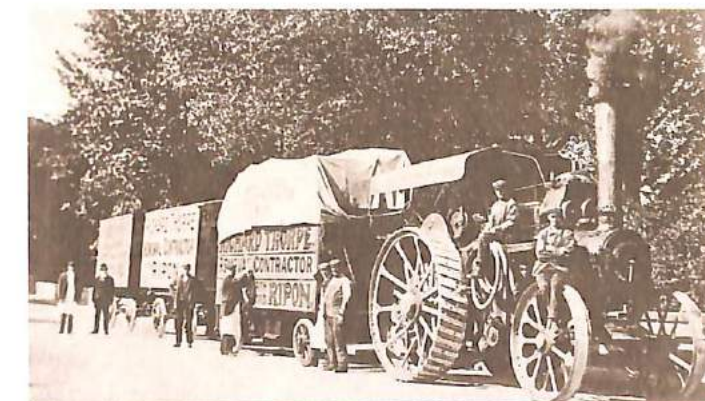
TOM STEPHENSON AND FRED WILLEY MP AT THE OPENING OF THE PENNINE WAY, MALHAM MOOR, 1965 (YP)

There are many more such examples of the effect of sustained walking on the lives of influential people. And, indeed, lots of memorable quotations, such as one by J B Priestley; "We were all, at heart, Wordsworthians to a man...we have Wordsworth in our very legs."

My only regret on reading this book is that I cannot, in old age, respond to its strong appeal to get up and keep walking. Colin's book vividly reminds me of past joys and experiences.

Bill Mitchell

WALK! A Celebration of Striding Out, by Colin Speakman, is published by Great Northern Books at £15.99  
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STEAM POWERED REMOVAL COMPANY RICHARD THORPE

Two books published by Amberley as part of their Yorkshire Through Time series, use early photographic records of Ripon, and Skipton and the Dales, contrasted with more recent photos, as an interesting social record of the changes to some well-known landmarks: important buildings, waterways, bridges, streets, market places and the occasional surprise.

Period shots of brass bands, fairs, royal visits, soldiers and shopkeepers, help to tell the story of each area. Relatively expensive at £14.99, these nicely produced books, just short of 100 pages, would make an attractive gift or a good buy for those who enjoy a little nostalgia.

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## DALESWATCH AUTUMN 2011

### Keeping you up-to-date with what is going on in and around the Yorkshire Dales...

#### National Planning Policy Framework

The Government has recently issued a draft National Planning Policy Framework for consultation. At just over 50 pages, it is designed to replace over twenty detailed Planning Policy Statements covering all types of development, giving broad strategic guidance for Local Plans and Neighbourhood Plans.

The biggest single impact would be on Parish and Town Councils, who would be able to prepare their own Neighbourhood Plans. Although a Neighbourhood Plan would take precedence over existing policies in the Local Plan for that neighbourhood, it must still be "in general conformity with the strategic policies in the Local Plan".

Parish and Town Councils would also be able to use Neighbourhood Development Orders to grant planning permission for developments, without requiring further planning permission from the Local Planning Authority.

If these proposals are confirmed, then Parish and Town Councillors will bear great new responsibility, and the local democratic process in the Dales will be critical, in ensuring that they are held properly accountable.

#### Transport

Good news! We heard in early July that the Government has approved the DITA (Dales Integrated Transport Alliance) bid for funds from the Local Sustainable Transport Fund, aimed at protecting and improving all the bus services within the Dales (including the Nidderdale AONB). This is the only community-led bid in the country.

Although just over £1m has been made available over the next three years, this money cannot be used to make up for funding of bus services that have been cut by the statutory authorities.

Everything now depends on the ability of the statutory local transport authorities - North Yorkshire County Council and West Yorkshire Metro - to work effectively with DITA and with the National Park Authority to make optimum use of all the resources available.

#### Chelker Wind Farm Proposal

Kelda (owners of Yorkshire Water) have had one planning application for two 125 metre high wind turbines at Chelker (above Addingham) refused, and withdrew a second application for three 80 metre turbines after devastating criticism from English Heritage of the adverse impact it would have on the setting of Bolton Abbey.

They are now proposing to consult on a revised proposal for two 80-metre turbines. However, the turbines would still be only about 400 to 500 metres from local residents. We recall that the wind farm proposed at Brightenber, near Gargrave, was turned down recently by a Planning Inspector because it would make life intolerable for residents in a farmhouse 650 metres away.

Wind farms made very little contribution to energy supplies on the coldest days last winter when energy demand peaked, but winter anticyclones meant that there was no wind. This means that any investment in wind power has to be matched by investment in other forms of energy that actually will provide energy when it is most needed. In other words, we have to pay twice.

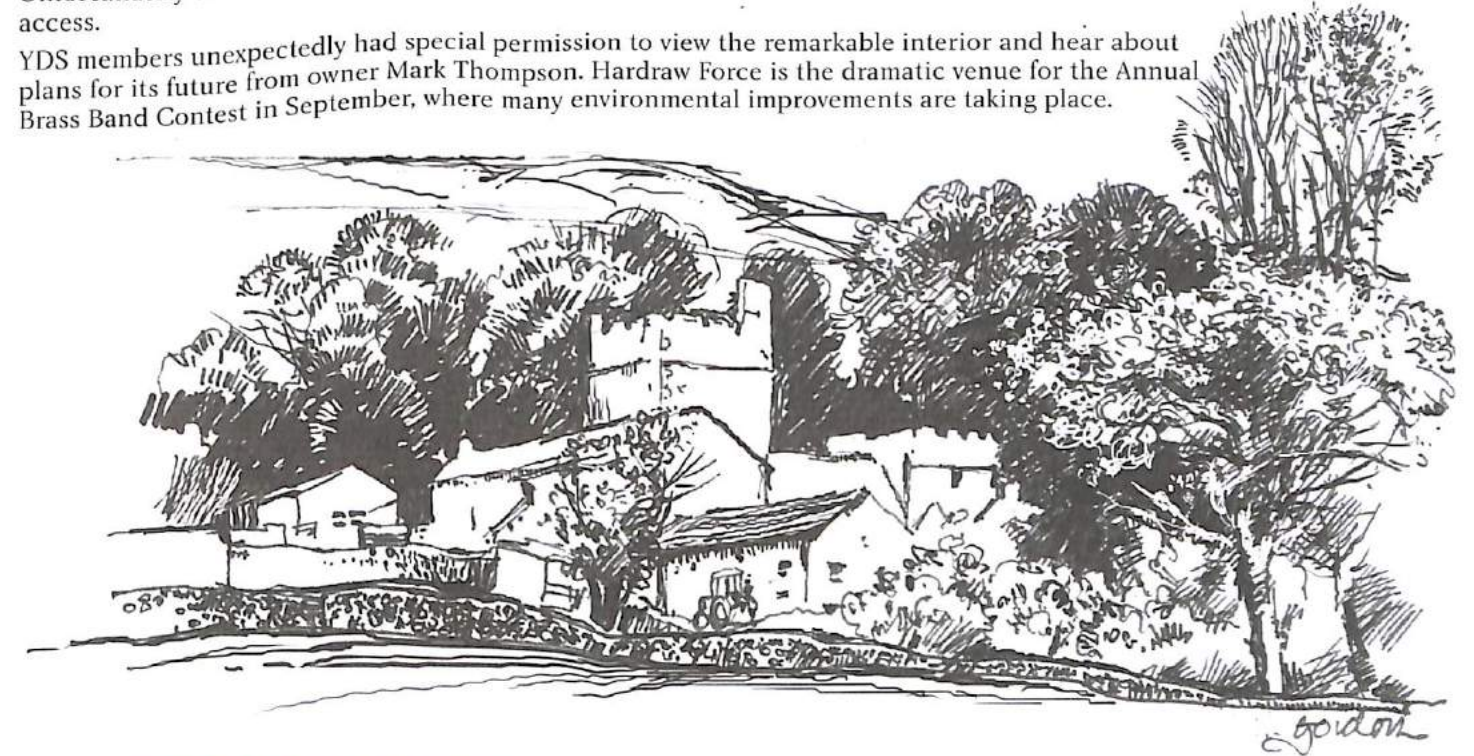
This looks like a major waste of money, when the country can ill afford it. The Government needs to take a more realistic look at energy policy, sooner rather than later.



## DRAWINGS OF THE DALES...

The Drawings of Nappa Hall (this page) and Hardraw Force in Wensleydale (back page), are by artist Frank Gordon who lives in Giggleswick. On September 4th of this year, a visit to those two iconic sites was made by YDS members. Unfortunately the Hall can generally only be admired from the outside as the structure at present is too unsafe to allow access.

YDS members unexpectedly had special permission to view the remarkable interior and hear about plans for its future from owner Mark Thompson. Hardraw Force is the dramatic venue for the Annual Brass Band Contest in September, where many environmental improvements are taking place.



## ECO FRIENDLY PRINTER IN TREE PLANTING INITIATIVE

Matthew Mason of John Mason Printers in Skipton has expanded his tree planting initiative with 450 new trees

Enlisting the help of Craven College students to plant them and inspired by his love of wildlife and the Yorkshire Dales, and to balance the ecological equilibrium of the family printing business, Matthew first started his project to plant a tree for every customer three years ago.

*by John Masons Printers, Corporate Members of the Yorkshire Dales Society, in making such a fine contribution to protecting the Dales and working with young people to achieve such a worthwhile aim.*

The first batch of trees, planted on land at Embsay belonging to Matthew's neighbour, John Edwards, is now 12 feet high. In total the plot is now home to 2350 trees planted for the scheme which aims to restore some of our native deciduous woodland. The trees are a varied mix of ten species including oak, hornbeam, sycamore, ash and beech as well as hawthorn, holly and blackthorn.

Matthew explains: *Our customers are really interested in the scheme; it helps them to feel they are giving something back to the environment and we will be providing certificates to endorse their support in the initiative.*

Colin Speakman, Chairman of the Yorkshire Dales Society stated: *There is little doubt that both for biodiversity and for reducing our Carbon Footprint, the Yorkshire Dales needs more native trees. We warmly applaud this project,*



Simon Midgley, Manager of the Centre for Rural and Equine Studies at Craven College, helps to co-ordinate the ongoing project which he believes gives the students a range of experience in the real world and helps to build links between the College and the Community.



## VIEW FROM THE NIDDERDALE BUS

### Who would not want to ride on a bus in the Yorkshire Dales?

Sitting up with a view over walls and hedges, no need to concentrate on the road, as you travel down twisting, narrow lanes and over blind humps - what a great way to get about! Building on the success of its Pateley Bridge to Middlesmoor in Nidderdale route, DalesBus established a new summer service to Scar House Reservoir in 2010.

The Friends of Nidderdale AONB were proud to sponsor the 2011 summer holiday service - the Upper Nidderdale Bus 25 - from Pateley Bridge to Scar House Reservoir. It ran three times daily on Tuesdays and Saturdays between 23rd July and 3rd September in 2011. "We are delighted to be able to support the DalesBus", said Friends Chairman, Louise McManus. "It links communities and aids much-needed tourism."

The bus does indeed link communities, as it is timed to connect with the number 24 in Pateley Bridge. Colin Speakman, Chairman, Yorkshire Dales Society and Managing Director of the Dales & Bowland Community Interest Company (which operates DalesBus) added: *We were pleasantly surprised by the use local people from villages in Upper Nidderdale were able to make of the service on Saturdays for shopping in Pateley Bridge and even Harrogate. A limited monthly Sunday service (825) will*

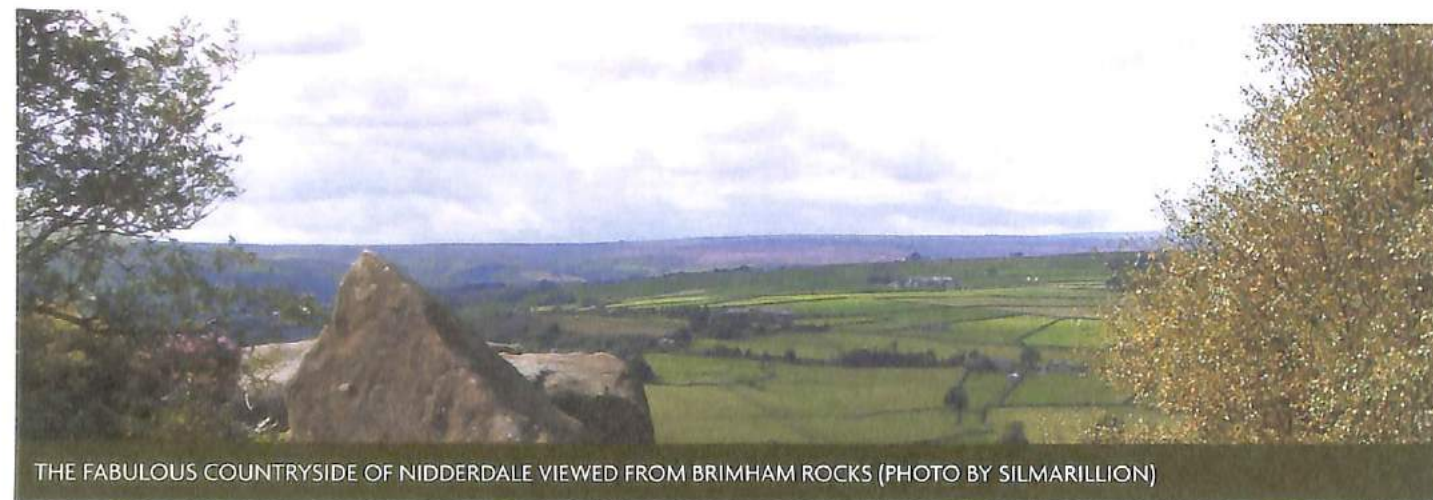
*continue over the winter, see [www.dalesbus.org.uk](http://www.dalesbus.org.uk) for more details.* The Friends of Nidderdale AONB (which is a charity), sponsors conservation and sustainability projects in the area through a mixture of grants and volunteer work. Recent work has included support for wetland and meadow restoration, woodland surveys and planting, and funds have also been allocated to a major new bat project in 2012.

The work of the Friends is closely aligned with that of the AONB, ensuring that the charity's conservation aims remain in line with those of local and national policy. The Friends also encourage good stewardship from farms and land-owners through annual farming and conservation awards. Members are kept up-to-date with a twice-yearly newsletter and there are around six events and walks each year in various locations around Nidderdale.

2011 saw the launch of a new corporate membership scheme, "Firm Friends", encouraging businesses to become involved in conservation activities and to provide volunteers for specific projects. This scheme is in keeping with a number of the aims set out in the Government's White Paper, "The Natural Choice: Securing Nature for the Future". First to join were EverGen, a sustainable energy company.

The Charity's patron is Matthew Wilson, formerly of Harlow Carr Gardens and now managing Director of Clifton Nurseries. He says: *Having moved from the South East of England to the Nidderdale AONB, I realise what a privilege it is to live in an area of such diversity. It is the interaction between man and the environment over centuries that makes the area so special.*

If you would like to become a Friend of Nidderdale AONB, or are interested in Firm Friends, please download an application form from the website [www.nidderdaleaonb.org.uk](http://www.nidderdaleaonb.org.uk), click on to 'getting involved' or call Val on 01423 712950.



THE FABULOUS COUNTRYSIDE OF NIDDERDALE VIEWED FROM BRIMHAM ROCKS (PHOTO BY SILMARILLION)

## YORKSHIRE DALES SOCIETY

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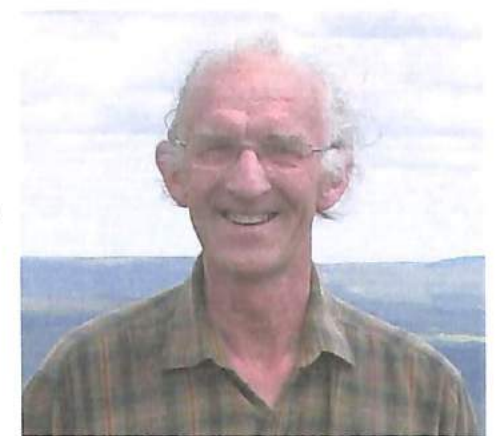
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#### NEW HONORARY MEMBERS

It was with great delight that the YDS appointed three new Honorary Members at the AGM in July.

Chris Wright served with great distinction as Yorkshire Dales Society chairman from 1994, for 10 years, then as vice chairman, and till recently, as a very active chairman of the YDS Events' committee. A life-long lover of the dales and active walker, Chris trained as an anaesthetist, and later became a consultant at St James Hospital, Leeds, after 6 months at a specialist project in Nigeria. For many years he was a leading light in MESH, the Grassington-based medical charity to Romania.



Miss Green who lives in East Sussex, has been a loyal and highly supportive member of the Yorkshire Dales Society from its earlier days and a most generous benefactor.

#### NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

Sita Brand was elected to the YDS Council of Management at the AGM in July. Sita is a storyteller and performer, a Fellow of the RSA, theatre director and Arts and Heritage Consultant. Former posts have been with Arts Council England, Leicester Haymarket Theatre, Theatre Royal Stratford East and the BBC. She is on the board of Arts Yorkshire and is the director of Settle Stories that produces the the Settle Storytelling Festival.

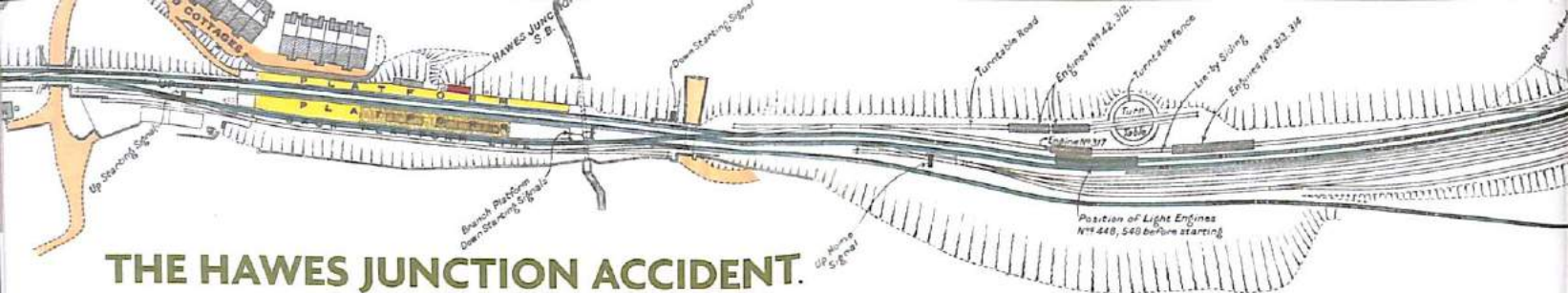


Alan Pease served the Society for very many years as Company Secretary, ensuring by his meticulous records and dedication, that the Society received a regular substantial tax rebate from the government by the system of covenants which were later superseded by the current Gift Aid.

He also ensured that the Society's detailed returns to Company House were promptly and efficiently dealt with (a legal requirement). Alan too enjoys walking among the scenic splendours of the dales, and listening to classical music.







## THE HAWES JUNCTION ACCIDENT.

A postscript by Chris Wright

Following John Settle's article in the recent Summer YDS Review no 115, (which originally appeared in the summer of 1995), it is interesting to recall events now exactly a hundred years since the rail accident.

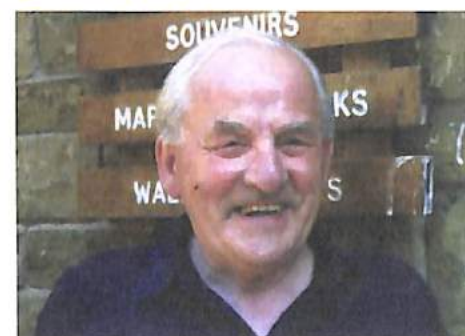
Five of the twelve who perished are buried in Hawes Churchyard, their final resting place marked by a memorial. Over the years it had become weathered and rather overgrown, but thanks to the Friends of the Settle Carlisle Line, it has been totally refurbished. A service was held at St Margaret's Parish Church in December to commemorate all those who lost their lives. The service conducted by Revd. Ann Chapman and Revd. Canon Bill Greetham was particularly poignant, as it was attended by a number of the relatives of those who died, including the great grandson of the unfortunate signalman Alfred Sutton; who it is felt was let down by fatigue due to overwork on Christmas Eve and

an unsafe operating system of the Midland Railway. Peter Sutton and his wife and son later laid flowers at the memorial just as Mr Sutton had done 100 years ago. Because the wooden carriages were lit by gas, the resulting horrendous fire was observed from many miles away. We first heard a original tape recording by Kit Calvert recalling his father's memories of the accident which he thought at first was a haystack on fire. The moving service was very well supported in spite of the severe freezing weather of the day. Whilst this leant much atmosphere to the occasion, it unfortunately led to the cancellation of the formal rededication in the upper graveyard.

Next time you are in Hawes, take time to visit both the church and memorial. Engraved are the words spoken to a rescuer at the accident by one of the victims "Oh! Tell my mother about this, will you? She lives in Ayr." John Stitt later died and is one of those buried in Hawes churchyard.



Bill Mitchell



of the problem having been created by visitors. With a mini-army of 160 voluntary wardens he occasionally organised mass litter clearances. The area covered by Wilf Proctor was the 340 square miles of country stretching from Beamsley, in the south-east, to north of Sedburgh. Wilf retired from his Dales National Park job in 1983. He died in the year 2007, at the age of eighty-five.

## WILF PROCTOR

My photograph of a cheery Wilf Proctor was taken about five years ago at Aysgarth, in Wensleydale. Wilf, who in the 1960s had become the first paid warden in the Yorkshire Dales, retired in 1983. He and his wife Joan enjoyed re-visiting the dale-country, which they had got to know and love. Wilf was aged 41 when the Dales job came his way.

A native of Blackpool, he found work in Nottingham but the firm closed down. Wilf was keen to find work in an area that was scenically special. He made a ready response to an announcement that a Warden was to be appointed for the West Riding section of the new Yorkshire Dales National Park. Five hundred applications were received and sifted, the figure being whittled down to thirteen. Wilf remarked: "Thirteen had always been my lucky number."

He moved to a house in Malhamdale with his wife and two Siamese cats. I asked him about his routine as a Dales Park Warden. There was no routine. He replied: "I have no typical day." Quite a few heads turned when he first drove a Land Rover with a conspicuous headboard, marked "National Park Warden", up one dale and down another.

Wilf waymarked footpaths, making them easier to follow. With the agreement of the County Council and the trustees of the Chatsworth Settlement, two access areas were made available on Barden Fell. Dogs were not allowed and, of course, the areas were closed for grouse-shooting. When I spent a day with Wilf, watching him undertake typical work, he pointed out a good deal of litter to be seen at the roadsides, most

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## YDS AUTUMN EVENTS IN THE YORKSHIRE DALES 2011/12

Events Costs £5 » YDS Members £3 unless otherwise stated

Join us for some fascinating events this autumn. Strong footwear and rain wear essential on all walks. Bring packed lunch or use local inn/cafes.

**Saturday 8 October | Walk - Clapham's Dale**

A walk through Clapdale to Trow Gill. About 4 miles. Finish 1245 approx.

Meet at National Park car park, Clapham, 10.30am (Train departs Leeds 08.19, Skipton 09.00 to Clapham Station - 1¼ miles from village). Leader: Tony Smith, YDS Council member.

**Lecture | Poets, Protesters and National Parks.**

Colin Speakman, author of a new book on the history of walking, will mark the 30th Anniversary of the Yorkshire Dales Society and the 75th Anniversary of the Campaign for National Parks with a talk about how early walkers, from Romantic Poets to Social Reformers and Outdoor Campaigners, enabled Britain to protect and enjoy the special landscapes, such as the Yorkshire Dales, that we know and love today.

Clapham Village Hall, 2.15pm

**Sunday 23 October | Family Fungus Foray in Grass Woods**

Meet 11am at the National Park Centre car park Grassington for a short riverside walk to Grass Wood, taking 45 minutes to 1 hour. Bring packed lunch. Meet Joan Powell for a family-friendly event to learn some fascinating facts about fungi, how they breed and their place in the ecological cycle, and which are edible. Please bring old plastic containers. Forage will take 1.5 hours to 2 hours. No cost, but donations split between YDS & Grass Wood Management Committee.

Bus 874 departs Leeds Bus Station 09.20, Ilkley 10.15. Bus 872 departs Burnley 09.15, Skipton 10.30

**Saturday 5 November | Walk**

Settle Water Power - old and new. Join Chris Wright for a riverside walk from Settle to Langcliffe to view the new water powered Settle Hydro Archimedes Screw and historic mills in the area, then returning to Settle. Leader: Chris Wright, YDS Council Member.

Meet Settle Market Place 10.30am. Train Leeds departs 08.49, Skipton 09.26 to Settle.

**Lecture | Ingleborough, Insights into an Iconic Mountain**

A talk by Dr David Johnson, leading local archaeologist and historian, based on his recent book on the latest research by the Ingleborough Archaeological Group. Methodist Hall, Kirkgate, Settle 2.15pm

**Saturday 10 December 2011 | Walk**

Scenic Nidderdale Quarries and Railways.

Chris Hartley, YDS Council Member will lead a walk taking in Scotgate Ash Quarry with panoramic views. The return follows the old Nidderdale Light Railway which ran from Pateley up to the old Dams at the head of the Dale. Return about 12.30 for pub, café or packed lunch.

Meet bottom of High Street, Pateley Bridge (by bench) 10.30am - Car park close by. Bus 24 departs Harrogate 09.30.

**Lecture | Environments of the Yorkshire Dales - Taking the Long View.**

Professor Terry O'Connor, Professor of Archaeological Science at the University of York, will draw on his extensive research to illustrate the changes to the landscape and wildlife of the Dales over thousands of years of human activity.

Bishopside & Beverley Memorial Hall, Park Road (behind High Street) Pateley Bridge 2.15 pm

**Saturday 7 January | Celebrating Mosaic! | Walk**

To Linton Falls. Members of Campaign for National Park's Mosaic Project in the Yorkshire Dales invite YDS members to join them for a short walk in the Linton area.

Meet at Anderton Institute (on Grassington Road) Linton in Craven. Car parking available at Institute. Bus 72 departs Skipton 10.05, Bus 74 departs Ilkley 09.35.

**Lecture | The Mosaic Project.** A view of the Yorkshire Dales from an urban dweller's perspective.

Nurjahan Ali Arobi, YDS Council Member and Mosaic Champion will explain how Mosaic has encouraged hundreds of city dwellers to enjoy the National Park and will lead a discussion on future plans for the project in the Dales.

Anderton Memorial Institute, Linton-in-Craven 2.15pm.



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Hardraw Force in Wensleydale, drawn by artist Frank Gordon, the venue for this year's Annual Brass Band Contest.



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