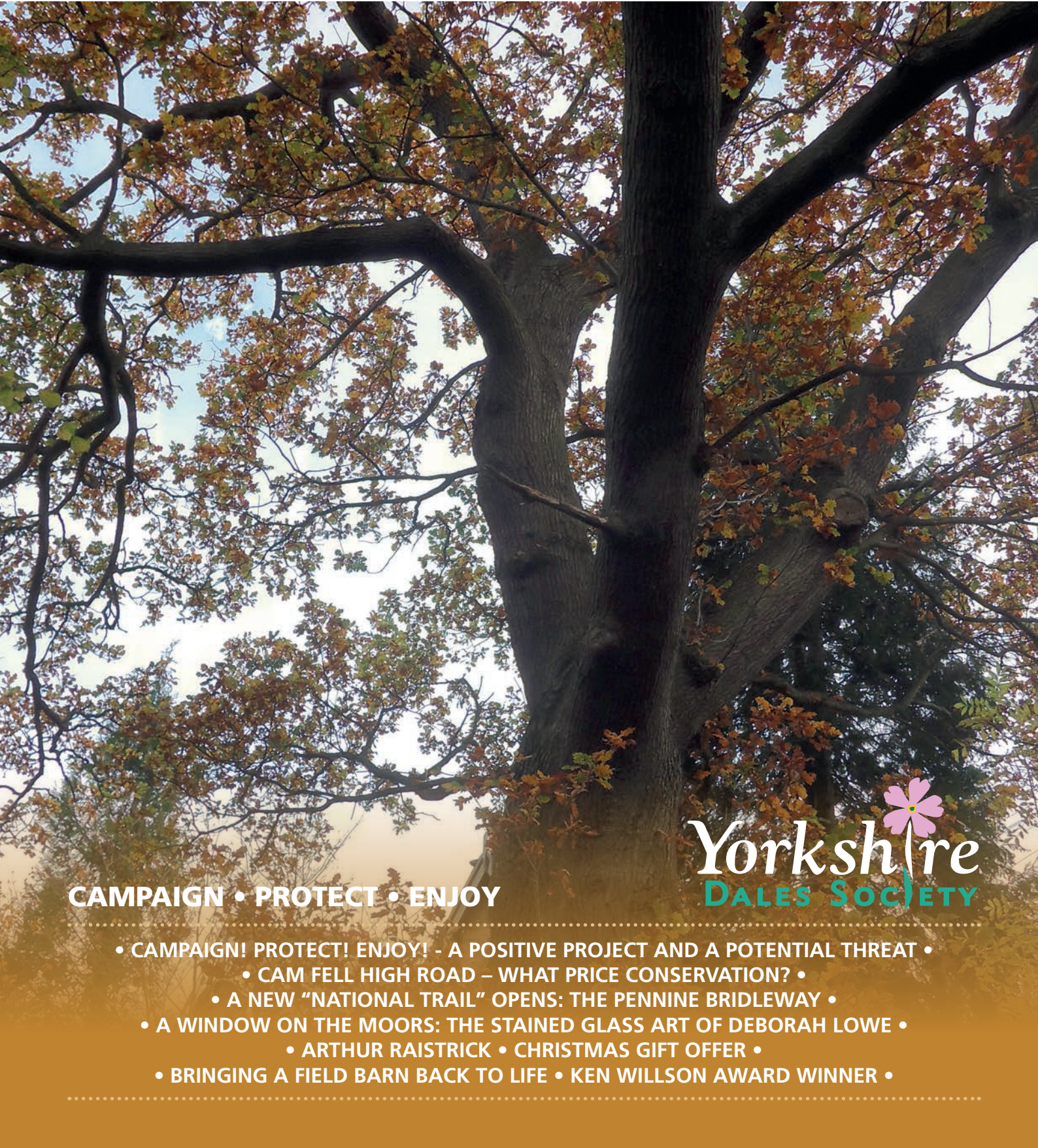


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CAMPAIGN! PROTECT! ENJOY! A POSITIVE PROJECT AND A POTENTIAL THREAT

The opening of the new Pennine Bridleway gives rise to thoughts on the great pleasure that even a modest walk in beautiful scenery can bring:

*I may go the same walk a hundred times a year, but it is never the same experience. The weather is never the same, the light and temperature change, the birds have a different behaviour, the cattle have moved into a different field and assumed a different grouping. But most of all the textures have changed – the textures of the grasses and hedges, of the trees and the stones. What infinite variety there is in the colour of bark from day to day, from hour to hour, even in one tree.**

Although Herbert Read, 1893-1968, famous war poet, celebrated art critic and prose writer, was writing about the North York Moors and the area round Kirby Moorside where he was brought up, such insights are equally true of the Dales, and indeed other regions too. Over 50 years ago Herbert Read was already concerned about the decline of walking in his lifetime and the way that field paths and “bridle-paths” had disappeared, [though]: *The obliteration of footpaths has forcibly restricted the range of the walker we are fortunate that deserted woodland paths, and the dales and moors still exist.* Today it is thanks to our National Parks, to campaigning organisations like the Ramblers, and the CROW Act in the year 2000, that have helped to give us that freedom to roam and protection for some of our wildest and most beautiful areas.

For the more adventurous walker, horse-rider or cyclist, the creation of the Yorkshire section of the Pennine Bridleway, opened in June of this year, has given increased opportunities to appreciate our very special environment. The project involved a massive undertaking over nearly 10 years for the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, with repair work to 53 km of existing routes to conform to National Trail standards and the creation of 12 km of new bridleway “links”. Hundreds of tonnes of stone had to be airlifted by helicopter to inaccessible locations and 97 bridges were installed. A new crossing, Far Moor Bridge at Selside, with a 53 metre span, is believed to be the longest bridge of its kind in the world and has won two national awards. Malcolm Petyt’s article on Pages 6-7 *A new ‘National Trail’ opens: the Pennine Bridleway* puts the whole project into context. Peter Lambert, YDNPA Pennine Bridleway Project Officer, stated: *The Pennine Bridleway runs through a relatively remote area of the country, as well as providing a route for users to enjoy, it’s a way of bringing much needed income into the area with many new and existing businesses such as accommodation providers, cycle shops as well as local contractors involved with the Trail’s construction, benefiting.*

The Park is to be congratulated on their far-sighted vision, as well as Malcolm Petyt, a YDS Vice-President and Chairman of the YDNPA Pennine Bridleway Steering Group in the later years of the project; so by extension, the Yorkshire Dales Society shares in this achievement too.

Yet there are constant threats to the Dales – some of them of a rather insidious kind. Tax advantages in the late 1960s and 70s encouraged a number of major schemes in the Dales for quick-growing often poor-quality timber on a vast scale. Even though a number of protests occurred about the dangers of monoculture, and tax advantages were in due course removed; yet many years later, ironically, with a new popular interest in wood-burning fuels as a “greener” alternative, timber felling on such estates became economic. Cam High Road, which has one such large sitka spruce plantation, is likely to be blighted by huge lorries transporting great numbers of felled logs, struggling along totally inadequate tracks in a prime area of our National Park. Colin Speakman’s article *Cam Fell High Road – What Price Conservation?* on pages 4-5, gives us a number of insights into the problem and suggests some possible alternatives. Is this issue something that the Yorkshire

Dales Society should be sufficiently concerned about to mount a campaign about this intrusion into, and potential damage to, a very special landscape?

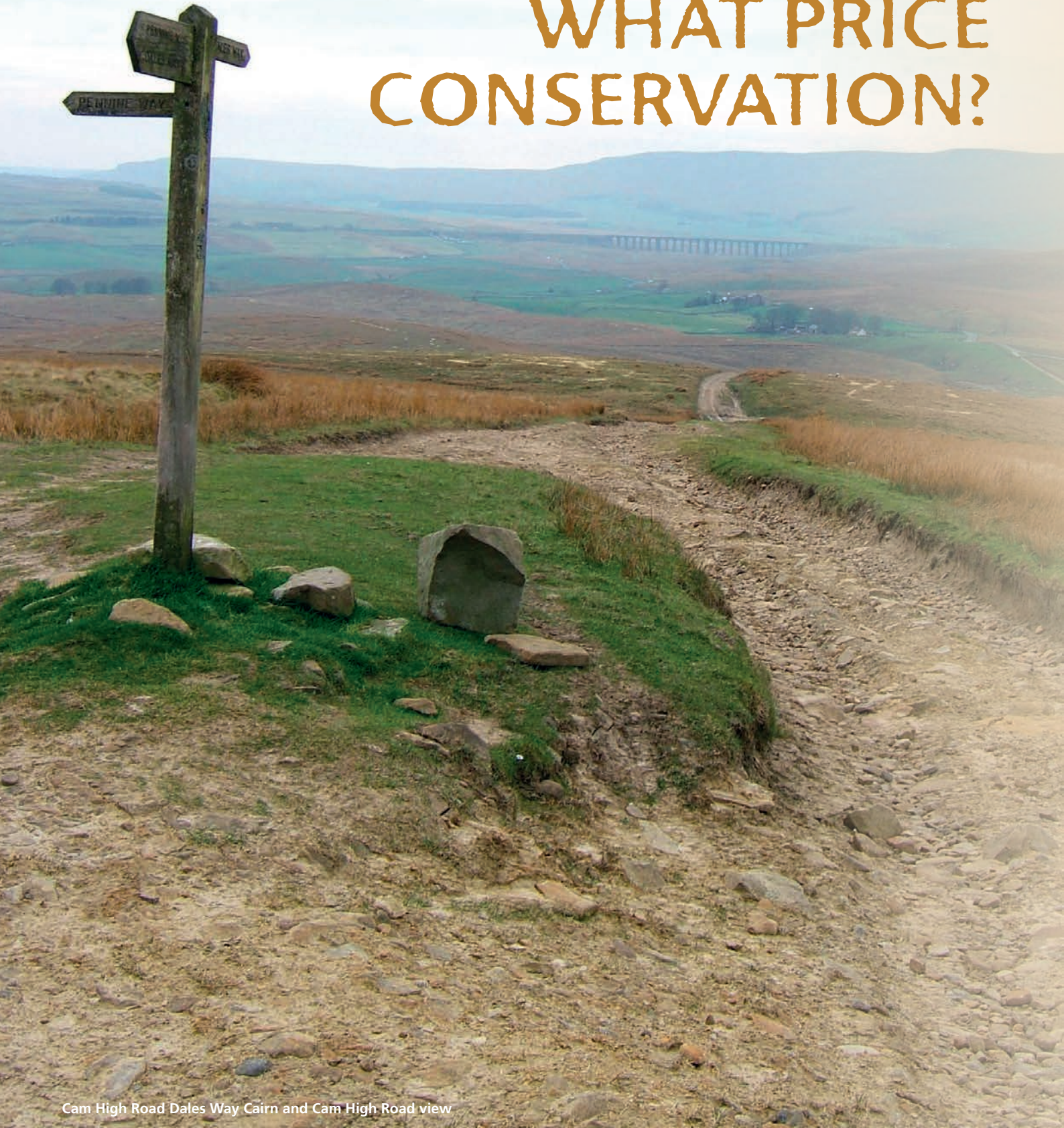
We all benefit from the care taken to protect our environment from inappropriate developments and enjoy the fruits of it; maybe sometimes there is also a need to be more proactive in our approach.

Fleur Speakman

**Herbert Read From the Riccall to the Rye, Orange Press.*



CAM FELL HIGH ROAD WHAT PRICE CONSERVATION?



Cam High Road Dales Way Cairn and Cam High Road view

Way back in the late 1960s and 70s, before the existence of the Yorkshire Dales Society, one of the greatest threats to the Yorkshire Dales was mass monoculture afforestation. Thanks to generous tax concessions, millionaire property developers and pop stars were advised by their financial consultants to reduce their tax commitments by investing in trees. Specialist companies such as the Economic Forestry Group could purchase or lease vast areas of upland grazing in Wales, Scotland, the Northern Pennine and eventually the Yorkshire Dales on behalf of their clients for planting trees.

The reasons for such generous tax concessions were outdated strategic ideas to ensure timber for pit props and paper making were available in case of a World War and U-boat blockades. This was despite the fact that timber on the scale needed is grown far more economically and efficiently in many other parts of Europe, notably in the huge renewable forests of Scandinavia. Species selected were those which were fastest growing and therefore “economic” even though the timber was of poor quality – sitka spruce and lodgepole pine, alien to the Dales. There was even a special Government quango known as the Northern Pennines Rural Development Board to encourage forestry with powers to overrule the National Park Authority in terms of forestry projects in the park.

Areas such as the whole eastern side of Ingleborough were threatened by projects which would have totally transformed the character of the landscape as well as losing open access to fellsides. When the massive scheme in the heart of the park at Cam Fell was approved in the 1970s, no less a figure than J.B. Priestley wrote to the Times to protest about the damage that would occur. So serious was the threat that it became a prime motivation for the eventual formation, in 1981, of the Yorkshire Dales Society.

Yet by the 1980s the threat had vanished, as a result of a Treasury ruling, responding to pressure from amenity groups such as CPRE and the Ramblers, to remove the tax advantages from large scale conifer afforestation. The strategic reasons were seen as nonsensical, the tax advantages only benefiting the already affluent.

But a ticking time bomb remained. As we said 40 years ago, what would happen in 40 years time when the crop planted in such remote locations had matured and had to be felled and removed?

Those 40 years have passed and we were proved right. Until recently low timber prices made it uneconomic to “harvest” timber in the Dales and the problem did not arise. But a recent 34% surge in prices, ironically largely driven by new interest in fuel for “renewables” such as wood pellet chips for wood burning stoves, have now made it worthwhile to pull the trees out. Many sites, such as Cam Forest and the even larger Greenfield Forest close by, are extremely difficult to access, requiring highly damaging and visually intrusive access roads, capable of carrying heavy machinery and haulage trucks.

In the case of the already controversial Cam Forest, the location could hardly be worse. Planning permission is now being sought from the National Park Authority to use the ancient Cam High Road, as the main access route for huge timber trucks heading for Ribblesdale. Cam High Road is a former Roman Road and medieval highway, used by packhorse trains and stage coaches between Ingleton and Hawes until the mid 18th century. It now carries two of Britain’s most popular long distance walking routes – The Pennine Way and the Dales Way, and part of the new Pennine Bridleway. This ancient green way now carries a Traffic Regulation Order to prevent its damage by motor cycles and 4x4s. Soon huge, slow moving trailers carrying up to 30 tonnes of logs could be trashing its ancient surface, turning it into deep, muddy ruts, noise echoing for miles as trucks struggle up valley sides, or lumber down behind walkers heading towards Gearstones. Over three miles of the Dales Way would be blighted by mud, danger and noise for up to five years.

But surely if there is no other way of getting the timber out, then Cam High Road has to be sacrificed? There are no easy or cost free alternatives such as taking the timber trucks eastwards through the village of Gayle and Hawes, or building another lower level access track towards Horton in Ribblesdale.

This is a National Park, an area set aside by Parliament for the prime purposes of landscape and nature conservation and quiet enjoyment of natural beauty.

Huge monoculture plantations in the heart of the National Park were a planning mistake and ecological disaster. Prone to disease and wind damage, their dark interiors inhibiting light restricts bio-diversity. Conservation is about the longer term not quick profit.

When the National Trust acquired a similar poor quality commercial plantation at Darnbrook, above Malham, it took the decision to fell the timber, let it fall and rot to become a marvellous insect-rich wildlife habitat to be replanted gradually as conservation woodland with native trees. If the timber at Cam cannot be extracted without a huge environmental cost, the best long term solution would be to leave much of the poor quality timber where it is or extract it piecemeal as in forests in German National Parks, using horses to penetrate the trees to pull the logs and smaller scale vehicles to minimise damage. The least accessible areas could be left to mature. The aim should be to manage the area not for quick profit, but as a nature reserve in the heart of the National Park, a sanctuary for wildlife and biodiversity, an oasis of quiet in an otherwise over-pressurised world, not a place to grow quick cash crops for wood burning stoves.

The National Park Authority, hopefully supported by Natural England, needs to show vision and courage, to work with the landowner to transform Cam Forest not into a clear felled nightmare to be replanted with yet more alien species, but something that the landowner himself and future generations can be truly proud of.

And to leave the ancient road along Cam Fell crest as it should be left; a witness to the lives of past generations, and for present and future generations, a wonderful place to ride, walk, cycle and experience one of the truly great landscapes of England.

Colin Speakman

A NEW “NATIONAL TRAIL” OPENS: THE PENNINE BRIDLEWAY

I walked the Pennine Way over two holidays in 1976-7 and I had a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction in following that continuous route from the Peak District to Scotland. But I was very aware that in many places it is tough going, beyond the abilities of some members of the public – and unsuitable for anyone not travelling on foot. So perhaps it was not surprising that in 1986 an eminent horsewoman, Mary Towneley, demonstrated that there was a need for a similar route that could be used by equestrians and off-road cyclists as well as walkers.

As it was to be a new official national trail, this “Pennine Bridleway” needed the approval of the Secretary of State, and a proposed route (largely following existing rights of

way) was surveyed in the early 1990s. Its start and finish points were both planned to be somewhat south of those of the Pennine Way: it would run from Middleton Top near Matlock to Byrness in the Cheviots. But the Bridleway would only rarely coincide with the Pennine Way, since it had to provide a route and a surface suitable for more classes of user. And the need for such a suitable route would mean that it would be about 350 miles in length compared to the 270 miles of the Pennine Way. As plans developed, it became necessary to concentrate on the southern part of the proposed route (Derbyshire to Kirkby Stephen); the northern section will have to wait for improved economic times.

Different highway authorities were responsible for developing the Bridleway, and they had to work on a jigsaw of sections

as the preliminary work was done and resources became available. The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority needed to complete around 52 miles of the route as it winds through the Park from Long Preston to Settle (where there is the option of the 10-mile Settle Loop towards Malham Tarn), and on via Stainforth, Helwith Bridge, Feizor, Austwick, Clapham and Long Lane to Selside. Crossing to the eastern side of Ribblesdale it runs via High Birkwith, Ling Gill and Cam High Road to Newby Head, onto Wold Fell, along the top of Widdale, and over Galloway Gate and the Coal Road to Garsdale Head, the Moorcock and up to Lady Anne’s Highway above Mallerstang. Work began in 2002 and took nearly 10 years.

Why so long? After all, much of the route was already there, as existing bridleways or

Constructing a new surface for the Bridleway over peat moorland.



quiet roads and tracks. But it was not just a matter of erecting the dozens of specially made signposts. The Park demonstrated that in several places the approved route needed to be varied – for reasons of safety, landscape protection or nature conservation. Even where an existing legal bridleway could be used, the surface often had to be repaired or strengthened, and walls, bridges and gates needed attention. And almost everywhere getting the drainage right was essential if other work was not to be wasted as water erosion destroyed the surface.

Some parts had no suitable bridleway. So in places a footpath had to be upgraded to bridleway: this required legal work to change the status and practical projects to make it wider or harden the surface, replace stiles with easily opened gates, cut back trees, and so on. But the biggest challenges came where a completely new right of way had to be produced. Landowners had to be negotiated with and compensated; planning permission had to be obtained (needing numerous surveys and reports); construction over varying types of vegetation required different techniques, materials and equipment; several

new bridges had to be designed and built – and probably most frustrating were delays in getting agreement from Network Rail, even though existing underpasses and bridges were to be used to cross the Settle-Carlisle line.

In the Dales we got a taster in 2005 when the “Settle Loop” was opened. This can be done as a one-day trip or as a break for those doing a longer journey, and it soon became popular with riders, cyclists and walkers. And as other sections were completed, users discovered them and started to enjoy these new quiet routes. But not until June this year could we have the long-awaited official opening of the Pennine Bridleway from Derbyshire to near Kirkby Stephen. It was appropriate that the ceremony took place on the longest section of completely new bridleway, where for nearly 1½ miles it crosses Ribblesdale and uses a magnificent new 50-metre timber bridge which has won two prestigious national awards.

This has been a bigger and more expensive project than the Pennine Way, It has cost over £3 million in the Dales alone. But the Pennine Bridleway should be an even bigger asset

to the National Park. It will bring economic benefits to local providers of accommodation and services. And it will give opportunities for understanding and enjoyment by a wider range of people. Probably relatively few will do the whole route, but very many users of all sorts (including disabled people on some parts) will use shorter sections. While on the route I have already met walkers, mountain-bikers and horse-riders (including local people) – and they have all said how much they appreciate what has been done. The Pennine Bridleway is already a success.

Malcolm Petyt

Malcolm Petyt, YDS Vice-President, was Chairman of the YDNPA Pennine Bridleway Steering Group in the later years of the project.



The prize-winning bridge over the Ribble on Tarnmoor



A WINDOW ON THE MOORS

THE STAINED-GLASS ART OF DEBORAH LOWE

Fleecy clouds against a pale blue sky; the windmills turning on the high moorland; a broken down stone wall; and clumps of reeds and rushes in the foreground – this is the sort of Yorkshire landscape which has often inspired the wonderful stained-glass windows of Deborah Lowe. She didn't move to Yorkshire until 2003, but has come to love the county very much. Favourite spots are Malham and Bolton Abbey - which she often visits with her partner Graeme.



Creation detail, with spider's web and nest - Deborah Lowe

Several Yorkshire-related projects were mentioned. One of these was for her Spider's Web Window, which was specially created for a so-called "Bird's Nest Exhibition" at the Dales Countryside Museum at Hawes. At present she is working on a project inspired by the lives and writings of the Brontë sisters.

Perhaps the most delightful story she has to tell concerns her window portraying Janet's Foss near Malham. An article about Deborah's work appeared in Dalesman magazine, illustrated with a picture of the artist sitting beside Janet's Foss waterfall – one of her favourite spots. A gentleman from the Malham area was particularly intrigued by this. It seems that his son, who lives in London, has an annual ritual of bathing in the pool below the waterfall every New Year's Day. Deborah was commissioned to make a stained-glass window of the Foss. This she duly did, and it was given to the son as a present. Let us hope that when he next felt the icy waters lapping around him, he felt likewise a corresponding inward glow from his memory of Deborah's beautiful window!

Ian M. Emberson

Deborah (Debs), grew up in the Midlands, and started drawing and painting in childhood, encouraged by her father. She went on to gain a BA Honours in Fine Art at Trent Polytechnic, Nottingham. There followed a period of working at various art galleries and museums – including Wordsworth's old home at Dove Cottage. However Deborah felt the need to do her own creative work. The eureka moment came when she was sitting on a bus and it paused briefly beside an advertisement for beer, which took the form of a stained-glass window. Suddenly the urge to become a stained-glass artist took possession of her. She enrolled on a three-year course at The Welsh School of Architectural Stained Glass at Swansea, and emerged fully fledged in the art-form she had chosen. After brief spells at Ironbridge and Gloucestershire, she moved to Todmorden, and has operated from there ever since.

I visited Deborah in her studio at Grumpy's Mill one morning in late June, where she talked about the things which have inspired her, and the commissions she is especially proud of. Most of her work is rooted in the scenery of Britain, its flora and fauna. She is also very much aware of following in the traditions of the great craftsmen of medieval times – a tradition which flows through such eminent role models as William Morris to the stained-glass artists of the present day.



Janet's Foss - Deborah Lowe

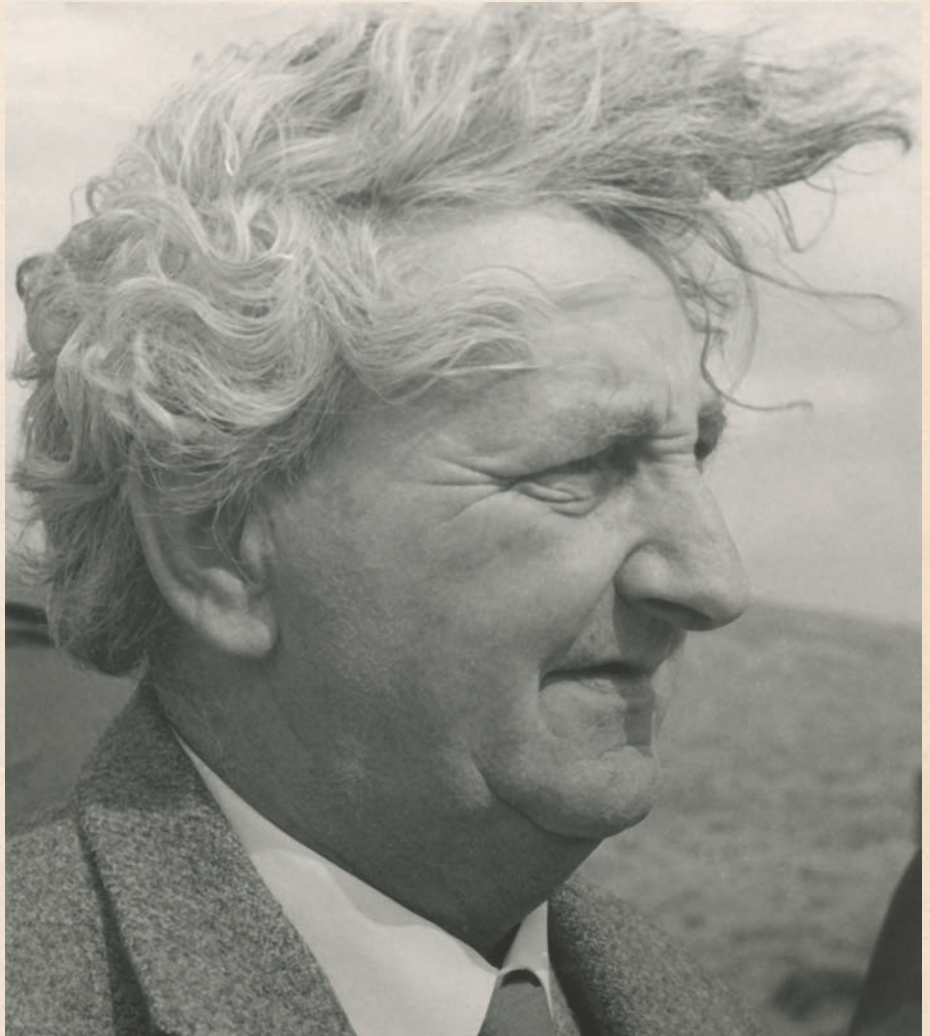
Arthur Raistrick

Parking my car at Linton-in-Craven, I strode towards a door set in an otherwise large, plain building that had been converted from a barn into a home. Here lived Arthur Raistrick, Dales historian, and Elizabeth, his wife. I approached the building with a blend of joy and trepidation. I was editing *The Dalesman*, a magazine to which Arthur had contributed since its earliest years. He had submitted long, well-illustrated articles about basic aspects of Dales history - the alum trade, besom-making, green roads, the Ice Age, packhorse ways, and many others.

If I made the slightest error in presenting his material, he would send me a long, testy letter. He complained that I was breaking up one of his paragraphs into three paragraphs. I explained that this was "to let more light into the page." When I knocked on the house door, I expected Arthur to open it with a stern look on his face. I had a fanciful thought that I might have missed a punctuation mark from the printing of his last contribution. Instead, he was smiling broadly.

I was invited to enter the house. It was baking day. Elizabeth gave me a smile – and a warm, buttered scone. I mentioned to Arthur that I was in a West Riding mood. As I drove up the dale I had been humming a favourite West Riding hymn tune – *Deep Harmony*. Tune and words had been composed by Handel Parker. Arthur, smiling yet again, explained: *When I was a lad, an uncle who was heading for a choir rehearsal at Saltaire, called at our house and said to me: 'Come with us, lad. I think Mr Parker's trying out a new hymn tune.'* It was almost certainly *Deep Harmony*.

From the kitchen, I passed Arthur's writing area – beside the steps leading to the upper storey. There was just room for a desk and a filing cabinet. A heavy curtain might be drawn if there was a draught from under the main door. We chatted in an adjacent large



Arthur Raistrick (WR Mitchell Archive)

room that, at the time of a visit, was full of pictures and objects relating to lead-mining. I gathered that Arthur usually rose from his bed as early as 4 a.m., played some classical music, then settled down to writing. When I visited him, he was writing about the Brigantes, which would be the subject of one of his forthcoming lectures. If I interviewed him, I had to use Mr Pitman's shorthand, a tedious business. I was not allowed to switch on a tape-recorder.

A plot of land belonging to the Linton almshouse was rented and well-used. A rockery in his house garden contained some of the plants known and loved by Reginald Farrer. Arthur illustrated his lectures with slides made from his own photographs. The projector was of large size. Arthur was known to take his camera into caves and use magnesium flash for photography, even processing some of the plates in the underworld!

The death of Elizabeth had a profound effect on Arthur and his home. I sensed the loss whenever I called to see him – and not just because there was no offer of tea and scones. Happily, local friends joined him at his home at regular intervals for talk about matters of mutual interest. Arthur was fastidious about food. Yet on a morning when we had attended a meeting in Skipton, I afterwards headed for Eastwood's fish and chip shop. Arthur was a fellow customer!

In a long life, Arthur refused a goodly number of honours. He did accept some that were specifically associated with the Dales. When the Yorkshire Dales National Park was created, he and Roland Wade were appointed to the Planning Committee for the West Riding Section. The Yorkshire Dales Society proclaimed him *Dalesman of the Millennium*. Arthur died in 1991 at the age of ninety-five.

Bill Mitchell

It has been an amazingly successful year for the Yorkshire Dales Society. The Society's "Succession Strategy" - the long process of fully handing over the work of the Society from its founding Secretariat, Colin and Fleur Speakman, who had run the Society for over a quarter of a century between 1981 and 2006, has now been fully delivered.

When they finally "retired" in 2006/7, the Society was fortunate in its Chairman, Malcolm Petyt, and Anne Webster as Administrator who laid the foundation for the many major changes to bring the Society into the 21st century.

This renewal programme has continued under Colin Speakman's chairmanship in 2010 with the creation of three Committees – Finance and Governance; Policy; and Events, Membership & Communication (ECM); which enable the Society to operate more effectively and professionally than was possible in the past. After the retirement of full-time Administrator

Anne Webster, the Society was fortunate to recruit Ann Shadrake who has been able to build on the excellent foundations laid down by her predecessor and who has helped to develop the Society even further in the 18 months she has been in post, bringing in new ideas and energy.

By 2011 our Settle office, in the historic but badly maintained Town Hall, became increasingly unfit for purpose - our new Administrator could be found at times in fleece, scarf and anorak by her computer, on account of heating failure. By summer there was even a leaking roof to contend with. After a period of uncertainty, Craven Council finally sold the property and it was clear that the building would soon become a development site, so a move became essential. A new office in an equally historic building on the canal wharf in Gargrave was found by Ann herself and Rhona Thornton. Rhona, the YDS Treasurer, negotiated an excellent affordable deal and the move was accomplished in March. The new office is now a powerhouse of energy, where Ann

and her growing team of volunteers, led by the hard-working Membership Manager Bernard Peel, are really making a difference.

The other important development in 2011 was the recruitment, from among our Business Members, of Dr Tony Smith as Chair of the ECM. Within a short time Tony had not only taken charge of this Committee but produced a hard hitting ECM Strategy - built around the powerful by-lines of Campaign, Protect, Enjoy - which over the year has been delivered. This strategy has transformed ECM into a dynamo at the heart of the Society. We have seen the result in terms of the wonderful new-look revamped Review, edited with great flair and professionalism by Fleur Speakman, a superb new interactive website, more recently Facebook pages and of course some excellent events.

The other great powerhouse of the YDS and central to its campaigning work, the Society's Policy Committee, has been superbly chaired and directed by Hugh Thornton, with great support from Rick Cowley, the Committee Secretary. The Policy Committee works closely with CNP nationally, and with our local branches of CPRE, and is seen as a strong regional voice for the protection of the precious landscape and environment of the Dales.

Another great success story has been with DalesBus. Uniquely for any National Park Society, our not for profit subsidiary, the Dales & Bowland Community Interest Company, now manages a network of a dozen bus services that provide perhaps the best, fully integrated Sunday and Bank Holiday public transport network in any UK National Park. In 2011/12 the Society not only saved two key Sunday bus routes in the Dales, but increased traffic on the network by almost 50% to over 40,000 passenger journeys. Despite a struggle to put the financial packages



Lawkland Hall visit with YDS members

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Farmer Anthony Bradley explains details of husbandry to YDS members at Mearbeck Farm

together, with help from Metro and the Government's SLTF via DITA, this year, with additional valuable financial support from the Yorkshire Dales Society, the CIC has provided a new pilot service from Darlington to Swaledale and Ingleton, and new services from Dewsbury and Bradford, promoting the service in conjunction with the Mosaic Partnership and with help from the Bradford-based Sovereign Health Trust. Making services available for visitors and locals alike is one of the major achievements of the Society. DalesBus allows many thousands of people without access to a car, on modest incomes or with infirmities, to share the many pleasures and benefits of a day in the Dales - a true reflection of our core purposes.

The strength of the Society lies in its membership, and the YDS is especially fortunate in having an outstanding Council of Management which Colin Speakman chairs. At the AGM he expressed gratitude to Vice Chairman Hugh Thornton for his

exceptional support and likewise to Rhona Thornton as a remarkable and efficient Treasurer, not only managing the Society's financial affairs with skill and diligence, but providing both Ann and himself with outstanding support over all money matters, including investments, and as a constant presence in the office dealing with such affairs. Rhona receives great support from our Company Secretary David Portlock, who deals with our legal affairs as both a company and a charity in a highly efficient way, including the important issue of Gift Aid tax refunds which as a charity we are able to claim. Rhona also acts as the Secretary of our Finance and Governance Committee, basically the Society's key Officers and Committee heads, who manage the administrative aspects of the Society with considerable skill.

The Society's Council of Management is a dedicated team of people, democratically elected, who give freely of their time and direct the Society's affairs so well. This

year, two outstanding long serving and very much valued members – Norman Wordsworth who has been a pillar of our Policy Committee and close link with CPRE for many years, and Richard Harvey, our Honorary Member and former National Park Officer, have both had to retire from Council, but thankfully will remain as members of the Policy Committee. On the other hand, the Society welcomes two very energetic new members – Sita Brand, the Settle Storyteller and Betsy Bell, from Langcliffe, both a valued link into Ribblesdale matters, who have already added a new cutting edge to the work both of the ECM and Policy Committees respectively.

The Chairman added that this was currently one of strongest Council of Managements in the Society's 31st year; thanks to such excellent officers, and the Society's energetic, committed and highly professional Administrator, the Chairman believed the Succession Strategy was now fully complete.

Nevertheless there would be challenges ahead. Currently the country is in the midst of the worst financial recession since the Second World War and all charities and voluntary bodies are having a difficult time; recruitment has never been harder. The YDS still needs more active volunteers. The membership base is still at best static, and though some excellent new Business Members have joined us, the Society needs to make itself even more relevant for the younger generation, by using the new social media – Facebook and Twitter – much more effectively, to attract a younger, more active membership. Our members remain our most vital asset, yet we need to reach out ever more energetically to new generations if we are to build on the success of what has been a truly remarkable year.



LEGACY CAMPAIGN UPDATE

NEWS FOR MEMBERS

Perhaps, after reading my article in the Summer Review, you have decided to write your Will and are thinking about choosing a solicitor to help you? If so, the Autumn is a good time to do this as there will be two Will writing campaigns that may involve local solicitors who will write simple Wills for free or in return for a charitable donation. For example, Free Wills Month runs every October and enables people over 55 to have their Will written for free – if you live in the towns and cities chosen that year! Then in November, Will Aid Month offers anyone the opportunity to have their simple Will written by a participating solicitor in return for a suggested donation to a group of national charities such as the British Red Cross and Age UK. Names of participating solicitors for both these campaigns are released in September, and I will put these links on the YDS website when they are announced (or ring me for details). Don't forget that if you use one of these services, you are not restricted to supporting the charities involved – please remember the Society in your Will!

Ann Shadrake



GIFT AID AND JOINT MEMBERS

Gift Aid generates thousands of pounds for the Society every year and over 80% of our members have signed Gift Aid declarations. However, HMRC have tightened the rules on how charities claim Gift Aid on subscriptions and donations from JOINT members. To comply with the rules, BOTH members need to sign separate Gift Aid declarations if they are both eligible under the Gift Aid rules. Otherwise we can only claim Gift Aid on part rather than all of the membership fee or donation. We are reviewing our membership records so that we can contact joint members, if necessary, to arrange for the new forms to be completed. We'll also put the Gift Aid form on the website. We have around 300 joint members who are signed up to Gift Aid, so it's vital we claim every penny the Society is entitled to!

MEMBERSHIP RATES

Council has reluctantly decided that subscriptions will have to be raised in April 2013. Although the abolition of the retired rate of subscription has brought in some extra income, the ordinary subscription rate has remained at the same level since 2006, and is lower than in comparable societies. The new rates will be Single - £20, Joint - £28, Single Life under 60 - £400, Joint Life under 60 - £550, Single Life over 60 - £300 and Joint Life over 60 - £450. Depending on when your renewal falls, you may not see any increase in your membership fee until the very end of 2013.

A GIFT OF MEMBERSHIP

As Christmas approaches, you may be wondering what on earth to give those friends and relations who already have everything they need. For something they will really value and appreciate, you could choose to give a Gift of Membership of the Yorkshire Dales Society. They will receive all the benefits that you enjoy as a Member, plus as a special offer, we will give 15 months for the price of 12. And don't forget if you "buy" for Christmas, your gift will be at the current membership rates of £15 for Single and £20 for Joint Membership (as well as current rates for Life Membership). Please photocopy or cut out the form on page 12, or download from the website.

THE YORKSHIRE DALES SOCIETY GIVES A £10,000 BOOST TO OUTREACH WORK

When the Yorkshire Dales Society heard that the future of the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust's major Outreach Project was in serious jeopardy because of funding problems, the Society were happy to make a generous donation of £10,000 to enable the project known as **People and the DALES**, to continue into the autumn. The activities which can now be run will benefit people with health problems or disabilities, or those from ethnic or economically deprived communities, and could include walks, farm visits, conservation work and crafts. The finance will allow the retention of crucial staff and evaluation of the project so far, with the preparation of a business plan for future funding bids for outreach work. We are delighted this valuable work will continue.



KEEPING YOU UP-TO-DATE WITH WHAT IS GOING ON IN AND AROUND THE YORKSHIRE DALES...

This issue of Daleswatch is devoted to two key economic issues affecting the Dales:

- **The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) emphasises the need for 'viability' of plans and planning applications. What impact could this have?**
- **How can local communities seek to improve their economic prospects?**

The Viability Issue

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states that Councils must ensure that their plans are deliverable and pay 'careful attention' to viability and costs in plan making, and in their decisions on planning applications:

The sites and the scale of development identified in the plan should not be subject to such a scale of obligations and policy burdens that their ability to be developed viably is threatened.

At first, the planning trade press merely noted this as part of the Government's focus on economic issues, but more recently some real concerns have emerged.

One of the 'obligations and policy burdens' referred to in the NPPF is the provision of affordable housing. With a moribund housing market and little prospect of improvement, local authorities – and the National Park in particular – can expect very strong pressure from developers to relax their existing policies.

The viability issue has also emerged in relation to the latest wind farm application at Brightenber. Here, the Planning Department has declined to require the applicant to submit information on wind speeds from the on-site wind gauge, rather than using national average figures to calculate the likely amount of energy it will generate.

The reason given is that viability is an issue for the applicant, not the planning authority. We disagree. The issue here is not viability, but what economic benefit will be gained. We suspect that the applicant is exaggerating the amount of energy that will be generated, and hence the economic benefit.

Settle Regeneration Project

In January 2012 the Settle Area Regeneration Team (START) commissioned the Settle Regeneration study. The YDS contributed towards the cost of the study. It has been based on surveys of residents, visitors and businesses as well as desktop research, and is intended to provide evidence on the prospects for the local economy.

Three key issues have emerged:

- *The need to stop quarry lorries going through the town centre;*
- *Improving the look of the market place; and*
- *The need to review (and reduce, in some way) parking charges.*

There is no simple, easy or complete answer to any of these issues, but they all boil down to the same thing: make Settle more attractive. In hard times this is a theme that all the Dales communities, and their local authorities, need to focus on.

Hugh Thornton, Policy Chairman



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BRINGING A REMOTE FIELD BARN BACK TO LIFE

Andy Singleton, director of Ecovril, YDS Business Member, and sensitive to the beauty of the Dales, spent three years tussling with the National Park planning system. Endless patience, deep pockets and unbelievable tenacity are essential, he advises, and ultimately in his case, a successful conclusion. For those still undeterred: up to six different planners were involved here, while expensive ecological, structural, archaeological, bat, newt, badger, hydrology and tree reports were needed before restoration work as well as feasibility reports for potential hydro schemes.



The Derelict Barn

The case of the redundant barn

Someone on an average wage today, who needs to live and work in the Dales, has little chance of buying land, or gaining equity in any building in the Dales. With often few 'affordable' homes or opportunities to develop new businesses, yet thousands of redundant barns crumble away, while the young continue to leave and services are as a result, frequently brought in from outside the Park.

But without the support of his employer, Martin Vallance, Karl, the gamekeeper of Arkleside Moor would not be able to continue to live in the Dales. He was given notice by the owner of the farmhouse he had rented for several years, and there were no opportunities for him to purchase a home within reach of the Moor anywhere near his budget.

Luckily as a fourth generation farmer of his dale, he owned a small field on which stood the four walls of a long abandoned and roofless barn. The seed of an idea that perhaps this could be restored and converted into a home developed into a long campaign which included appearances on BBC TV *Countryfile*, press articles and mention on *Farming Today*.

The barn's remote location meant that planning policy would need to be convinced of exceptional circumstances. Maria Ferguson from George F White managed to make the case for these exceptional circumstances and I myself and Chau Lee adapted original plans produced by Chris Walker to include renewable energy and green building features.

After a long delay and speaking to a number of planners, there was a sliver of hope. It was gratifying later to obtain planning permission not only for the barn's restoration and conversion, but also for the construction of a hydro wheel in the River Cover. This we achieved without any initial support and in the light of advice that it was outside the Park's policy.

Solar panels would have been inappropriate visually in this case as the south facing roof was the most visible one from across the valley. On the hidden side of the roof, they would have been uneconomic. Wind power was too costly, intrusive in appearance and unreliable for an off grid dwelling, but we did see an opportunity in the river.

Sadly, subsequently we found it impossible to make a persuasive enough economic case for the hydro system as the barn was designed with a minimal demand for electricity and a grid connection, which when added to the cost of the hydro power scheme, would have taken many years to recoup.

Ecological features

However, we did come up with a system which would work by borrowing water from the river and delivering it over a wheel in an existing depression in the field on the river bank. Our own feasibility study showed that a small scheme using a 1.5m waterwheel feeding batteries was technically possible.



The Barn, Rebuilt as a House

We learnt enough from this process to be able to make a very good case for other schemes where river flow and head can be found near to a grid connection and excess power can be sold to the grid or where more than one home or a commercial user could share the cost of the infrastructure. As electricity costs inevitably soar in the coming years, I am sure these schemes will be revisited. At the time of writing there is still a feed-in tariff payment available for hydroelectricity, but this can no longer be depended upon.

As designers of this system we were very disappointed that the owners decided not to go ahead with the hydro scheme, as we saw it as an opportunity to demonstrate that a low cost hydroelectric generation scheme could be built where there is a small amount of head and flow which would easily provide sufficient electricity for a small dwelling when either on or off the national grid.

The restoration of the building shell enabled us to introduce huge amounts of wall, floor and roof insulation. The glazing is gas-filled and designed to the highest possible thermal efficiency, the heating system is solid fuel including wood burning, and includes central heating, cooking, kettle boiling and clothes drying. The incoming water supply is from a nearby spring and the drainage leads to an air-blown treatment plant. So it should prove to be a very efficient and cheap dwelling to live in.

Originally a derelict shell

The structure was originally in a very precarious condition with the walls collapsing from the top. The gable walls also had long cracks running up to the top and there were large holes in the inner skin where floor, roof timbers and inner lintels had rotted away. There was no sign of the roof, and the barn footprint was relatively small. We included a 'lean-to' porch extension to the rear and re-used all the existing window and door apertures without alteration. A lot of time was spent in the careful restoration of the building shell using local stone mason John Bennett with help from Geoff Yarrow and others.

- Visually, the high standard of workmanship carried out during construction and the sympathetic design means the landscape is enhanced, not harmed by its restoration.
- A major concern is that remote dales barns, particularly those in Upper Wharfedale, Coverdale, Wensleydale and Swaledale are an intrinsic part of the landscape and that conversion and alteration will spoil the view. I hope we have shown that this is not inevitable and that the inclusion of renewable energy and green building techniques, combined with traditional building methods, can unite to preserve not only these buildings, but the landscape and the local economy.

Andy Singleton

Expected YDS visit April 6th 2013 to the rebuilt barn.

TEXTILE INDUSTRY IN THE NORTHERN DALES

A community group has formed to research Swaledale's textile heritage, with Cath Calvert at Hazel Brow Farm as its moving force.

The industrialisation of the 18th century often seems far away from our small rural villages, although we hear of families producing wealth from hosiery centuries ago, and some historians suspect that it was money from trade in wool and woollens that built the substantial stone houses still standing in our Dales today.

Certainly Low Row, translated from the Norse 'Law Row' meaning 'a nook' was a centre for hosiery. Families such as the Fryers, Parkes and Knowles owned land and property, which was built to house their textile workers. The 1841 census shows 35 people with occupations related to textile manufacture all close to a 'nook' near Hatters Syke, to the west of the existing village.

On the map of 1708, a copy is available in the Swaledale Museum in Reeth, the area is shown as four distinct settlements: - Blades, Feetham, Smarber and Low Row so maybe the long linear village of today was once a nook and a hive of activity!

We've recently discovered that the 'goat' running across Low Row bottoms is actually a goit, (a Yorkshire/Lancashire term for a small artificial channel carrying water – usually used with respect to channels built to feed mills). So what other connections do we have with the communities who carried the textile industry forward into the 19th and 20th centuries?

It appears there were two distinct types of sheep in the dale: firstly the Teeswater (Mug) and Wensleydale sheep descended from white faced hornless sheep. Secondly the Swaledale and Dalesbred descending from smaller blackfaced, hardier horned sheep. The earliest mention of a Teeswater or 'Mug' tup is in 1766 when Joseph Clarkson of Satron had one Mug tup valued at one and one shilling. The first Wensleydale Tup, bred by a Mr Outhwaite in 1839 was called 'Blue Cap' and was the result of a cross between a Robert Bakewell Leicester Ewe and a 'Mug' (Teeswater) Tup.

Our interest in textiles and the woolly history of the Northern Dales has led to the acquisition of some interesting wool and fibre producing animals at Hazel Brow, from Alpacas to Angoras with Teeswater sheep next on the list.

If you're interested in helping research or joining the group or would like to be kept informed, contact Cath on 01748 886224, email woollyheritage@gmail.com or call in at the Visitor Centre at Low Row. Hazel Brow is a working farm which welcomes visitors, see website www.hazelbrow.co.uk for further information on times and days.

Cath Calvert



NEW YORKSHIRE DALES SOCIETY BUSINESS MEMBERS AUTUMN 2012

Tudor House Bed and Breakfast

This B&B sited in Bell Busk, near Malham, has been established for over 30 years, building up and enhancing its reputation as a four star guest house. Substantial refurbishment last year ensures a high standard of comfort, with a very warm welcome. Easy access to many scenic features and interesting sights. www.malhamdalehotels.co.uk

Dolphin Mobility Yorkshire

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Briggs Bros (Silsden) Ltd

With over a 100 years of experience, Briggs, colour printers is a well established commercial litho printer, based in the Aire valley between Skipton and Keighley. Over the years, this experienced firm which currently produces the YDS Review, has become noted for its creative colour printing and its environmental concerns. www.briggsbros.co.uk

Dallowgill Estate

Principally a sporting estate, with grouse shooting on its 8000 acre moor and pheasant shooting in two nearby valleys, Dallowgill estate sees sustainable management and nature conservation of its moorland and woodland as an integral part of its business model. Visitors can be accommodated in a very comfortable guest-house/b&b www.moorhousebnb.co.uk

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NEW HONORARY MEMBER



New Hon Member – Bernard Peel

Congratulations to Bernard Peel elected as our latest YDS Honorary Member at the AGM in Gargrave in July. Bernard has served the Yorkshire Dales Society for 4½ years as a volunteer, regularly on Thursdays under our previous YDS administrator Anne Webster, and with the current administrator Ann Shadrake. This role proved invaluable, in ensuring the hand-over period was trouble-free, giving our new administrator much help and support. Bernard continues to look after the tricky system of direct debits, and additional membership matters. Born in Shipley, West Yorkshire, Bernard worked as a civil servant before his retirement, in Leeds and Blackpool in government departments concerned with health and social security. An enthusiastic Dales rambler, his other interests are history, reading and music.

By the Reckoning of the Eye

Sarah Smout is a young graduate who writes poetry and prose. She has a deep love of the Yorkshire Dales and a strong interest in dialect.

She wakes with the light,
sometimes before. Her slight shadow
barely touches the wall.

He's out there, turning the earth,
cracked new on the season's watch,
darkened veins in the twilight.

She tends the stirks.
Bright-eyed, they cannon
onto fields long without borders.

He's sinking posts into the ground,
strong, sturdy for the new year.
But only walls belong.

She watches him put the latch
down on the shippon,
she hangs on the doorstep-

"By t' rack o' t'ee,
I'd say tha were 'alf shot" -

He lifts his head,
sits by the stove.

What's for sup?"

His shadow fills the room.

Sarah Smout

KEN WILLSON AWARD WINNER FOCUSES ON YOUNG PEOPLE

The Yorkshire Dales Society and the Craven Branch of CPRE have awarded £500 to Joe Lord (24) of Settle, for his 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 Joe Lord win this award for the amazing work he does with young people to enable them to have a voice and be heard, and to take positive action to carry out their own projects.

Joe is currently working with young people to write guidelines for local authorities, MPs and other organisations to follow when consulting and working with young people. He is also re-publishing an out of print book of Yorkshire dialect poetry by celebrated poet Tom Twistleton, with profits to the Folly Museum in Settle.

On receiving his Award at the Yorkshire Dales Society's AGM, Joe said: *I am honoured and delighted to be this year's Ken Willson Award recipient. I am going to use the £500 award to kick-start a fund for young people to spend on projects they want to see happen in Yorkshire. The profits from a new book of young people's writing, with contributions from celebrities, will also go towards this fund.*



Photo shows Joe Lord (left), Ken Willson Award Winner 2012, receiving his Award from Sita Brand (centre), Award Nominator and YDS Council Member, and Colin Speakman (right) Chair Yorkshire Dales Society, at the Society's AGM on Saturday 7 July 2012.

WALK INN WALKS

Three fantastic guided walks with fabulous food, led by Colin Speakman, YDS Chairman, arranged in partnership with Individual Inns, YDS Business Member. Enjoy the warming comforts of two well regarded Dales Inns, and make new friends along the way. Cost only **£13.99** per person includes a delicious bacon butty and tea/coffee before setting off on the scenic walks AND a hot meal on return e.g. fish & chips, hot pot & peas, again with tea/coffee.

Individual Inns will donate **£1** to the Society for every walker who attends. Well behaved dogs on a lead are welcome.

Meet at 10:30 am for walk starting 11:00 am.

Friday 5 October **• SORRY, NOW FULLY BOOKED •** Walk Inn: The Dales Way Link

The sustainable route begins with the train journey from Ilkley station to Burley in Wharfedale and walk back along the Dales Way, taking in the spectacular views from the Cow and Calf Rocks on Ilkley Moor. Four miles but one steep climb and rocky moorland. Part of Ilkley Literature Festival, booking essential, via their website at www.ilkleyliteraturefestival.org.uk

Friday 9 November Walk Inn: High Austby and Middleton Woods

The second in our series of easy, high comfort-factor walks, in partnership with Individual Inns.

Meet 10:30 am for bacon butty/hot drink at Wheatley Arms, Wheatley Lane, Ben Rhydding, LS29 8PP (free parking).

A favourite walk through the woods north of Ilkley using (frequent) trains into Ilkley, 4 miles of woodland paths but with two steep sections. Return in time for hot pub lunch (included). Frequent rail service Leeds/Bradford to Ben Rhydding – 5 minutes from Inn. Book via the Wheatley Arms info@wheatleyarms.co.uk

Friday 23 November Walk Inn: Thorpe-in-the-Hollow

Set off from the idyllic Fountaine Inn in the beautiful village of Linton, near Grassington (park with consideration on village roads), after a fortifying bacon butty/hot drink (meet 10:30 am.) Join Colin Speakman for a moderate walk (one climb but some rough moorland), taking in the hidden village of Thorpe. Return in time for hot pub lunch (included). Book via the Fountaine Inn **01756 752210** or email: info@fountaineinnatlinton.co.uk

Bus 72 from Skipton to Linton or 74 from Skipton to Linton Lane end.



AUTUMN EVENTS IN THE YORKSHIRE DALES 2012

All walks are free of charge to YDS members unless otherwise indicated. Boots and warm waterproof outdoor clothing on all walks essential. Bring drink and refreshment. Visit the YDS website for full details of all events. Post your photos and comments on the website or on our Facebook page:- www.facebook.com/YorkshireDalesSociety



Saturday 6 October

Walk: The Drummer's Boy of Richmond

Long standing member of YDS and local history expert Andrew Hamilton will lead an easy walk around Richmond exploring the legend of the Drummer Boy, as commemorated in a local folk tale.

Meet 10:30 am at the main car park off Reeth Road, Richmond town centre. Bus from Darlington X26 d. Tubwell Row 0945 (then every 15 minutes).

Saturday 6 October

Talk : The Premonstratensians of Easby Abbey

Jane Hatcher, noted local architectural historian, will describe the daily lives and religious practices of the White Canons of Easby Abbey.

Meet 14:15 at Richmond Town Hall. Parking as before. Cost to YDS Members £3/Non Members £5. Hot drink/biscuit included.

Saturday 10 November

Walk: Kirkby Lonsdale and the Lune valley

Join YDS Council and Business Member Dr Tony Smith for an easy and informative walk around this historic northern Dales market town, visiting Devil's Bridge and the River Lune, and other scenic landmarks.

Meet at the Village Institute, New Road, Kirkby Lonsdale, LA6 2BG at 10:30 am. Pay and Display Parking. Bus 581 d. Settle 0930 (connection from Skipton.)

Saturday 10 November

Talk : The Building of Devil's Bridge

Join David Smail for his illuminating talk (using traditional slides) on the fascinating story of how the beautiful and historic three span Devil's Bridge, a Scheduled Ancient Monument and "one of the finest medieval bridges in England" was built.

Meet at the Village Institute, New Road, Kirkby Lonsdale, LA6 2BG at 14:15. Cost to YDS Members £3/Non Members £5. Hot drink/biscuit included. Parking and Display Parking. Bus 581 as before.

Saturday 1 December

Walk: Railway Ghosts

Chris Hartley, YDS Council Member, will lead a walk along a section of the dismantled/lost Railway between Burley and Arthington. Easy walk through fields and on a stretch of the dismantled railway (one short section along the A65).

Meet 10:30 am. at Kirklands Community Centre, 119 Main Street, Menston, LS29 6HT. Limited parking at Kirklands, also some parking Methodist Church. Wharfedale Line train d. Leeds 1002, Bradford FS 0946 to Menston.

Saturday 1 December

Talk: Lost Railway Lines (Burley to Arthington)

Discover more about the fascinating story of this former West Yorkshire line, which opened in August 1865 and closed nearly 100 years later.

Professor Mike Dixon, well known to YDS members, will speak at **Menston Methodist Church Hall, starting at 14:15.** Cost to YDS Members £3/Non Members £5. Hot drink/biscuit included. Limited parking. Train info as before.

Saturday 5 January

Walk: A walk through Skipton Woods

Regular office volunteer Bernard Peel will brush off his walking boots to lead this cracking walk around the beautiful and ancient Skipton Woods, under the Castle walls and along the historic Springs Branch of the Leeds Liverpool Canal. Walk back across the fields for panoramic views of Skipton. Easy walking, one steep ascent.

Meet 10:30 am. at Freddie Trueman Statue, Canal Basin, Skipton, BD23 1LQ. Pay & Display Parking. Train Airedale Line d. Leeds 0926; Bus X84 d. Ilkley 0910.

Saturday 5 January

Talk: The Making of the Leeds Liverpool Canal

David Calverley, YDS Member, will describe how the rivalries between the textile industries of Yorkshire and Lancashire, and opposition to the Canal itself threw up continual challenges to the construction of the Leeds Liverpool Canal.

Starts 14:15. Meet at St Andrew's Church Hall, Newmarket Street, Skipton, BD23 2JE. Limited free parking at the Hall. Train: Airedale Line d. Leeds 1256.

REMINDER:

The Settle Storytelling Festival runs from 11th October to 14th 2012.

Check website for details
www.settlestories.org.uk



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Plumpton Rocks, near Harrogate, listed historic garden.

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