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A POSITIVE YEAR READY TO EMBRACE CHANGE

It was an AGM like no other, with a delightful musical impromptu from Yorkshire Dales Society member and musicologist Judy Blezzard, on a beautiful July afternoon in Long Preston Village Hall, and an amazing finale, with a presentation to Colin and Fleur Speakman of a superb floral arrangement in white and gold for the couple's Golden Wedding Anniversary, plus two excellent bottles of wine; an appreciation of their many years of service for the Yorkshire Dales Society. The Chairman's highly enjoyable morning walk took full advantage of the scenic beauties of the local landscape and was complemented by the post AGM lecture by David Vose of Natural England who presented some absorbing material on the potential boundary extensions to the Dales and the Lakes National Parks. Some excellent pertinent questions afterwards showed the calibre and breadth of our Yorkshire Dales Society membership. (It is hoped that the results of the recent Public Inquiry on the Boundary extensions may be known in the autumn.) In the evening we had some special entertainment from The Moonbeams, (YDS Affiliated Members), a folk group of talented musicians led by singer Jon Avison, now a full YDS member, and newly elected for the YDS Council of Management. This is a tremendous coup for the Society as Jon was a former Deputy Chief Executive of the Yorkshire Dales National Park, and we are delighted he has decided to join us. In addition, Jon's Dales songs made a wonderful coda to the whole day.

We have been particularly fortunate with our growing band of office volunteers (some with specialist skills), to add to the dedicated core team in the YDS office. Ann Shadrake, our Administrator, in two and half years, has already put her stamp on a very efficient YDS office and the extra office help has enabled her to focus her creative energies in ways of great benefit to the Yorkshire Dales Society, including the Society's very informative website. Our Business Membership has increased splendidly to 45 and we also have a new category of Affiliate membership; several Business Members have contributed and continue to contribute some very informative articles to the Yorkshire Dales Review. Others who sit on the YDS Council of Management have helped the Society towards newer perspectives.

DalesBus, master-minded by the Society's Dales and Bowland CIC (Community Interest Company), run by a dedicated band of volunteers, has continued to show an incredible rise in rider-ship in difficult economic circumstances, with a network of buses heading into the Dales. The scheme is much admired by other UK National Parks. The organisation is now short-listed for a national award by Transport Times in competition with such giants as Transport for London!

Andy Holden of Hellifield, whose photos have featured on some of our YDS Review covers (including the current issue), achieved the notable accolade of being chosen as a finalist in the BBC Countryfile Calendar for 2013 with his delightful photo "One Stoat". YDS Business Member, Bob Marchant, the current

President of Skipton Craven Rotary Club, has nominated the Yorkshire Dales Society as one of the charities that will benefit this year from the Rotary Club's fund-raising efforts – and the Yorkshire Dales Society is most appreciative.

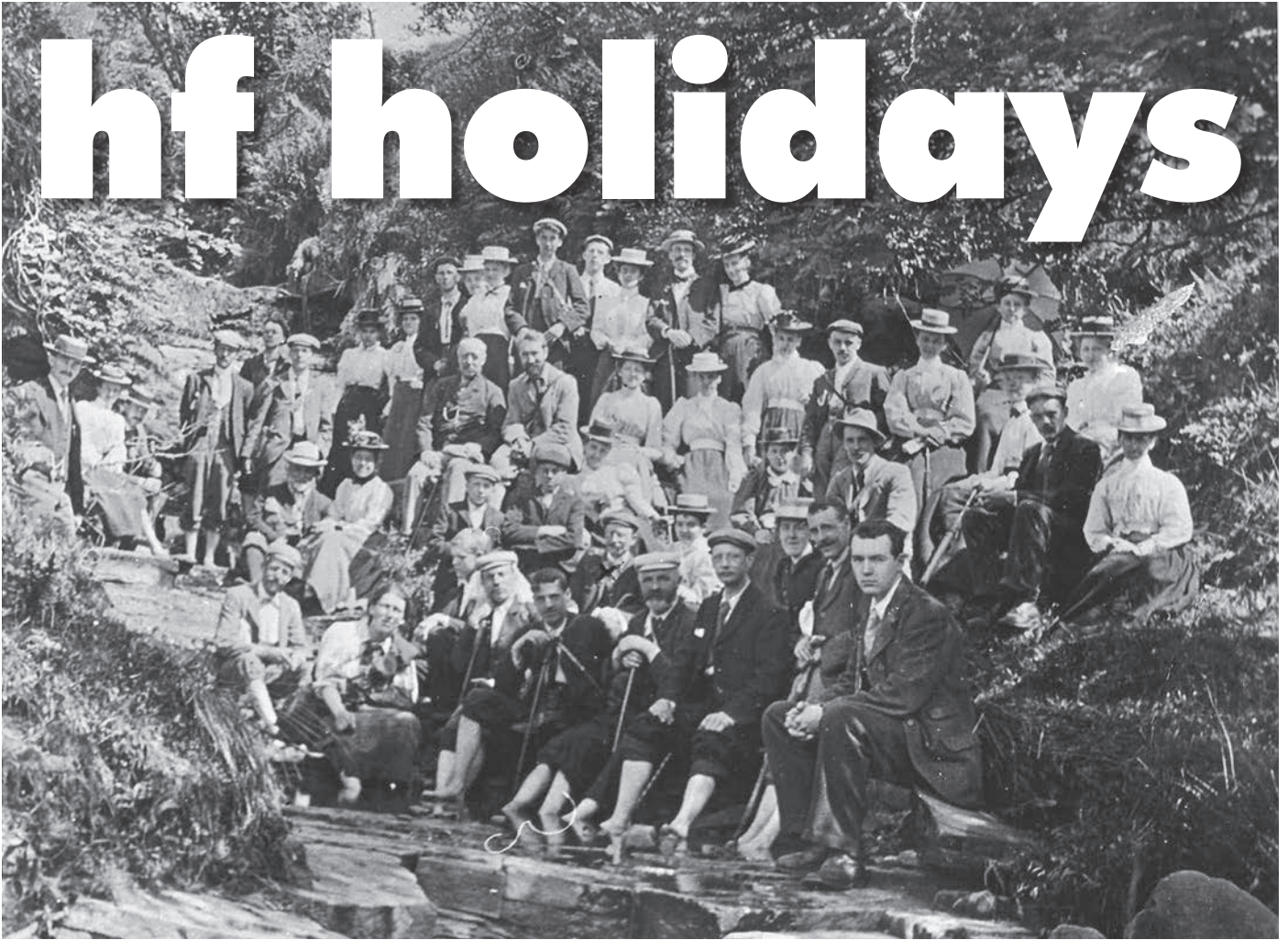
Our particularly warm congratulations go to Yorkshire Dales Society Council Member Peter Charlesworth (a retired judge), on his election as Chairman to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, the first Chairman who is a nationally-appointed member rather than a local councillor.

Colin Speakman, whose enormous contribution to the Society over 32 years is indicated (see page 13), retired as Chairman at the AGM, with tributes at the event from Chris Wright, Jon Beavan and Ann Shadrake, and became a Society Vice President. Norman Wordsworth, a former YDS Council Member and stalwart of the Policy Committee with strong links to the CPRE, became an Honorary Member. Malcolm Petyt, with a splendid track record of service to the Society, has become interim Chairman, and Council and Business Member John Beavan, Director of the Dalesbridge Outdoor Centre, has become Vice Chairman. The Council has still one or two positions to fill, but is keen to ensure that the high standards of service set previously will be maintained by taking a little extra time to make such important decisions.

A very positive year! The Yorkshire Dales Society is not afraid to embrace change, continuing to go from strength to strength.

Fleur Speakman

hf holidays



An early CHA photo of walkers with TA Leonard in the centre of the party in Swaledale

CELEBRATING A 100 YEARS OF HOLIDAYMAKING IN YORKSHIRE

Chris Flecknoe, an HF leader for the past ten years, who lives in Baildon, describes an organisation owned by its membership from its earliest days.

HF Holidays (formerly known as Holiday Fellowship) introduced the joys of walking in Yorkshire to many thousands of holidaymakers from other parts of the United Kingdom and abroad. This year HF Holidays is celebrating its centenary and continues to bring holidaymakers to stay at its centres in the Yorkshire Dales and on the North Yorkshire coast.

The Early Days Holiday Fellowship's founder, T A Leonard, was the Minister of the Congregational Church in Colne, situated on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales, where the

inhabitants were mostly hard-working mill folk. When the Wakes Week came round each year, there was a general exodus by train to Blackpool or Morecambe. However, Leonard was not in favour of such holidays: *This kind of holiday leads to thoughtless spending of money, inane types of amusement, and unhealthy overcrowding in lodging houses ... and produces permanent ill effects on character.* Leonard wanted to provide working people with the opportunity to enjoy the delights of the countryside, so he formed a rambling club in Colne which took its first HF style holiday in Ambleside in 1891. Such holidays became an annual event. As Leonard declared: *In those days, we were content with very primitive arrangements, so long as they gave us the joy and freedom of the open fells.*

In 1897 his endeavours led to the formation of a small company called the Co-operative Holiday Association – later widely known as CHA. Such was the success that Leonard resigned from his ministerial duties to become the full-time General Secretary, based at the first holiday property that CHA ever acquired, the Abbey House at Whitby. CHA soon opened a second holiday centre in Yorkshire - at Keld in Swaledale in 1899. The Keld centre only lasted three years. Known as a *spartan* centre, it cost eighteen shillings per week. Water came from the village spring and there was no electricity. The only way of reaching it was to walk from Hawes railway station, some eight miles, over the Buttertubs Pass at 1,600 feet!

With the goodwill and generous help of the CHA, Leonard and a few friends created the Holiday Fellowship in 1913. One of its first holiday centres was at Ingleton. Leonard wanted his new holiday organisation to be owned and governed by its members – as HF Holidays is to this day. Initially Holiday Fellowship was set up as an Industrial and Provident Society. Nowadays HF Holidays is the only holiday company which is registered as a co-operative and has more than 33,000 members. Leonard was also keen to promote equality: women were able to enjoy holidays on an equal basis with the opposite sex. Staff at the holiday centres were treated with respect rather than as servants. Leonard also wanted to promote internationalism through Holiday Fellowship. In its very first year of operation he arranged a holiday to Germany, unwittingly shortly before the start of World War I. Two members, in spite of warnings, decided to extend their stay and were interned for the duration!

Award Winning Holidays Today, over 50,000 people per year take holidays with HF Holidays – not only in Yorkshire, but at its 19 Country Houses in some of the best walking areas across the UK, in Europe and even worldwide. This year the company received the *Best Large Tour Operator* award in the *Guardian and Observer Travel Awards* for the third year running, scoring an amazing 98% for customer satisfaction and has also taken the title of *Best Large Short-break Operator*, with a fantastic 97.9% score. HF Holidays has also been named by Which?, the consumer champion, as one of its *Recommended Providers* for holidays; one of only five operators receiving this accolade.

Currently, HF Holidays has three permanent centres in Yorkshire: Newfield Hall at Airton, Malhamdale; Thorns Hall at Sedbergh; and Larpool Hall at Whitby; all offering walking and activity-based holidays. There is also a wide choice of alternative activity holidays. The Country Houses now provide very comfortable accommodation and have a well-earned reputation for excellent food: quite a change from accommodation in single sex



Group of today's HF Walkers near Malham Cove

dormitories and the requirement for guests to make their own beds, acceptable in earlier days. After a century of changes, the ethos at the heart of HF Holidays is still the same as in 1913 - beautiful locations, great leaders and pleasant sociable evenings with congenial company. In addition to centre-based guided walking, HF Holidays also offers guided trail walks through Yorkshire on long distance footpaths such as The Dales Way, the Coast to Coast, and Christmas and New Year breaks.

There is a delightful anecdote about a certain walk leader in the 1930s who would fuel himself the evening before tough mountain excursions with nothing but bowls of rice pudding, and would often amaze the guests with his speed and energy! But with today's carefully graded walks, and walk leaders trained to a high standard of responsibility, there is absolutely no need for concern. Remarkably for a company of its size, walk leaders continue to be recruited as volunteers, all of them inspired to share their love and knowledge of the countryside with the holiday guests. Yorkshire continues to be one of the most popular counties with HF guests who come to enjoy the magnificent scenery, locally sourced food and fascinating history. HF is also keen to form partnerships with other national and local organisations who share in their love of the countryside. Contact details are available below.

Chris Flecknoe

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arrange locally through House Manager at Newfield Hall 01729 830 235.

YORKSHIRE DALES SOCIETY TO BENEFIT FROM SKIPTON CRAVEN ROTARY CLUB



The Rotary Club of Skipton Craven and its President, Bob Marchant, are delighted to announce that the Yorkshire Dales Society will be one of its preferred charities for the Rotary year 2013-14. The Club will continue its long term support for both Manorlands (Sue Ryder) and Martin House Children's Hospice, but will this year also support the work of the Yorkshire Dales Society. The Club celebrated its Silver Jubilee last year and, in the course of its 25 years, has raised over a quarter of a million pounds which has been distributed to both local and international good causes. The Club has a varied and active fund raising programme which includes numerous collections at local retailers such as Tesco and Morrisons, the Santa Sleigh collections around Skipton in December, their "Roll-A-Penny" stall which makes appearances at various venues as well as the Dickensian Festival in Grassington, and of course the Santa Fun Run, which last year attracted in the region of 1000 participants.

As well as the two long term partners mentioned above, others who have recently benefited from help from the Club include: Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue Association, Yorkshire Cancer Care, MacMillan Nurses, Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Citizens Advice Bureau, Hearing Dogs for the Deaf and Brooklands Community Special School. The Club looks forward to a fun and interesting year working with YDS and hopes it can make a real difference to the work the Society is able to do.



Chris Wright from the YDS, who gave a splendid presentation to the Skipton Craven Rotary Club in July, shaking hands with their President Bob Marchant

Bell Busk Station and the Victorian Mill Workers' outing to the Dales



A Yorkshire Dales Society walk in June from Gargrave to Bell Busk and Malham was a partial recreation of a historic Victorian works' outing provided by mill owner and philanthropist Titus Salt in August 1849, (he was later knighted in 1869 becoming Sir Titus). The outing took place at quite an early stage in railway history. Tudor Cottage guest house, formerly Bell Busk station, is the property of a Yorkshire Dales Society Business member. Owned by Bob and Sheila Marchant, who have researched the history of the station, they provided a transcript of a very interesting contemporary article in the Bradford Observer on which this article is based. Photos part of the Bob Marchant Collection.

Bell Busk railway station, hardly even a hamlet, was opened as an intermediate station between Skipton and Ingletton in 1849 by the "Little" North Western Railway which subsequently became part of the through route between West Yorkshire, Lancaster and Morecambe. It served the village of Malham five miles away and the surrounding countryside, becoming both a popular tourist destination and a speedy way of sending livestock to the markets of Skipton and Leeds. Though the station closed in 1959, the line continues to this day as part of the busy freight and passenger route between Leeds and Carlisle as well as Morecambe.



On Saturday 23rd August 1849 over 2000 workers: a constant stream of factory lasses and their sweethearts, dressed in their holiday best were given the opportunity to travel from Bradford into the glorious scenery of Craven. A typical wet start failed to dampen the spirits as crowds set off for the railway station. Carriage upon carriage was added to the already Monster Train, and still an anxious crowd was collected on the platform looking in vain for seats. Eventually a second train was formed, and gradually the mass of human beings was absorbed in one or the other. Four bands of music attended, which played lively airs at intervals preceding the starting of the trains, and triumphal ones as the gay company passed the chief stations of the line. Titus Salt himself with a party of friends and his eldest son sat in a first class carriage at the front of the first train, consisting now of 41 carriages pulled by two engines. A huge crowd of people were there to wave off the trains which set off promptly at one o'clock. The first train reached Bell Busk at quarter past two, the other with its 27 carriages not too long afterwards.

The enormous crowd then gradually spread themselves out in different directions all on pleasure bent. Fortunately for all concerned: each person carried a little basket, containing material for refreshment: a necessary precaution, for in such a place such a company would have made a famine in half an hour. (There were no such problems for our much smaller YDS/Friends of Dalesrail contingent who were served some excellent refreshments in the

Full steam ahead in the fifties!

delightful garden of the present guest house, generously provided by the owners.)

Part of the company only went forward to Malham – the majority were probably deterred by the distance. Those who did go, notwithstanding some severe storms of rain, which considerably dampened the pleasure, were amply repaid for their labour. The chief point of attraction here was Gordale Scar, and about five o'clock some two or three hundred persons of both sexes had reached that wonderful Valley of the Rocks...The young people were evidently struck with the solemn grandeur and terrific sublimity of the spot; truly it was such a sight as few of them had ever seen before.

The whole excursion undoubtedly gave tremendous pleasure to everyone concerned. Probably no one grudged Mr Titus Salt and his party the sumptuous tea provided by the landlord of the Roebuck Inn at Malham. The first train departed just before 8 o'clock, but the second had to wait till 9 o'clock, presumably on account of various stragglers. On its return, the band led the way through the station, and then through the streets, playing *God Save the Queen*.



Livestock and freight unloaded in earlier days

The warmest thanks were expressed to Mr Titus Salt and an address was presented to him, signed by all the foremen on behalf of the workforce. The article does not neglect to praise the railway authorities for: *the excellent arrangements and admirable discipline [and how] every exertion had been made to provide ample accommodation for*

the company, which far exceeded the anticipated number.

Our own "Grand Day out in the Dales" was also an unqualified success, with warm thanks extended to our YDS walk leader and our hosts at the Tudor House.

Sir Titus Salt built a show-piece village at Saltaire, now a World Heritage site, to improve the conditions his workers lived in.



CHRISTMAS MEMBERSHIP

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Sarah Howcroft and the Rohan® Phenomenon



How one of our recent YDS Business Members turned a small-scale business based in the Yorkshire Dales into an enormously successful company.

Just over 40 years ago Sarah and Paul Howcroft decided to produce garments for outdoor wear. As keen walkers and mountaineers in the 1970s, they soon realised that, apart from some specialist ski-wear, there was little other specialist clothing available. A move to Skipton in 1972, nearer to some excellent walking country, was to lead to an attempt to decide what specifications were needed for a particular garment, literally at the kitchen table. They took their ideas regarding a stretchy fabric to a Leeds garment manufacturer and in 1976 their first black Salopette, designed for mountaineering, was created. After testing, as they insisted on quality of a very high standard, their success was followed by the introduction of their Pampas jacket, then high stretch climbing/walking breeches, and some wind and shower-proof breeches. Sarah stated:

Whilst we designed the garments in our own home and made the first samples, all the production was done in Leeds, with its expertise in clothing manufacture.

The couple had had no experience in design technology or even a scientific background

as regards textiles, though Sarah had run a business in the "rag trade". Their samples were sold initially to friends, and to other walkers and climbers. 1978 proved to be a breakthrough year when the Austrian climber Peter Habeler wore their Rohan Windlord fabric, claimed to be the first ice-proof, windproof and breathable fabric, during his daring ascent of Everest without oxygen.

They had soon realised that their innovative ideas meant that they needed to develop the fabric prior to the garments. By 1980 their lightweight travel pants (Rohan Bags made from Airlight fabric) would sell over 1 million pairs in 30 years. This was something new: light-weight easy-care garments also became equally popular as leisure wear in the 70s, 80s and early 90s. Initially Rohan garments were sold through a small number of retailers, but this proved to be inadequate. The Howcrofts moved from Skipton to The Old School House at Airton while a massive demand for their garments continued. In 1981 they decided to capitalise on their success by starting the first mail order business for such garments, at their Long Preston outlet. Problems arose as their small group of outdoor retailers now refused to stock their merchandise.

However, as the huge growth continued throughout the 80s, they were advised to float the company on the stock market; a costly undertaking, which it was claimed, would ease their cash-flow problems. Catastrophe struck the day before Rohan was due to float, with the stock market crash on Black Monday. Their banks became increasingly nervous and in 1988 their only option was to sell to C&J Clarks who took a controlling interest in Rohan Designs. The period that followed was not very successful. Paul was to die tragically in a motor cycle accident in 1993, while Sarah distanced herself from Rohan for a time, concentrating on the website and sustainability issues in the industry. Ever in

the vanguard with new trends, Sarah then approached Clarks about using social media and was given a very positive response, leading to the birth of www.rohantime.com

Rohan's original retail outlet in Long Preston was in a key geographical position en route to the Dales and Lakes, but the booming business needed more space, unavailable in the Dales, and necessitated a move to a large industrial complex in Milton Keynes. A new store was also opened in London's Covent Garden. Today there are about 40 UK stores, with a number of others planned, and Rohan Designs is independent once again.

The colour palette of Rohan's garments was quite definitive; colours were mainly chosen that harmonised with the environment. This environmental concern underpins much of Sarah's thinking as co-founder of Rohan. Gift Your Gear is a way of making good use of walking and mountaineering garments no longer needed, such as old fleeces and walking jackets. These are loaned to organised groups of young people who would have some difficulty in providing their own clothing.

A keen walker and mountain biker, Sarah grows her own vegetables at home in Ireland and relaxes with yoga. Her only son Caius, who was born in Skipton, is a physicist and lives in the USA. Significantly, even the path of a highly successful business is not always smooth, and it is in no small measure a tribute to the drive, tenacity and vision of Sarah Howcroft herself, that Rohan today, after over 40 years trading, is such a successful name in outdoor clothing, and worn by so many people who come to enjoy and experience the Yorkshire Dales.

Fleur Speakman

UP TO DATE NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE YDS OFFICE

LEAVING A LEGACY

As we move into autumn, you might want to consider taking advantage of two schemes to encourage people to prepare a will, with the help of participating solicitors. Free Wills Month starts on 1 October 2013, and offers free will writing by participating solicitors for people over 55 years. Will Aid Month, which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, runs in November and is open to anyone. Check the YDS website for more information or contact me at the office. I've updated my own will this year, and after taking care of the needs of my loved ones, have made provision for supporting my own favourite charities. Please do remember the Society in your will if you possibly can as legacies are a very important way to support our charitable work into the future.

The Society has recently received a bequest of £1,000, from family executors handling the estate of Mr George Duckworth, who died in December 2012 aged 88 years. Mr Duckworth was a Cambridge graduate and gifted mathematician, and we understand he worked at Marconi on crucial radar projects during World War II. He was a member of the Yorkshire Dales Society for over 25 years, and gift-aided his subscription. We would like to pass on our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

MEMBERS FEEDBACK

If you enjoy using the internet, please do visit our website and Facebook page and offer feedback on any aspect of the Society's work, or email me direct at ann.shadrake@yds.org.uk. Many Members have done this over the last year and it's a fantastic way to get a quick response from us, as well as contributing ideas and suggestions. We tried out a feedback form at this year's AGM and got some very helpful pointers. For example, next year the Grand Départ of the Tour de France will take place in the Dales on 5 and 6 July – we normally hold the AGM that weekend so maybe a date later in the year would be better? Are there other ways we can improve the AGM to encourage even more Members to attend? We are also very keen to hear ideas about future events we could offer, especially if you know a good local speaker or interesting walk route to try out. The last full survey of Members' views was done by post in 2009, so the time is ripe to hear fresh ideas!

GIFT MEMBERSHIP FOR CHRISTMAS

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 Membership of the Yorkshire Dales Society. The

recipient will receive all the benefits of Membership. Gift Membership is at normal subscription rates, but runs for 15 months as a special offer. When renewal is due, we hope Gift Members will consider joining the Society in their own right. Please photocopy or cut out the form on page 7, or download it from the website or phone me for a form. Thank you to Members who have bought Gift Membership over the last year.

NEW AREAS UNDER NATIONAL PARK PROTECTION?

At the AGM we heard the very latest news from David Vose, Project Manager Lakes to Dales Landscape Project, about the National Park Boundary Extensions. David indicated that there might be a governmental decision in the autumn. If so, the area protected by the Yorkshire Dales National Parks could significantly extend (by nearly 25%) to include areas such as the Orton Fells; the northern Howgill Fells; Wild Boar Fell and Mallerstang; Barbon, Middleton, Casterton and Leck Fells; and the River Lune. Do you have contacts or knowledge of these landscapes and communities? Contacts and advice would be very welcome as the Society needs to plan how to use its limited resources to reach out to the northwest of the Dales. As soon as we hear the outcome, we will post the news on our website and Facebook pages.

Ann Shadrake, Administrator

Fleur and Colin at the AGM with presentation flowers, photo Ann Shadrake.



YORKSHIRE DALES SOCIETY: CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT



The Chairman, Colin Speakman, stated that the Society's first full year in the new Gargrave office had been an outstanding success, with Administrator Ann Shadrake making the office a strong focus for a great team of **Volunteers**. These include Bernard Peel, Simon Houstoun, John Hewitt, Gillian Roberts, Barbara Bradburn (office support); Barbara Livingston (walks helper), Graham Yule (IT), Sue Yule (proofing) and Martin Hall (graphic designer). Tony Smith, able chairman of the ECM committee (Events, Communication and Membership), is part of the team helping the Council deliver the ECM's excellent Business Strategy. As an educational charity, the YDS informs not only the membership but the wider public about a range of Dales issues, while helping people to **enjoy** and understand the Dales and appreciate the need to **protect** this unique area.



Setting off from Gargrave to Bell Busk led by Colin Speakman

This is achieved in various ways. First through an **excellent programme of visits and guided walks** which this year has ranged

from Aysgarth up to Kirkby Lonsdale. The Society also took a key role in both the Ride2Stride Festival in Ribblesdale and the YDMT Flowers of the Dales Festival.

Secondly, the Yorkshire Dales Society influences and educates through the highly respected **Yorkshire Dales Review** with some superb articles and great design; stylishly put together by Fleur Speakman, our dedicated editor.

The Society now has a splendid new **YDS website**, ably managed and constantly updated by Ann, with up to the minute news and information to wider newer audiences. Facebook pages, organised by Ann, are giving the Society the ability to communicate with new audiences, especially younger people.

Despite the longest and most severe economic recession since World War II, YDS membership has held up remarkably well. Significant numbers of new members, especially Business Members and Affiliates, have increased, with the Business Category totalling 39 at the end of the financial year; but now into the mid 40s. In the year just ended, the Society lost 6% of members, but gained 3%; a net loss of just 3% leading to a total of 1,236 paid up members.

Business Members are hugely important to us. The Yorkshire Dales Society was the first National Park Society to create this category. The Business Group has brought new blood into the organisation and has been a tremendous success. Five of the present Council are Business Members, bringing a fresh outlook and approach. In November Council held a "Ketso Strategy" brainstorming day at the Temple Arms, Elslack, organised by Council member Sita Brand, with some

younger non YDS members and others helping with new ideas for the Society's future.

The core work of the Society remains **Campaigning**. The Policy Committee, ably led by its Chairman Hugh Thornton, has, over the last few years, worked closely with Craven, Wensleydale and Richmondshire Branches of CPRE and as the "critical friend" of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and Nidderdale JAC. Some familiar themes have dominated over the last year – quarry traffic in Ribblesdale, where the YDS helped support an important new study about the negative environmental and economic impact of quarry traffic through Settle. Also constant vigilance to prevent the ever more pervasive spread of wind turbines on hills surrounding the National Park, (with a real victory at Chelker), and a sadly unsuccessful campaign to prevent the upgrading of the historic Cam High Road, that carries both the Pennine Way and Dales Way, into a huge new industrial track for 4x4 tonne timber wagons.

Key issues and concerns which underpin the well being and economic viability of the communities upon which the beauty of the Dales depends, include social housing and increasingly serious problems of youth unemployment with related housing and transport issues. Without living, vibrant communities, Dales villages will become solely the retreat of the elderly, retired and affluent second home owners, with literally no active younger people to maintain and care for the landscape we all cherish.

But the most important single issue this year has been the **proposed extensions of the Lakes and Dales National Parks**

into the Howgills, Mallerstang and Orton Fells. Hugh Thornton, Malcolm Petyt and Colin Speakman have been part of the Key Supporters Group with CNP and the Friends of the Lake District; Malcolm attending the recent Public Inquiry on the Society's behalf. (A post AGM Presentation by David Vose of Natural England gave more campaign developments and current details.)

Transport and sustainable forms of tourism are vital aspects of the economic regeneration of the Dales, and since 2007 the Yorkshire Dales Society has been the first National Park Society in the UK to have the courage and vision to set up a social enterprise company to do something about Sunday bus withdrawals. The Dales & Bowland Community Interest Company, which has recruited its own team of transport experts and volunteers (including many YDS members), has been an enormous success story. From humble beginnings, rescuing just one bus service in 2007, by summer 2013 they were managing a network of 12 fully integrated bus routes throughout the Dales. Financial support from the Society last year helped establish a new bus service in Swaledale from Darlington, and this year they have managed to attract new external funding as a result and also to develop a new bus service from deprived communities in East Lancashire to Settle through the Forest of Bowland. In 2012/13 Sunday DalesBus services carried a total of 45,000 passenger journeys, an increase on the previous year of around 13.5%. This huge success is probably **the single most significant achievement of the Society** in its 32 year history. Literally tens of thousands of people, including many young people, many people on low incomes or with a disability, unable to run a car, who would otherwise be totally denied the opportunity to visit and enjoy the Dales, are now enabled, purely because of the Society, to do so. It also gives local communities a valued Sunday bus service. But it also attracts people, especially walkers, prepared to park and ride or leave their cars at home, thereby reducing congestion and pollution, and also helping the Dales economy by bringing many more visitors and their vital spending power into the Dales. This summer the CIC produced two outstanding new publications to promote bus use, green tourism and walking in Wensleydale and Swaledale in the name of the Society and with its contact details. Few activities that we have ever undertaken have given us more credit in the eyes of Dales



Music from The Moonbeams after the AGM, photo Ann Shadrake.

people and businesses as well as visitors, nor wider publicity. DalesBus, D&BCIC and the Yorkshire Dales Society are now nationally known for this achievement; a model approach to leisure transport and sustainable access in a National Park and AONB which has the eye of Government: though inevitable funding cuts might mean taking difficult decisions.

All existing Council Members stood for re-election for 2013/14 with the exception of David Portlock, and Hugh and Rhona Thornton. The Chairman said he and the Council were very grateful for their contributions to the Society over the years and paid generous personal tribute. Hugh had been Vice Chairman of the Society for three years and an outstanding Chair of Policy Committee for a slightly longer period. They had both worked extremely closely and productively together on key policy issues, shared many ideas, experience and know-how, over a range of policy matters both within and outside the National Park.

Likewise, Rhona had been a meticulous and highly efficient Honorary Treasurer over the last four years and provided Ann Shadrake with constant support as her line manager, attending to many aspects of the Society's affairs, especially the key financial investments. David was also an exceptionally conscientious and efficient Company Secretary, meticulous in his attention to detail on all legal and administrative aspects of Council's work.

Finally the Chairman indicated that he took on the chairmanship of the Society solely for a three year period which had now expired. It was time to hand over to a younger, and hopefully more dynamic generation, at ease

with the latest developments in Information Technology and with the world of Business Strategies and Development Plans.

Malcolm Petyt, Vice President and a former Chairman, had agreed to be an Interim Chairman; Jon Beavan, nominated as Vice Chairman, and the Manager of Dalesbridge at Austwick, brought a good business brain to the Society's affairs. The key vacancies of Chairman, Treasurer and Company Secretary were an early priority for the new Council of Management.

The Chairman referred to 32 very happy and rewarding years as a key player in the Society, initially as its Founder Secretary, then for 26 years its paid part time Secretary; in later years sharing the role jointly with Fleur, then finally as the Society's Vice Chairman and finally Chairman. For him the Society had been about friendship, trust, and a shared love and enthusiasm for one of the loveliest places in England - a passion for the Dales landscape, history and people. Through the Yorkshire Dales Society he and Fleur had met and got to know some wonderful people. Concern for this special fragile environment, he believed deeply, was something that truly united the membership of the Yorkshire Dales Society.

Finally he asked members to give the Society's new Officers and Council of Management, when elected, their full support, so that they could take forward with vigour and energy the essential renewal process. He strongly believed that Ann Shadrake's role as Administrator would assist that process into developing, shaping and steering the Council to an ever more dynamic organisation in the decades ahead.

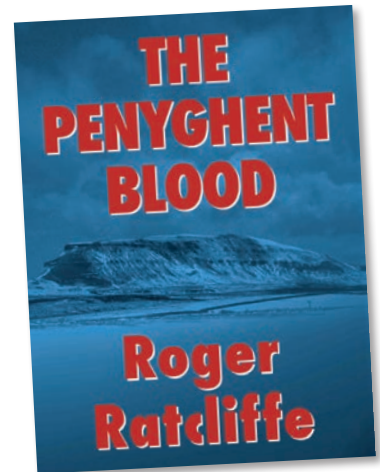
THE PENYGHENT BLOOD BY ROGER RATCLIFFE "A RIPPING GOOD YARN!"

By recommending an ebook with a fast-paced gripping tale to its members, the Yorkshire Dales Society is entering the twenty first century. Author Roger Ratcliffe is a highly respected free lance journalist and photographer with both a regional and national reputation, formerly Environmental Correspondent of the *Yorkshire Post*, and investigative journalist with the *Sunday Times* Insight Team and for *BBC Panorama*. He originally published his thriller in conventional book form in 1999 under the pseudonym Robert Kelder, but it was withdrawn from sale two years later. He writes: *In the emotional aftershock of 9/11, it would have been insensitive to sell a novel about a plot that was echoed by appalling real events in the USA. Anyone who reads the book will understand why this decision was reaffirmed after the 7/7 London bombings.* Roger has now chosen to re-publish *The Penyghent Blood* under his own

name in ebook format, with a few additions to the original text.

The Yorkshire landscape is a major player in *The Penyghent Blood*; readers will enjoy tracking the characters to many celebrated Dales landscapes and venues. The author knows his Dales intimately. His beautifully judged descriptions demonstrate that he has walked, climbed and enjoyed its glories in all weathers extensively over the years.

Alice Corvin, a feisty crime correspondent, works for the *Northern Enquirer*, owned by charismatic Sir Charles de Wolffe, a tycoon with extensive business interests who appears to have a link with an international underworld fraternity. Add to the mix - a terrorist conspiracy, an ancient priceless medieval sword, further exciting twists and turns to the plot, and a great show-down on Penyghent itself! All these elements in a high octane tale make this



a compulsive read, with the motivation of the key players thoroughly crafted.

The Penyghent Blood can be down-loaded as an ebook for Kindle; see www.amazon.co.uk or by iPad/iPhone/i Pod Touch (Apple's iBookstore), Kobo (WH Smith's www.kobobooks.com) and for other tablets and smartphones using the free Kindle app.

Fleur Speakman

Demobilised from the Army, in the springtime of 1919, J B Priestley's first writing job was to do some articles for the *Yorkshire Observer* on a walking tour in the Dales. He received a guinea for each of them. Priestley never forgot the start of that little tour. Writing in the first issue of the *Yorkshire Dalesman*, which appeared just twenty years later, he still considered the Dales: the finest countryside in Britain, with their magnificent clean and austere outlines of hill and moor.

I knew Priestley well from his writings and radio broadcasts. In 1964, Priestley and his third wife, Jacquetta Hawkes, bobbed up unexpectedly at Settle. When I arrived home at mid-day, they were in the front room. JB had made local inquiries about the Dales. One of the locals had mentioned my name, address and my editorial work for the *Dalesman* magazine.

Priestley, one of the literary giants of the time, sat in an easy chair, a beret on his lap, his popular smoker's pipe temporarily out of action. Jacquetta, who was partly screened by a piano, excused herself. She had a passion for exploring the local limestone caves which had associations with Early Man, and was heading for the limestone scars.



JB Priestley
1894 - 1984

JB was keen to know of a good eating place. He did not want "owt posh". I directed him to the Wenhaven and arranged to meet him after his repast. Next day, visiting the café, I found myself with some elderly waitresses in a setting that would have been appropriate for one of Priestley's 1930 novels. He had enjoyed the atmosphere.

I took him to Tot Lord's museum in Settle. He overheard the remark that in order to understand the prehistoric items, including a skull, it was necessary to get into the mind of early man. JB boomed that we should get out of the mind of early man.

Thence to the *Dalesman* offices at Clapham. I introduced JB to Harry Scott, the founder of the magazine, and left both men smoking pipes. There was a thick mist in the office (from tobacco smoke) when, half an hour later, I collected our guest using my old-time Ford car, which - following the sagging of the floor - had seats resting on creosoted wood which had been fitted for me at a handy Dales garage.

When I later met JB in Wensleydale there was time for a short interview before he and Jacquetta went off on a painting jaunt. He loved the broad open landscape of the Dales. He, like his wife, was a keen artist. The last time he visited the Dales he had created some of his best paintings. He had been painting for about ten years and only used gouache. Said he, as he prepared to depart: *I only paint on holiday, and I get very cross if I can't do it.*

Bill Mitchell

COLIN

An Appreciation

At our recent AGM, our President Bill Mitchell, told us of his first day at work at the Dalesman magazine under its founder and Editor Harry Scott - he was instructed to remember that people are important, not places. One of the best things about the YDS, which I joined 25 years ago, is exactly that - the people you meet. When you meet Colin you will be instantly amazed by his passion for anything concerning the Dales.

Though brought up in the Manchester area, walking and cycling in the Dales became much more than just enjoyable experiences. Graduating from Leeds University where he met Fleur, followed by postgraduate studies in London, and a teaching post at Bingley Grammar School - a home in Leeds proved to be an ideal centre as a starting point for rambles in the Dales. Joining the West Riding Ramblers Association, Colin became its very active Secretary. Combined with his interest in transport, this led to the first chartered train which started Dalesrail and ultimately saved the Settle Carlisle route. He was thus ideally placed to write the first of many books about the Dales, *Walking in the Yorkshire Dales*, published by *Dalesman* in 1967.

The 1982 expanded version was described by Mike Harding, no mean authority on walking himself, as: *the finest walking book ever written!* I am sure he would agree that the 2011 book *Walk: A Celebration of Striding Out* surpassed even this. His interest in poetry and literature came to the fore with the publication of his *Yorkshire Dales Anthology* in 1981, as well as *The View from the Millennium*, in 2000, with the forward written by Prince Charles. An excellent biography of *Adam Sedgwick* great geologist and Dalesman, and *The Nut Brown Maid And Other Dales Stories* showed his range and versatility.

Colin will always be remembered for conceiving, and then launching the Dales Way, with other members of the West Riding Ramblers Association in 1968. Early walkers found the new route a challenge to their navigational skills. This was soon helped by Colin's first guide to the Dales Way, followed by a wonderful clear *Route Guide* with Arthur Gemmell. The original very popular text guide, now fully updated, in full colour, with excellent maps and a new publisher, is already in its second edition. His authorship of over 50 books was to lead to the conferring of an Honorary Doctorate by Bradford University in 1997, for services to literature and the environment. In 2007 Colin was awarded the first *Yorkshire Rural Lifetime Achievement Award* by the *Dalesman*. Many will not realise that with Fleur, Colin was also responsible for setting up the first Grassington Festival - What a legacy!

In October 1980 a meeting was held to discuss forming a new society - the Yorkshire Dales Society. Colin had worked for some years as Principal Officer for Access and Interpretation with the Yorkshire Dales



National Park, enabling him to give his expertise and experience to this new organisation. In 1981 he left the Park to run the Wayfarer Project for the Countryside Commission and West Yorkshire PTE, and took up the position of YDS Secretary. (As the Society grew, the Secretaryship became dual with Fleur.)

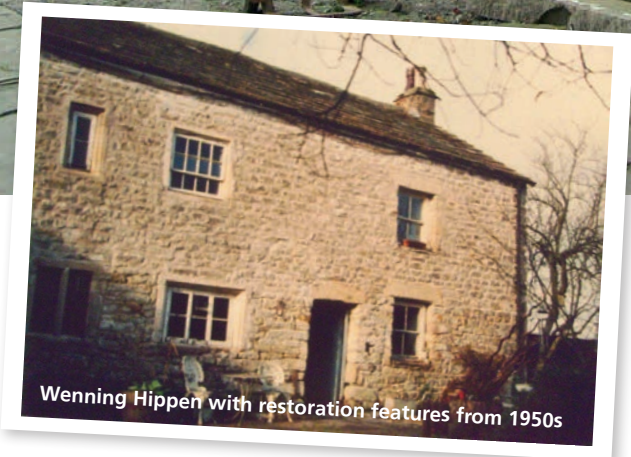
A full history of the Society was published in 2006 to commemorate its first 25 years and an updated electronic version can be obtained from the YDS Office. Throughout it all, Colin and Fleur's enthusiasm drove the Society, sometimes under considerable difficulties, to its established position today. A major change occurred in 2007 when an Administrator was appointed to work in our new office in Settle Town Hall and Colin became Vice Chairman. However a dramatic extension of activity occurred with the founding of the Dales and Bowland Community Interest Company, originally to run a bus service from Ilkley and Skipton into the Dales at weekends. DalesBus has now become such a success, running 12 services, that *Transport Times* have nominated the body for a National Innovative Transport Award and it is one of the six finalists. The opposition includes three PTEs, a County Council and Transport for London. Surely a David and Goliath situation!

Colin has now finished his three year term as Chairman, steering the Society into the twenty first century, and at the AGM was elected a Vice President. Knowing Colin, I am sure (even from the back-benches), he will be as energetic as ever as a champion of our wonderful Dales and its people.

Chris Wright, Senior Council Member and former Chairman



Wenning Hippen today showing the plinth and padstones by the door



Wenning Hippen with restoration features from 1950s

A BRIEF HISTORY OF A DECADE OF INVESTIGATION

LEARNING TO READ YOUR BUILDING

YDS Business Member Pickles Bros, roofing experts with specialist skills, were called in to deal with a very interesting historic structure in the Dales. Property owner, Sue Cowgill, gives her account.

Wenning Hippen, Keasden lies just south of the bridge over the River Wenning at Clapham, a North Yorkshire railway station, at the bottom of the road over Bowland Knotts from Lancashire. It was purchased in 1999 by the current owners Sue and Wayne, who have since pursued the SPAB philosophy of gentle repair of the old building. SPAB, the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, was founded in 1877 by William Morris and others, whose key tenet was to repair, not to restore so that their entire history would be protected as cultural heritage. The Society, which is still extremely influential, also insisted that you get to know your building. The following are some of the findings about the property.

Sold as circa 18th century, Wenning Hippen has, like many Dales buildings, turned out to have a much longer history. The first investigations by Phil and Rita Hudson from Settle threw up several mysteries – not least a high status cruck* with king post in the barn gable, two beehive ovens, the sides of a high status stone fire surround and a large floor plan inconsistent with known vernacular building styles and consistent with a building of much higher status, which would have had dressed stone window and door surrounds, not the very plain ones here today. Repair work also revealed an original steep roof line from an earlier single storey building, a massive plinth at the foot of the walls and evidence of a (now enlarged) sixteenth century style window.

A social history undertaken by Emmeline Garnett from Wray, uncovered Lawsons, who were blacksmiths from Lawkland, living here

in 1660. This seemed consistent with both the position of the cottage where the drove road over Bowland Knotts crosses the upper reaches of the River Wenning and the beehive ovens: drovers would have needed their animals shod, and food and shelter, especially if unable to ford the river in wet weather.

A more recent survey by Alison Armstrong for the Yorkshire Vernacular Buildings Study Group (now in their archive), began to suggest further possibilities... particularly large stones in the plinth may have been padstones* for a cruck barn and then we discovered surviving reused crucks in the loft which have original joints similar to those in a building near Settle which is currently being dated, and may prove to be from a very early barn.

So, given that Keasden was farmed in monastic times and that storage for harvested crops would have been needed, this site next to the river crossing would have perhaps been appropriate. Alison's survey also strengthened the drover connection – Google maps clearly indicate that the wall lines dropping down from the moors at Bowland Knotts widen out into large grazing areas at several points – the last just above Wenning Hippen – with the drove road narrowing down towards the river at the bottom and the cottage in the middle of it.

Thus it would seem that the cottage evolved from a much earlier building – with the roof being raised to its current height in the eighteenth century (hence perhaps the original agent's circa 18th century.) When faced with irrefutable evidence of the need for major repair on the stone slate roof in the shape of leaks, finding craftsman roofers sympathetic to buildings of this age and happy to work within our remit of gentle repair, was imperative. It has been a joy to watch the team from Pickles Bros of Leeds working on our roof and observe both the skill and sympathy for a roof of this age. We also feel it is crucial to support the maintenance of these traditional skills so that other buildings do not end up inevitably modernised with reproduction stone or slate for lack of craftsmen with the skills to repair them. It is still very much a work in progress!

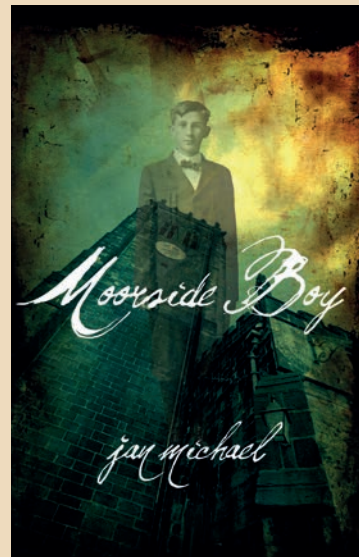
Sue Cowgill

* *cruck is part of a curved timber support for the roof, used particularly in traditional medieval buildings, in pairs to form an arch.*

* *padstones are used to form a sound base or pad for a lintel or steel beam to distribute the load onto the surrounding block or brick structure.*



King post in cruck barn

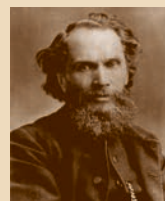


Moorside Boy

by **Jan Michael**,
published by
Gabriel Press at **£5.99**,
available from **9 Lower
Croft Street, BD24 9HH**
or from local shops in
Settle, North Yorkshire.
ISBN 978-0-9756533-0-6.

*All author earnings
will be donated to the
NSPCC.*

The first question might be, is there some particular connection with the NSPCC, as the author is so generously donating her royalties to this organisation? Ostensibly *Moorside Boy* is a story for children, set in the Yorkshire Dales, about a boy who comes to a new part of the Dales with his mother to live in her boyfriend's house and finds himself isolated and unhappy. As a compensation he finds himself slipping into the 1840s and living the life of a boy who actually existed, with a similar name, Benjamin Waugh. This Victorian child of a Settle saddler grew up to be a charismatic Congregational minister in the slums of Greenwich, who was so appalled at the sufferings and cruelties undergone by many children, that he founded the London Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children in 1884. Five years later this became a national body, the NSPCC in 1889, with Waugh its first director and Queen Victoria its first patron. Waugh had already been critical of many aspects of criminal law, particularly as it related to children, and campaigned for the creation of juvenile courts and children's prisons in his book *The Gaol Cradle, Who Rocks It?* published in 1873.



Benjamin Waugh
1839-1908

The story of Percy Benjamin Waugh is intriguingly interwoven with that of his Victorian counterpart and close namesake as the youngster befriends Morphet, a boy who suffers tremendous cruelty from his drunken father, and in a scene based on a real event, defends his friend in front of a magistrate. Jan Michael is adept at convincingly recreating the harsher realities of Victorian life, but also the psychological disorientation of this particular modern child who suddenly finds himself in a fairly rigid authoritarian household where his mother tries fairly ineffectually to smooth over the situations that arise. Interestingly it is in the Victorian household he "inhabits" as Benjamin Waugh, where he discovers real happy family love and affection. *Moorside Boy* subtly makes the point that children still need "protection" even if not actually maltreated, with school and neighbours unaware of an escalating situation.

Highly readable and enjoyable at any age - apart from the real interest of this well-paced story, which is also a steep learning curve for the adults as well as Percy himself, it would be interesting to know if this empathy the modern child feels for the less fortunate actually becomes woven into the fabric of his later life. Perhaps a sequel?

Fleur Speakman

CAVES AND KARST OF THE YORKSHIRE DALES

Caves and Karst of the Yorkshire Dales, volume 1, edited by **Tony Waltham** and **David Lowe** for the **British Cave Research Association (BCRA)**, is priced at **£25** or **£56 hardback** including postage; order online at www.bcra.org.uk/bookshop or available in Ingleton and other local bookshops. ISBN 978-0-900265-46-4 (paperback).



Hart's Tongue Fern, Wild Thyme and Herb Robert, photo YDNPA.

For those with a love of the Dales and a wish to extend their knowledge, the book is highly recommended. The pictures, maps and diagrams alone make it well worth the purchase. There are more than 350 photographs, 165 maps and diagrams and 49 tables all illustrating and clarifying points made in the text. References to further reading are copious. While the text of some chapters is of the standard of a scientific research paper, it makes for rewarding reading or reference. The last few chapters are in a more accessible style, but equally rewarding. Tom Lord, historian, archaeologist and YDS Council Member, has contributed his expertise with his colleagues to the two final chapters; *Cave Palaeontology** and *Cave Archaeology*. Some YDS members may remember Tom's excellent lectures on such subjects.

An equally descriptive title of this book would be *The evolution of the Yorkshire Dales over the last two million years*. The term "karst" may be unfamiliar. It refers to typical limestone scenery of pavements, caves, surface depressions, scarps and gorges.

The book is primarily concerned with the exposed Great Scar Limestone of the Craven District, but includes the neighbouring areas of Leck Fell and Easegill, the Morecambe Bay hinterland and the Orton Plateau. The Yoredale series, where thinner beds of limestone alternate with sandstones and shales, are not seen as true karst, but exhibit some of the features. Even the grits exceptionally show features of underlying limestone – hence the shake holes on Simon's Seat and Grassington Moor.

Limestone pavements are not just composed of clints and grikes. They also contain pits, pans, runnels and a host of features identified by German terminology since much research was done in that country. Spitzkarren, for instance, are sharp pointed clints only occasionally found in the Dales.

Glaciation is dealt with in some depth since this was the period of the Quaternary. Much of the higher ground was covered by cold-based glaciers which are relatively immobile as the ice is frozen to the bedrock whereas thicker, warm-based glaciers move much more quickly on their meltwater-lubricated bases. Ice flowed from ice divides centred over Bough Fell and Mallerstang. At one point an ice divide was centred over Dentdale and in consequence ice flowed down valley and up valley simultaneously!

A detailed description of caves is not included; this will be the province of a second "volume" to be available in book form and on the BCRA website as an ebook in sections during 2013-14. But cave *research* is described in volume 1; for instance the abandonment of higher passages as the valleys were glacially deepened and dating of climate changes from radioactive decay and isotope studies of stalagmites, that has helped in understanding the evolution of the landscape.

Later sections cover the period following the retreat of the ice over the last 15,000 years, including cave biology, in particular bats. Bats hibernate in the caves over the winter, but during the summer roost in hollows in trees or in buildings, often tens of miles away. Evidence of human cave activity is also described - the fate of the lady (dated 2202-2031 BC, from the Feizor Nick Cave), shot through the stomach at close range may interest those of a stronger disposition!

Bernard Peel, YDS Honorary Member and Senior Volunteer

* *Palaeontology is the study of fossils to determine the structure and evolution of extinct animals and plants, and the age and conditions of deposition to the rock strata in which they are found.*

NEW BUSINESS MEMBER

Ian Scott Massie

Our newest YDS Business Member, multi-talented Ian Scott Massie, has had a most interesting career: artist, musician, author and teacher. Born in the south of England, he suffered from asthma from childhood (a result of the great London Smog) and was advised to take up singing. A love of music enabled him to develop both vocally and as a musician in folk clubs, performing his own songs. After teacher training in Durham in 1973, he began painting professionally, originally in oils and screen print, then in ink and acrylic paint, before finding his true medium in water colour.

His summer exhibition in Wensley church in Wensleydale this year, was the occasion of the publication of two of his books *Tales of the Dales* and the children's book *The Penhill Giant*. His *Tales of the Dales* is the result of two years work researching and collecting stories from the area: classic legends, historical characters, the background to real events and personal anecdotes, which have inspired his paintings. His aim is to show the personality of the landscape and its atmosphere and how he felt about it. The result is impressionistic - colour and texture are used to reveal the landscape's character. Light and variations of the weather are key themes with the Pennines, the Lake District, abbeys, castles and ruins favourite subjects. The Dales, with their geological and historical overlay, prove endlessly fascinating. Scott cites the English surrealist painter and war artist Paul Nash (1889-1946) as a key influence on his work.

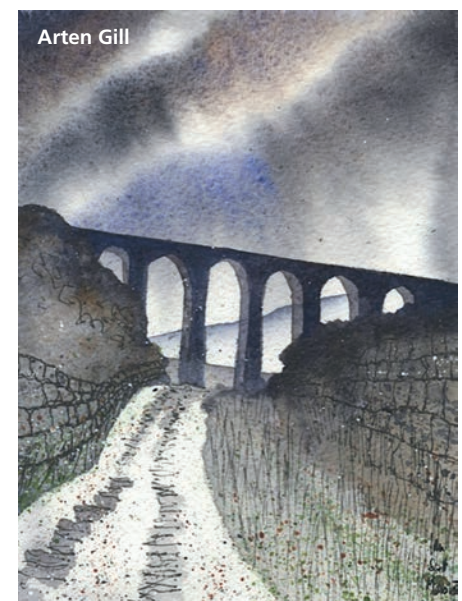
Tales of the Dales uses the medium of water colour, Indian ink and screen print for the sixty plus illustrations in his book. Buckden Pike Memorial illustrates the true war-time story which occurred in January 1942, of the Polish airmen and the fox, Arten Gill Viaduct commemorates a lesser known tale with an unexpected twist, while Richmond Castle from Maison Dieu reminds us of the well-known and rather sad tale of the Little Drummer Boy.

The Penhill Giant is a delightful children's story, illustrated with black and white pencil sketches and perfect for reading aloud to a younger child while enjoying the charming drawings. Slightly older children and adults will also come under its spell. The tale is in complete contrast to a different rather gory version in *Tales of the Dales*.

Today based in Masham, Scott teaches at a local school, paints, exhibits his work, writes and records his songs, and is the founder and co-ordinator of the Masham Arts Festival.



Both books are available from www.mashamgallery.co.uk *Tales of the Dales* by Ian Scott Massie costs £12 (p&p £1.20), *The Penhill Giant* costs £10 (p&p £1.20). The art exhibition moves to Fairfield Mill, Sedbergh from Oct 5 2013 – Jan 5 2014.



NEW AFFILIATE MEMBER



We are delighted to welcome the **Settle and Carlisle Railway Trust** as our newest YDS Affiliate member. The Settle and Carlisle Railway is *the most complete piece of Victorian railway engineering in the UK* and a priceless heritage. The importance of this architectural and engineering legacy was recognised following a reprieve of the line in 1989 by the establishment of the Settle and Carlisle Railway Trust which works closely with Network Rail, Railway Heritage Trust, English Heritage and other major bodies and support groups.

Conserving the buildings and structures on the line, and interpreting its history is only part of the Trust's work. Future potential plans include a major expansion of the visitor centre at Ribbleshead and interpretation of Garsdale's rich history. The Trust is also keen to promote public access and understanding of the architectural, constructional, scientific and craft features. It has already restored a number of station buildings on the line, contributed to viaduct repairs, a new platform at Ribbleshead, some passenger shelters and to a pedestrian footbridge. Support for the Trust's work is always appreciated.

Contact: www.sandctrust.org.uk

The Swaledale Bus and Northern Dalesman

YDS Member Diana Jolland, who assisted with the production of a similarly much praised Wensleydale Bus leaflet, pays tribute to the new YDS/D&BCIC Swaledale Bus leaflet.

The quality of this leaflet is fantastic. Both the type of paper and the splendid photos make you want to open it and find out more. And when you do - all the information anyone, resident or visitor could possibly need to discover about Swaledale - is all in one A2 publication. All the attractions are there and the "what to do" ticks all the boxes. This leaflet should give a great boost to the Swaledale economy, and hopefully encourage everyone to leave the car behind, and have the confidence to take the bus, helped by full timetable and route information. The great thing is that it is now possible to travel the length of Swaledale on public transport seven days of the week!



Saturday 5 October Walk: Wainwright's Pennine Journey

Join author David Pitt for a walk celebrating the 75th anniversary of Alfred Wainwright's return to Settle after his 1938 Pennine Journey, a 247 mile walk he undertook from Settle to Hadrian's Wall and back. We will be exploring just a few miles of this amazing walk, through the wonderful scenery north of Settle towards Langcliffe and Lower Winskill. Approx 4.5 miles.

Meet 10:30 Settle Railway Station. Train Leeds d. 08:49, Skipton 10:26. Pay and Display parking in Settle. Return to Settle in time for lunch break before afternoon talk.

Saturday 5 October Talk: The Pennine Journey Project

David and Heather Pitt will provide a fascinating illustrated insight into their 22 year involvement with Alfred Wainwright's Pennine Journey, describe the role of the Pennine Journey's Supporters Club, and give feedback on the exciting "marathon" sponsored walk along the route (see entry in Summer Review for Sat 28 Sept).

Meet 14:15 St John's Methodist Church Hall, Settle, BD24 9JH. Ends approx 16:00. £3 Non Members. Members Free. Tea & Biscuits. Train Leeds d. 12:49. Skipton d 13:26. Pay & Display parking in Settle. Return trains Settle d. 16:04, 17:16, 17:57. Bus 580 to Skipton 17:30.

Saturday 2 November Walk: Bolton Abbey & The Strid

Join guest leaders Yvette Huddleston and Walter Swan on an enjoyable short ramble (approx 4 miles) in the Bolton Abbey estate, with lovely views of the River Wharfe, the ruins of Bolton Abbey, and the dramatic Strid watercourse.

Meet 10:30 outside Bolton Abbey Village Hall, BD23 6EX (rear of village car park). Bus 74 Ilkley d.0935. Pay & Display parking operated by Bolton Abbey Estate, or free parking at the village hall **ONLY** if staying for afternoon talk. Time for picnic/cafe lunch before afternoon talk.

Saturday 2 November

Talk: Inspirational Women of the Dales

Authors Yvette Huddleston and Walter Swan will offer a lively talk based on their new book about fourteen inspirational women - farmers, artists, vets, publicans, entrepreneurs, artisans, academics, vets, curators and vicars - living and working in the Dales.

14:15. Bolton Abbey Village Hall. Finish time approx 16:00. Bus 74 d. Ilkley 1335. Parking in village hall car park or adjacent Pay & Display.

Friday 8 November

Pub Walk: Wharfedale Vistas

Meet Council Member Chris Hartley at 10:30 at The Wheatley Arms, Ben Rhydding LS29 8PP, for a welcome coffee/bacon butty before taking the train from Ilkley to Burley (*fare payable*) to enable a return walk along the moor to Ilkley, encountering the ancient cup and ring carvings and other points of interest. Some steep sections. Return around 14:30 for a hot lunch and coffee/tea. Cost £14.99 including food, booking via the pub (01943 816496 or info@wheatleyarms.co.uk). RAD and well behaved dogs on leads are welcome. In partnership with Individual Inns, YDS Business Members who donate £1/walker attending, to the Society.

Friday 22 November

Pub Walk: An Autumn Ramble Around Linton

Experienced volunteer and walk leader Bernard Peel will guide you around the delightful countryside near Linton.

Meet 10:30 at The Fountaine Inn, Linton, BD23 5HJ, for a pre walk coffee and bacon butty; returning for a hot lunch after the walk around 14:30. £14.99 to include food/coffee/tea – book via the pub on 01756 752210 or email fountaineinn1@tiscali.co.uk

In partnership with Individual Inns, YDS Business Members, who donate £1/walker attending, to the Society. RAD and well behaved dogs on leads are welcome.

From April 2013, Council has agreed to abolish the charge to Members for talks, and reduce the charge to non Members to £3, for a trial period. Walks remain free to everyone, 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 and last minute updates. Post your photos and comments on the website or our Facebook page.



Why not bring a guest to the walks (free) or to a talk - if they join on the day, their entrance fee of £3 will be refunded. New Members joining by DD benefit from an extra quarter's FREE membership.

All new Members this season receive a FREE All Day Dales Rover Ticket.

Saturday 7 December

Walk: Cononley Lead Mine

A visit to the site of the former lead mine and restored mine buildings on Cononley Moor, led by long standing Member and local expert Allan Butterfield.

Meeting 10:30 at Cononley Railway Station to allow arrival by train. (Train d. Leeds 0956, Shipley d. 1008). Approx 5 miles, steepish ascent/descent. Park with consideration on village roads. RAD and well behaved dogs on leads are welcome. Car share onwards to Earby for afternoon talk.

Saturday 7 December

Visit: Yorkshire Dales Mining Museum

Staffed by volunteers, the Museum is housed in the historic Old Grammar School (School Lane, Earby, BB18 6QF) and displays an extensive and fascinating collection of artefacts such as mine wagons, machinery, tools, photographs, models and miners' personal belongings. Group visit accompanied by Allan Butterfield, and by special arrangement with the Museum (small admission charge).

Meet at the Museum at 14:15. Visit ends approx 16:00. Cafe available. Park with consideration on village roads. Frequent return bus (Pennine or Mainline 28) to Skipton.



Saturday 11 January

Walk: Historic Skipton

Jean Robinson, independent researcher and Chairman of Friends of Raikes Road Burial Ground will help us discover Skipton's history, including an extended visit to the forgotten burial ground providing a fascinating insight into Skipton's Victorian community. Graves include those of Rudyard Kipling's grandparents and the Reverend William Cartman (who officiated at Charlotte Brontë's funeral) as well as many local tradespeople and characters.

Meet at 10:30 outside Skipton Library, High Street, BD23 1JX. Train d. Leeds 0926, Shipley 0938. Pay & Display parking in town centre. Special care needs to be taken in the burial ground due to uneven/rough surfaces. No dogs except RAD. Finishes approx 12:30 in time for lunch in a local pub/café before the afternoon talk.

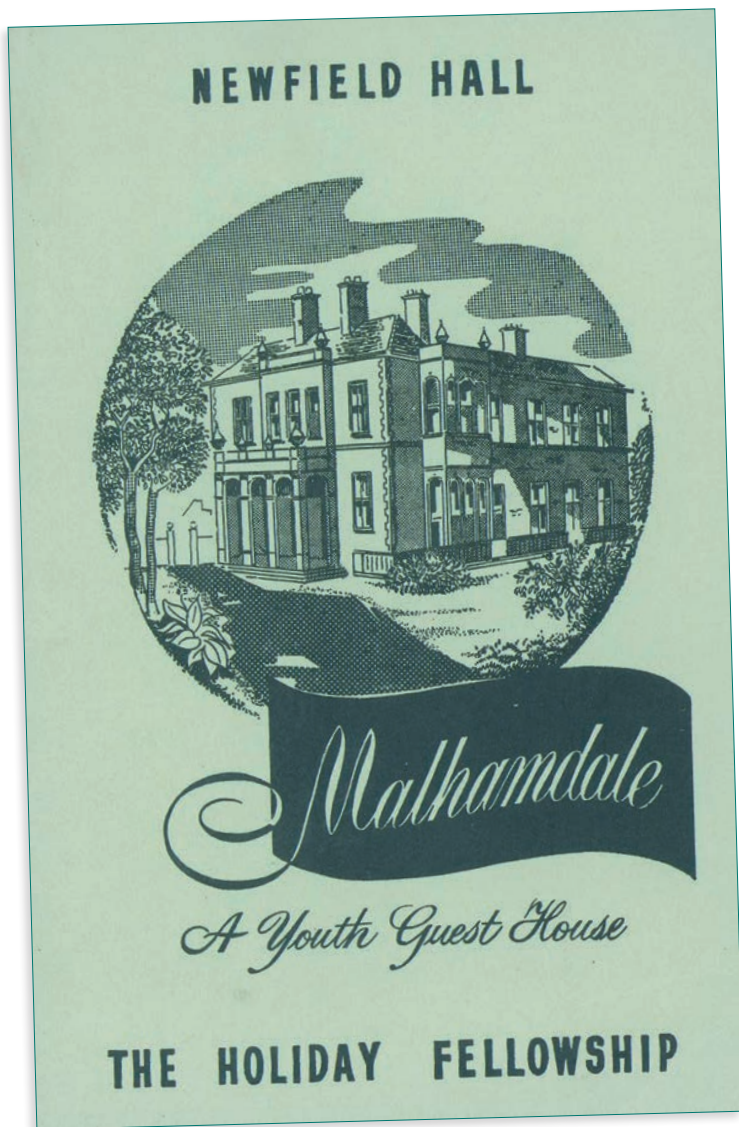
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Talk: Old Inns of the Yorkshire Dales

Dr David Johnson, noted historian/archaeologist and regular speaker at Society events will share his research on historic inns of the Yorkshire Dales.

Meet at 14:15 at the Black Horse pub, High Street, Skipton, BD23 1JZ (upstairs function room). Train d. Leeds 1256, Shipley 1308. Part of the pub is a Grade II Listed Building and according to the National Heritage List, traditionally was a Royal Mews of Richard III when he was Lord of the Castle of Skipton in 1483-5, so it is a most appropriate venue! Ends approximately 16:00. Pay & Display parking in town centre.

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