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# Yorkshire DALES review

## CAMPAIGN - PROTECT - ENJOY - EDUCATE!

***For some time we have felt that the Daleswatch column in the Yorkshire Dales Review needed to be expanded to take full account of important Dales' concerns. In this issue Daleswatch focuses on some key topics: redundant barns and their future, the expanded dairy processing plant at Grassington, further news on timber extraction using the Cam High Way and the removal of the controversial wind turbines at Chelker Reservoir, near Addingham.***

There is a distinct likelihood that the Government may relax the rules on the conversion of redundant barns to housing. Colin Speakman, former Chairman and now a Vice President of the Society, sets out the case in *Daleswatch* on pages 4-5, quoting the response of the Society's Chairman Malcolm Petyt who fears that such conversions would not assist local people and that such renovated properties would be sold at inflated prices. Ruth Bradshaw, Research Manager for the Campaign for National Parks, (CNP) suggests there is a case for using and thus preserving such traditional buildings, but a raft of other issues must also be taken into account. Interestingly YDS Business Members Ecovril, specialists in barn conversion and other buildings, are not in favour of a totally unregulated system. Director, Andy Singleton, insists that a **balance** is necessary. The Bolton Abbey Estate, for example, have found a different solution for such redundant buildings on their land at Beamsley as offices, and would like to encourage suitable businesses to use such renovated property. Ribblesdale farmer Antony Bradley, in a letter to the Craven Herald in October 2013, argues that a stone barn on the farm could be converted for less than half the price of a house in the nearest village, given that, as the National Park states, financial returns from agriculture are falling and farmers need to diversify. Yet, as he points out, **the ability of farming families to house the next generation is proving difficult**. Antony also adds (echoing CNP), that making use of such properties in appropriate farm and village locations, is surely a way of preserving part of the Dales heritage that is under threat from dilapidation.

### **The Countryside really is good for you – that's official!**

Caring for and protecting the Yorkshire Dales is something we all in the Society feel very strongly about. But there are also measurable benefits. Natural England, the Forestry Commission and Defra have commissioned a new survey (their third), called **Monitoring of Engagement with the Natural Environment** (MENE) to provide data on how people use and engage with the natural environment in England, and the frequency of their outdoor visits. The report discovers, after questioning 35,000 people, that they were often at their happiest when visiting the outdoors more than once a week, while some regular

gardening also had some distinctly positive mental and physical health benefits. Particularly significant were the findings, that those who visited mountains, moorlands, woodlands and the coast, frequently experienced a more definite positive outcome than those who only visited green spaces in urban areas. These wilder areas are most often to be found within our National Parks. Cherishing these areas will benefit us immeasurably.

### **Some interesting links with universities at home and abroad**

The Yorkshire Dales Society is always keen to strengthen its links with young people. On page 9 in Ann Shadrake's column *From the Yorkshire Dales Society Office*, four final year students at Leeds Metropolitan University have chosen the Society as their final year marketing project, joining together as the Phoenix Consultancy. We look forward to the full implications of the final document of this welcome project. On at least two other occasions in the past, students have chosen the Yorkshire Dales National Park as a prestigious part of a degree project, forging links with the Yorkshire Dales Society to aid their studies. We were delighted in 1999 when Joanna van Lemmen, studying for her doctorate at Berlin's Free University, chose to research *The Concept and Reception of National Parks in England and Germany – with Special Reference to the Yorkshire Dales National Park and the Harz National Park (Germany)*. Detailed visitor surveys, as well as a close comparison of the parks, were included as a result of her visits. Equally welcome was Mariëlle van der Zouwen, a junior research fellow at the Department of Environmental policy at the University of Nijmegen in the Netherlands, who compared conservation policy in three European National Parks: the Yorkshire Dales National Park, Doñana in southwest Spain (a Mediterranean coastal wetland area) and Veluwe, (known for its lowland heath, woodland and inland sand dunes) in central Netherlands; spending time in each region, and meeting Yorkshire Dales Society members. Mariëlle wrote an interesting article about her project in the Yorkshire Dales Winter Review 2001-2, completing her further degree in 2003.

We are indeed fortunate to benefit so much from our great protected landscapes, with both younger and older generations strongly influenced by what that heritage can teach us.

Fleur Speakman

## A LANDSCAPE AT RISK

The Yorkshire Dales Society and the Campaign for National Parks are extremely concerned about a new threat to thousands of historic field barns which are such an iconic part of the protected landscape of the Yorkshire Dales. The government is currently consulting on proposals to allow landowners to convert barns into houses without needing to submit a planning application. Instead, landowners would merely advise their local planning authority that they intended to convert (or demolish and rebuild) their barns into new houses. Even in internationally recognised areas such as the Yorkshire Dales National Park and Nidderdale AONB, barns could be easily transformed into dwellings. The associated access roads, parking areas, garages, power cables, outbuildings and infrastructure would also massively damage the attractiveness of the Dales, with a knock-on effect on the local tourism economy.

Dr Malcolm Petyt, Chairman of the Society comments: *We believe these proposals fundamentally undermine the legislation designed to protect the beauty and heritage of landscapes in the Yorkshire Dales National Park and neighbouring AONBs. The changes would do nothing to help local families buy affordable homes. If implemented, this governmental proposal could result in thousands of isolated field barns being converted into upmarket homes. Unlike current restrictions on new housing, the National Park Authority would be powerless to insist that these houses were sold to local people. These new barn conversions would instead be sold at inflated prices on the open market, resulting in a flood of high priced housing out of the reach of local families.*

Neither the Yorkshire Dales Society nor the Campaign for National Parks are arguing that there shouldn't be new uses for redundant barns, especially where these are situated in villages or farm complexes in the Dales. Ruth Bradshaw, Research Manager for CNP, goes as far as to suggest: *Appropriate change of use should be encouraged, particularly where this helps to ensure the future upkeep of traditional buildings. However, such changes of use need to be carefully managed and monitored to ensure that the potential impacts of any proposed new use are properly considered and that due account is also taken of the cumulative impacts within an area. This is what the existing planning legislation is designed to do.*

There are an estimated 4,500 field barns within the Yorkshire Dales. The distinctive barns and walls landscape are what makes the Dales special. Let's hope the Government heeds this advice.



A historic barn needing care

## CAM HIGH ROAD

### LOSSES AND GAINS

Despite many objections, permission was given by the Park Authority to allow the extraction of timber along the historic Cam High Road from Cam Forest in Upper Ribblesdale to Gearstones to allow 44 tonne timber waggons to access the main road network. This included removing the footbridge at Gearstones ford to replace it with a new waggon-sized bridge.

For many people, the new forest road of crushed stone is an eyesore, uncomfortable under foot, but there is little doubt that it will weather in, and providing there is no vehicle damage, be less of an eyesore. There will be strict restriction on the movements of waggons at the weekends and popular times of the day. The gains will be a far better managed mixed woodland to replace the former monoculture forest, and already the Dales Way footpath which has been partly blocked for many years, has been restored. It is possible that as and when the much larger Greenfield Forest is ready to be harvested, there will be proposals to use the Cam Road rather than the narrow lane through Birkwith or New Houses. Careful consideration will have to be given to the implications of any such proposal.

Rising timber prices are leading to many new proposals for felling, with a requirement for unsightly new extraction tracks for heavy machinery and waggons. Just such a road has been built in Snaizeholme, less than 400 metres from the famous Red Squirrel reserve.



## GOODBYE CHELKER WIND FARM

Whilst not opposed to wind energy as such, the Yorkshire Dales Society has always argued that it is a question of appropriate size and location of turbines. Over 20 years ago, our then President Ken Willson, was an outspoken critic of the four 40 metre turbines erected in a prominent position along the A65 at Chelker Reservoir, near Draughton. Though opinions differed as to their visual impact – for some people they were hideous, others thought them things of beauty - they infringed on one of the great views of Wharfedale, painted by Turner and by Landseer, looking down river from Bolton Priory; an urban intrusion on the skyline.

In fact for their 20 years' life, they rarely functioned; often, even when there was a fresh breeze, only one was seen revolving. Soon they were out of repair and the Water Company, Kelda, put forward proposals to replace them with two mighty 125 metre turbines which would have been visible from all over the southern Dales. Objections from local people, the National Park and English Heritage saw the proposals downgraded to 75 metres, but these were also rejected. Finally in the summer of 2013, the now derelict four original turbines were removed, the site restored and celebrations among protesters got into the national press. But that is not the end of the story of turbines around the periphery of the Park, with proposals at Brightenber, near Gargrave for three 100 metre turbines still very much alive despite over a thousand objections.

## DALES DAIRY PLANNING BLUNDER?

The dramatic growth of the Dales Dairy milk processing plant at Townhead, Grassington has been a lamentable story of how what begins as a small farm enterprise, an enlarged milking parlour, can grow incrementally to become a totally inappropriate industrial development.

At a recent Planning Committee of the National Park Authority, retrospective planning permission was given for the much extended new industrial unit which is situated at the far north western corner of Grassington village. Not only is the new unit out of scale with the rest of the village, but a large new road has been constructed, widening a medieval lane. Many local people are already suffering the impact of heavy vehicles passing close to their homes at anti-social hours.

Nobody disputes the need of the plant, but a fundamental principle of planning is about having appropriate development in appropriate places. The Park's officers, in line with National Park Policies, suggested moving the development either to Cracoe or Threshfield (in the old quarry) off the B6160, already used by heavy traffic. Sadly a well organised lobby within the Planning Committee managed to defy both their own agreed Policies and objections of both the locally elected members and the Parish Council, and on the casting vote of the Planning Committee Chairman - who lives in Swaledale - permission was given. So much for local democracy and accountability!

There is little doubt that problems from this badly sited development which occurred without initial planning permission will be suffered by the local community for decades to come. There is a risk of further unsightly incremental development if the unit expands, or is eventually taken over by another company. By reducing the quality of the environment for both local people and visitors to Grassington, this will ultimately damage the economy of the Dales and undermine the work of the Park Authority itself.

Colin Speakman



Grassington Dairy Processing Plant

# ALAN LORD VETERAN MAP-MAKER



Alan's former colleagues at their work in catenary

**A**lan Lord, a long-time YDS member, who enjoys attending YDS events and walking in the Dales, describes his work creating our cherished Ordnance Survey maps. Born in the Preston area, he has dual allegiance to the Lakes and Dales, his professional work taking him into much of northern England including the Lake District, Forest of Bowland and the Howgills in the Yorkshire Dales.

Already as a young schoolboy, when my father showed me a CPRE leaflet on 'ribbon development' - arterial roads and fringes of red-tiled semi-detached houses with green fields behind them - the wrongness of it all seemed obvious to me even then. Such little things can influence our lives. The beauty of vernacular architecture, the appropriateness of local materials in the landscape - was this perhaps where my interest began?

With Ordnance Survey I learnt my drafting skills. A constant gauge of lines, square ends and corners: *a curve is a series of short straight lines, you only need a straight edge*. Dots were circles carefully penned and filled in, and pecked lines - each peck and space carefully measured. After a time it was second nature. You could recognise a no 8 line at twenty yards. Stable transparent drawing film was still a thing of the future; we drew on white matt enamelled sheets. The camera was in constant use, with studio work mostly the wet plate process, long since superseded. Then off into the *field* in Manchester and the more practical skills of the land-surveyor. Relying on public transport to take us to work, there were other skills to learn, like how to hide the levelling staff behind the lamp-post when waiting for the bus. But it was a *really* slick operator who could get it under the bus stairs unnoticed!

The abiding memories of industrial Lancashire in 1946 are of grime and pollution: factory smoke, railway smoke, lace curtains washed every few days, chemical factories, spillages of all colours, and the Bury, Bolton and Rochdale Canal - a bright purple from dye-works effluent. My two years National Service were as surveyor trig, Royal Engineers, more studying, exams and practical work, from levelling to field astronomy. There was a return to the Ordnance Survey Head Office, then at Chessington, but with no electronics available. Everything had to be cranked on the double Brunsviga (a rather noisy calculating machine). There were eighty of us there in the Minor Control Comps. Then I had a posting to Bolton, establishing a close network of coordinated control for the chain survey which was to follow. In 1946 we changed to the

twenty metre metric chain, about 4½ inches shorter than the Gunter's chain, but very much the same design. Gunter's chain at 66 feet (22 yards) in length, was named after an Elizabethan mathematician, astronomer and parish priest of Southwark, born in 1581.

In Bolton, working from the main triangulation, we built up a framework of traverses, angles carefully observed with theodolite and distances accurately measured, sometimes in catenary\*, but usually on the road surface. With calibrated 30 metre steel tape, spring balance and thermometer, we measured it all to the millimetre. This was meticulous work, which even with the lighter traffic of the fifties, could be a tricky operation. On one occasion, measuring a long line diagonally across the road, we made an early start. We enlisted the assistance of a policeman, gently rocking on his heels as he looked on. Four tape-lengths down, he waded through a large Bentley. Our tape was wrecked! Apparently the car belonged to the Chief Constable. I was equally ineffective when I tried to stop a Rolls Royce (with no number plates) with my little red flag on the East Lancashire Road. Winter could be bitterly cold. We took the jobs in turn; the booker, who had to write everything down while sitting on the instrument box frozen to the marrow, had the worst of it.

We could be sent anywhere at any time (Ormskirk, Preston, Blackburn, Glasgow, Falkirk, St Helens and Liverpool were a selection). Additionally we were authorised, according to the old identity warrants:

*to survey the boundaries of Great Britain, the Isle of Man and Berwick-upon-Tweed.*

Nevertheless in spite of constantly being on the move, Brenda and I were married in 1955. I little thought at the time that the Lakeland Fells that we enjoyed so much on our walks would one day be our home.

As optical distance measuring replaced the chain, and other towns were surveyed by aerial photography, control work dwindled, so we joined our other colleagues on the detail survey side; the final stage of field completion. Mostly we worked alone - optical square, tape, set-square and scale, our 9H pencils needle sharp, plotting our course as we went. Striving for perfection, we measured and scaled, to be sure the new work would fit within the skeleton outline of the earlier stage. 1:1250 scale in towns. It was meticulous work, we scaled to a tenth of a metre: complex industrial sites that never fitted the rules, elegant mansions all juts and corners, nothing straight. Railway marshalling yards were the worst - a mass of lines that seemed to go on for miles. There was hardly a corner that our mapping did not reach: factories, stately homes, prisons (though prisons never appeared on the published plan).

As towns had generally by now been re-surveyed, we moved into rural areas, at 1:2500 scale. Generally the old County Series plans of pre-war years were cast onto the new National Grid sheet lines and then revised; in later years we had the help of aerial photography. Office transport dropped you by some field soon

after 9 am and returned for you at 4 pm. You often never saw a soul all day.

Five months into a stint in Southampton, where I never really settled, a vacancy at Kendal led to our new home in Staveley, a working village where we have lived since 1967. Work later progressed onto 1:10,000 scale mapping of the Lakeland Fells, basically an aerial survey which required ground completion. We had to walk many miles. It sounds delightful and to some extent it was, apart from the four or five days a week of single-handed gruelling work of humping the gear over rough terrain. Essential tools were the plane table, older than the chain, simple, but ideal for the job, and the telescopic alidade\*, a more modern instrument. After our work in the Lake District, we moved on to the Howgills and the Bowland Fells.

A system of continuous revision had run parallel alongside the re-survey work. The revision area was vast: Eskdale to Stainmore in the east, and south to Ingleton and Lancaster. Meanwhile new techniques were available such as electronic distance measuring. Modulated light beams bounced back by a prism, electronically timed, gave distances almost instantly. Accurate to a few millimetres over several kilometres range, it revolutionised the work of distance measurement. The electronic theodolite followed on, which stored the data and then shot it off down a wire to automatic plotting machines. Hard won skills were superseded by technology. But I won't forget the many pleasures of the countryside I had worked in for so many years, sitting quietly, one sunny lunchtime, munching my sandwiches beside a stream and hearing a crunching sound. Holding a leaf of *ribwort plantain*\* in his paws like a stick of celery, across the stream a water vole was having lunch as well. We watched and munched together companionably. That area is now in a culvert underneath the M6 interchange!

Alan Lord

\* *catenary* – In this case a steel tape...

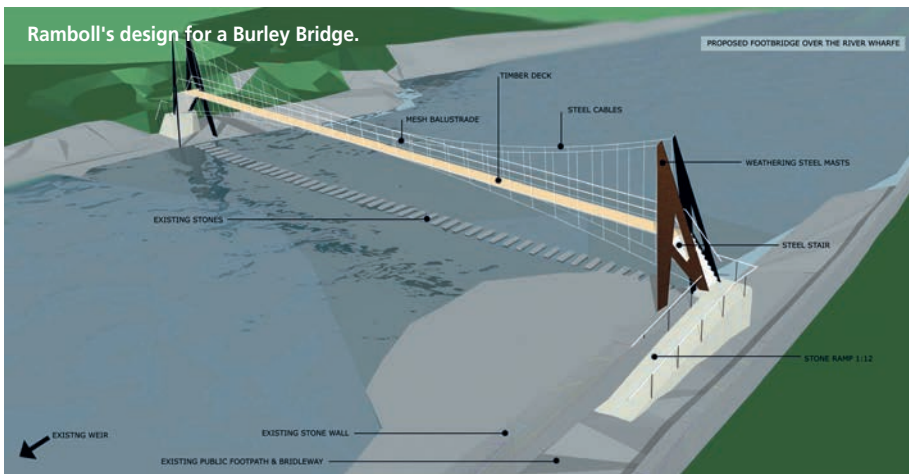
\* *alidade* – basically a sight rule that allows one to sight a distant object and transfer the alignment onto a map.

\* *ribwort plantain (lamb's tongue)* – used as herbal remedy and as a tea.



The Brunsviga

# A BURLEY BRIDGE ON THE



*The campaign for a footbridge over the River Wharfe at Burley-in-Wharfedale has been running since 1996. In that year a group of local people formed a committee to work for a better crossing than a line of stepping stones. These stones at Greenholme Farm, Leather Bank, are frequently under water and for many years now have been inadequate as a public crossing. It seems curious that in 2013 people are still expected to wait until the river is shallow enough to venture across the stones.*



Yet the stones provide a long-established public right of way across the turbulent Wharfe. As readers will know, the Wharfe is a swift-flowing river which can rise and fall quickly. There is no other pedestrian crossing of the Wharfe between Otley and Ben Rhydding. The stepping stones site is a popular and attractive local area.

The 1996 committee became the Burley Bridge Association and the bridge now being proposed is the third we have put forward. Historically there have been many attempts to provide a safe crossing, dating back at least to 1898, when a local council minute asked for *steps to be taken to get a footbridge over the Wharfe, seeing that accidents have occurred, one having proved fatal.*



In 1999 we received planning permission for a footbridge across the weir, but it was not possible to negotiate the creation of new short links of footpaths. It did not go ahead and later the local authorities suggested a full bridleway bridge. This proved to be a large structure and was unpopular. We were advised that a lighter bridge would be more suitable and we have worked with an experienced engineering company, Ramboll UK. The design they have produced chimes with most people's perceptions of what is required.

Ramboll propose a suspension bridge, designed without the need for anchor



# HORIZON?

stays. Its 42m span runs directly over the existing stones. It is designed to be visually unobtrusive over the water, but it is rugged and sturdy. It clears prevailing flood limits over the main span and has minimal footprints on both banks.

Ramboll state that the bridge should be relatively simple to construct and maintain and it is efficient and cost effective. At present the approximate cost will be above £300,000.

Following a generous donation of £10,000 from a local supporter, we mounted an appeal for funds. This has raised over £25,000 for Ramboll to take the bridge design to a full planning application to the two local authorities concerned, Bradford Met and Harrogate District.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the appeal; needless to say the costs of this project means that more fundraising will be required.

The footpath network in the Wharfe valley is second to none and the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty lies on the north bank of the Wharfe. This would be only a few minutes walk from Main Street in Burley – by a bridge! – and would be a real bonus for local people. Even so, the idea of providing this amenity is opposed in some quarters. The grid reference of the bridge site is SE166474.

Our committee has recently become quite stretched and we would welcome any support in this direction. Meetings take place in Burley at monthly intervals on Tuesday evenings. More help could mean that the bridge on the horizon becomes a reality!

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Peter Young

# FROM THE YORKSHIRE DALES SOCIETY OFFICE

## NATIONAL PARK ANNIVERSARY

The 60th anniversary of the establishment of the Yorkshire Dales National Park takes place in 2014, and no doubt there will be many celebrations over the coming year. Many Members may remember the excitement and controversy of National Parks being set up following the 1949 National Parks & Access to the Countryside Act. You may have personal stories you would be willing to share as part of the Society's archive resource. Shorter contributions could be used in a future Review article, at the Editor's discretion, and any longer recollections put on the website. I would very much welcome such contributions, which you can send to me by email or letter, or ring me if you prefer. We also hope to invite Colin Speakman, who is writing a history of the Yorkshire Dales National Park, to mark its Diamond Jubilee by talking about his new book at a future event.

## THANKING OUR MEMBERS

As a charity which has been around for over 30 years, we are very fortunate in having many long standing Members. A quick check of our records reveals that 289 Members joined the Society in the 1980s. I am gradually contacting these Members personally, to thank them for such loyal support. As the Society has a *free calls* package with BT, this contact costs nothing, but I hope spreads the word about how much we value our Members. Bernard Peel (volunteer) and I are also endeavouring to thank those Members who kindly make a donation over and above their subscription. These donations total around £1,000 each year, much of it Gift Aidable, so it is really very much appreciated.

## REACHING A YOUNGER AUDIENCE

Four students from Leeds Metropolitan University have chosen the Yorkshire Dales Society as their client for their final year marketing project. Alice Gill, George Clark, Rachel Hobson and Jennika Patel call themselves *Phoenix Consultants* and will work for free on the project over a period of 6 months. Alice and Rachel have previously volunteered at the Society so we were frontrunners for this initiative! The students, who are studying for their BA (Hons) Marketing degree, will be carrying out research and making recommendations on how the Society can reach more young adults. We hope this will include contacting some Members to ask for your views.



Phoenix Consultancy

## SEEKING AN HONORARY TREASURER

As reported in the last Review, Rhona Thornton stepped down at this year's AGM after over five years of valuable service as a Trustee and Hon Treasurer. It seems Rhona is a hard act to follow and we still need to secure a replacement for her! The role is not onerous, and I provide support, but we do need someone to take on the responsibility. Briefly, the Treasurer's remit is to present budgets and financial reports at Council meetings; monitor the Society's investments; and liaise with our accountants to finalise the annual accounts. The role would suit someone who lives within an hour's or so distance of our office at Gargrave, and has a business or accountancy background. I can provide more details, or pass on enquiries to the Society's Chairman Dr Malcolm Petyt.

Ann Shadrake, Administrator

### Stop Press:

We are delighted that Graham Yule has just been appointed as YDS Treasurer.



# INGLEBOROUGH DALES LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP

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# STORIES IN STONE

Gaping Gill

***The Yorkshire Dales Review Spring 2012 issue included an initial feature on Stories in Stone and the application to the Heritage Lottery Fund Landscape Partnership Scheme by Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust on behalf of a broad partnership. In July 2012 we had the disappointing news that we had been turned down, but with the encouragement of the HLF Chairman to return again another year.***

After much further work in consulting partners and the general public and working on new ideas, we re-applied in February 2013 and in October had the fantastic news that we have a Stage 1 approval with development funding. This will, all being well, create a Landscape Conservation Action Plan which will gain HLF approval for a major programme of projects for 2015 – 2019. This will unlock a £2.1 million HLF grant and a further £0.8 of match funding.

The new scheme covers an area including Ribblesdale, Chapel-le-dale and the area to the south west of Ingleborough including Clapdale and Crummackdale. It also includes Settle and Ingleton and all the villages within the classic *Ingleborough Triangle*. The area takes in part of the iconic Three Peaks, characterised by startling karst scenery, exposed and sculpted by glaciation.

The area's special qualities derive from a symbiotic relationship between land, climate and people that has developed over millennia,

as successive peoples settled in this stunning limestone landscape. It has evolved into a rich cultural landscape with a visible archaeological record and hidden subterranean world. Farming practices since pre-Roman times have created a unique pattern of field systems, field barns, dry stone walls and special habitats. Over the last century these qualities have been impacted by over-intensive stocking of sheep, the development of quarries and the impact of increasing numbers of visitors who unwittingly affect the very landscape they came to experience.

The Ingleborough Dales Landscape Partnership aims to conserve key unique historic and natural elements of this ancient landscape and inspire a wider range of people to discover, enjoy, value and nurture its special qualities. Through improved access and management, the Partnership will help ensure a sustainable future for this special landscape and enhance the life quality of residents and enrich the experience of visitors. The scheme is based on *Stories in Stone* and how geology influences geomorphology, vegetation, historic and current land use, with cultural traditions shaping wildlife habitats and the appearance of the landscape. Consultations with partner organisations and the general public have generated the following broad programmes and project ideas.

**Programme A. Sustaining the landscape through long term management.** An integrated and collective approach to managing the landscape through the Landscape Conservation Action Plan.

**Programme B. Restoration and conservation of natural and human elements of the landscape.** This will conserve and enhance a prioritised series of distinctive natural and built heritage features of the Ingleborough Dales so that they are long-term assets for the local environment, community and economy. Key projects which currently exist are restoring lost semi-natural and broad-leaved woodland, Swarth Moor SSSI raised peat bog, old quarry sites, limestone pavements and species-rich grasslands. The historic environment will benefit from restoration of farm buildings and dry stone walls as well as important landscape features which make up the distinctive local vernacular.

**Programme C. Providing access, learning and enjoyment of the area's heritage.** This will increase public participation in heritage conservation and enable visitors and local people to celebrate their natural, cultural and built heritage in ways which are most meaningful to them and which support the local economy. Projects will enhance access, intellectual and creative interpretation across the Ingleborough Dales through an integrated package of sites of interest, develop key hubs for visitors, trail itineraries, a scheme website, overarching interpretation structure, transport links, interactive timetabling/visitor information, a diversified heritage experience, artistic and interactive opportunities to discover and enjoy heritage, an events programme and links to trails.

A key outcome is involving people in heritage through volunteering, appreciation and enjoyment with people involved in natural environment restoration projects, surveying in nature reserves, SSSIs and the wider countryside, tree planting, monitoring butterfly populations, habitat control, cave condition monitoring, woodland surveys and ash dieback assessment. Local archives and memories

will be supported as they provide a rich source of significant material relating to the full spectrum of local heritage. Areas of interest of particular relevance include caves and caving, the history of stone industries and hill farming practices.

The scheme is keen to support local events such as the Overground Underground and Ride2Stride Festivals and develop a regional centre for heritage learning that provide a range of formal and informal learning opportunities to a wider range of people by overcoming a range of cultural, financial and organisational barriers. A particular focus is enabling disadvantaged urban communities from identified groups to visit, and take part in activities developing the successful People and the DALES project. There is huge potential to involve local schools and youth groups and this will be an important focus for the development phase.

This scheme will enable the development of distinct hubs across the area to assist people to physically access heritage interests as well as the interpretation made available through the scheme. It will tackle distinct problems relating to busy centres often associated with heavy traffic use, including Ribbleshead visitor management and access enhancement between Helwith Bridge and Horton.

**Programme D. Provision of training opportunities for local youngsters in traditional skills linked to scheme projects with traineeships and short courses linked to vernacular building restoration and associated stone skills, the diversity of local dry stone walls, conservation management and volunteer training linked to habitat and historic feature surveying.**

David Tayler Deputy Director YDMT

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Helwith Bridge Quarry, village, setting aerial view

# PERMACULTURE IN THE YORKSHIRE DALES

Katie Shepherd describes a very interesting small-scale farming experiment high in the Dales. She is currently an Apprentice in Applied Permaculture Design.

*(Because this property is also a family home, its privacy needs to be respected).*

*Live and work as a Hill Farmer and Carer in Langstrothdale, a remote and wild part of the Yorkshire Dales at 1200 ft above sea level, where winters are long, the growing season very short and the distance to the wider world is great. In this article I aim to explore how I use permaculture design to guide and enhance my life and work within this beautiful, but often challenging environment.*



Pigs Ploughing Forest Garden

I became interested in permaculture several years ago as a way of finding real and positive solutions to the many harmful and destructive issues affecting our planet and those who live on it.

**What is permaculture?** Permaculture is a design system inspired by nature, which is based on three ethics; people care, fair shares, earth care. Design Principles are tools that we can apply to designs which aim to build skill, knowledge and resilience. Permaculture encourages us to develop ways of living within our own lives, our communities and within the global network which aims beyond sustainability and strives towards regeneration, and a more positive future. It's about looking at the whole, seeing what the connections are between the different parts and assessing how these connections can be changed to work more harmoniously.

Commonly associated with gardening and food production, Permaculture (Permanent Culture) is also used all over the world in towns, cities, villages, farms and remote rural locations to develop more resilient and meaningful systems of education, health, social care, community building and peace promotion.

**How I use permaculture in my own life** Permaculture Design helps me to appreciate the beauty and uniqueness of the landscape and culture of the Dales, while at the same time working towards my goal of not only reducing any negative impact, but also actively trying to heal my environment.

The following are some examples of how I achieve this. The first is by diversifying the species and breeds of animals used to farm: sheep, cows, pigs, chickens are all chosen for their ability to thrive well in the challenging environmental conditions here, while needing minimal human input and oil dependent bought in feeds to maintain their health and wellbeing. The

enhanced diversity also means more meat, wool, eggs, dairy products and manure also provide increased fertility and warmth for growing edible plants, parasite control and land clearance.

I have created edible gardens, in the form of raised beds, a polytunnel and a young forest garden. Varieties of species and types of annual and perennial edible plants are chosen according to their suitability for the exposed, short growing season here. In addition I plant a diverse range of plants to promote as much success in relation to growing seasons as possible. Most plants are also chosen to provide more than one function, such as *calendula*, not only a beautiful addition to salads, but a medicinal herb and a fantastic pollinator attractor and pest deterrent.

**Experimenting with sheltered microclimates** These are achieved by planting windbreaks around field boundaries, using raised beds and manure to create hot beds, while oil drums filled with water and painted black provide passive solar heating. They have all proved to really lengthen the growing season as well as providing useful (sometimes essential) shelter and habitats for farm animals, wild creatures and insect life.

**Establishing new systems of grazing** I have had amazing results in terms of the quantity, quality and diversity of the grass and herbage grown. The grazing animals have also had a visible improvement in their health and general condition, as well needing less attention from the vet. In addition, hopefully, further time spent on this new system should see a significantly improved level of carbon storage with associated benefits in the soil.

**Community** The scheme has allowed me to provide friends, family, neighbours and other interested people with both produce from the farm and education and information about the Permaculture Design methods I have used. I write a blog and various articles and book reviews. I also run occasional workshops on how I apply Permaculture Design to my life here.



Autumn Equinox:

5 types of kale, 2 types of runner bean; kale can be harvested all winter, runner beans deter cabbage white butterfly.

**What are my conclusions?** Using Permaculture Design to guide and shape how I live my life has definitely made me a more resilient person; not only towards everyday problems, but also in terms of the environmental and social impact I have on the planet. I can truly say, that Permaculture and all that it brings with it, enabled me to gain a far better balance and sense of appreciation in my life, and made me realize the real value of my life in the Dales.

**Katie Shepherd**

<http://www.permaculture.co.uk/articles/hill-farming-permaculture-perspective>

For more news and information about my journey through the Diploma in Applied Permaculture Design you can read my blog at: <http://shepherdwithattitude.weebly.com/the-grazing-diaries.html>

# DALESBRED SHEEP



Dalesbred ewes running with the ram, Penyghent.

Dalesbred Sheep are native to Yorkshire, Lancashire and Cumbria but are primarily found across Yorkshire, in particular around the famous Three Peaks. This is where the breed belongs on the higher grounds as it is very hardy and naturally thrives in these areas. But they can also prove to be a quality breed on the lower grounds too. The Dalesbred is mainly used as an excellent breeder of cross breeds that are used for the commercial market on the more lowland farms. Their hardiness and good quality breeding characteristics are brought through into their progeny, allowing lowland breeders to breed quality commercial prime lambs.

The Dalesbred Sheep Breeders Association was founded in 1930 when breeders of the very popular Swaledale sheep couldn't agree what the breed characteristics should be and decided to go their separate ways. When identifying a Dalesbred, the characteristics you need to look out for are a black head, with two distinctive white spots either side of its face and the nose becoming grey.

The legs are also distinct in their black and white colouring;

both the rams and ewes have horns that are low set, round and broad. The wool is of good quality for a hill breed; it is curly on the outside and has a dense undercoat which is essential during the



3 Dalesbred Rams

winter months, when they are on the fells in severe weather.

The wool is mainly used to produce carpets, but a small amount goes to the tweed makers. A fleece commonly weighs between 1.5 to 3kg. The meat of a Dalesbred is full of flavour from the fells and is readily available from Dalesbred Finest Meats. If you would like to try some, you can order some at

[www.dalesbredfinestmeats.co.uk](http://www.dalesbredfinestmeats.co.uk)

If you would like any more information or are interested in becoming a member to the association then you can contact the secretary, Ellen Gibson by phone: 07549884491 or email: [ellengibson111@gmail.com](mailto:ellengibson111@gmail.com)

Ellen Gibson

# THE YORKSHIRE DALES SOCIETY

## SEPTEMBER

# "WAINWRIGHT"

# CHALLENGE WALK



(Senior Office Volunteer and keen walker, Bernard Peel, provides a personal view in the second part of this article.)

**G**lorious late summer weather greeted fifteen dedicated walkers, YDS members and newcomers to the Society who tackled two stunning and varied walking routes in the Settle area on Saturday 28th September 2013, among them YDS Council Member Tony Smith and his wife Janet. Inspired by a walk undertaken by famous walker and author Alfred Wainwright in 1938, the event was organised with the help of the Pennine Journey Supporters Club. Billed as the Society's first ever sponsored walk, over £420 was raised for Society funds, much of which will be Gift Aidable. Star supporters were David and Gillian Harrison, who raised nearly £300 between them; David Hattersley (Business Member) who donated £25, Elaine's Tea Rooms at Feizor (£10) and the Reilly family who donated £100.

Gillian Harrison chose the shorter seven mile walk in the company of Society volunteers Barbara and Gary Livingston (and their dog Ellie). Gillian said: *Having two grades of walk really worked well. We would certainly strongly consider a repeat performance next year!* David Harrison, who undertook the 14 mile route said of the event: *I was interested in taking a different route up Ingleborough and also re-visiting both Gaping Gill and Trow Gill - none of these disappointed, in fact the whole walk reminded me of the beauty of the area and the need to preserve it for the future.*



Volunteers and members of the Society were joined by 14 year olds friends Jack Walsh and Jordan Reilly who travelled with their parents all the way from their school in North Wales to undertake the 14 mile route. The boys particularly enjoyed the re-fuelling stop at Elaine's Tea Rooms at Feizor near Austwick on the last leg back to Settle!

**Bernard Peel, volunteer, provided a personal report of the day:** Initially the day was cloudy and dull, but the tops were clear. The longish walk from Ingleton through to Crina Bottom proved more interesting than I recall, but the steep ascent of Ingleborough thereafter proved a challenge for some of us! Still we all arrived at the top only about 15 minutes apart. Some summits appeared above the cloud base over in the Lakes. With the help of the view finder we identified the Scafells.

After a picnic lunch, the sun was shining and the clouds dispersed. Once we left the summit, the wind dropped. Little Ingleborough appeared ahead almost as a mountain in its own right. From there Gaping Gill was always in our sights as we descended. A halt was called while some of our party explored the surroundings.

YDS Challenge Walk Walkers setting off at Clapham.

Which way to the Top?

Photos - Ann Shadrake

Then we were off for Trow Gill, encountering en route Josh Hull,

Three Peaks Ranger, and a volunteer who were busy installing a new stone through-stile to replace a rather decrepit ladder style. At Ingleborough Cave we stopped for refreshments and split the party into the hares and the tortoises. The former were not heard of again. My suspicion is that they became ensconced in the Gamecock at Austwick. Those remaining set off on the long trek via Long Lane and Thwaite Lane for Austwick. Somewhere en route we passed the half way mark, and although most of the climbing had been done, by now spirits were drooping. Only the most attractive clapper bridge crossing of Austwick Beck and the views and the sight of the hedgerows laden with fruit kept us going, plus the promise of homemade cake and tea at Elaine's Tea Rooms at Feizor.

Eventually we arrived in Settle at 6.15pm, after more than 14 miles and 8 hours en route, including over 2,500 feet of ups and downs, at an average speed of 2 miles an hour and 45 minutes per 1,000 feet. We plan to offer this walk (or possibly something similar), again next year. Sponsorship will be optional. The provisional date is Saturday September 27th 2014. Do make a note of it!

# AN INSPIRING LOCAL INITIATIVE IN DENTDALE

Just over two years ago, in 2011, the Saturday bus service between Dent Station, Dent village and Kendal was destined for closure, being an early victim of Cumbria County Council cut backs. How unfair this would have been as this was the only means for local people without cars to travel to Sedbergh or Kendal for shopping or for visitors reaching Dent village from the station by public transport - and only once a week for that matter. For those wishing to visit Dent, this would have entailed a very pleasant 4.5 mile downhill walk on a fine day, but perhaps slightly less so on the uphill return!

Whilst this could have been a very gloomy picture, a rescue package was quickly mounted by Dent Parish Council with financial support from FoSCL and the Dales Integrated Transport Alliance [DITA] plus others. With marketing help from the Dales & Bowland CIC, travellers will be aware the service continues to this day, as many others, perhaps against all the odds.

Out of this rescue package evolved the Western Dales Bus Company, a community transport project led by a consortium of several local parish councils including Dent, Sedbergh and Kirkby Lonsdale amongst others. The intention exists to find a more sustainable and flexible way of providing local transport for both the local community and for visitors in the Western Dales, materially, using volunteer drivers. In the initial stages a bus has been acquired on loan from Cumbria CC and, on 18th May 2013, the volunteer-run bus took over the Saturday 564A Dent Station to Kendal service, which operates to Dent village Sedbergh and on to Kendal.

The official inauguration of the Western Dales Bus was held at Dent Station on Saturday 8th

June. For a change the weather was exceptionally kind and a large number of people attended to watch Tim Farron MP [chairman of the Liberal Democrats] cut the ribbon. This was the culmination of much hard work by all of those involved.

The Saturday 564A Dent Station – Sedbergh – Kendal service timetable remains much the same as it was before the Western Dales Bus takeover, with one main outward service connecting with the Settle-Carlisle morning train and leaving Dent Station at 1020. In addition there are 2 afternoon return runs. A return bus comes back from Kendal at 1425, Sedbergh 1500 and Dent at 1515, with the last bus leaving Sedbergh at 1650 and Dent at 1705, both services timed to connect with the south and northbound trains – true integrated transport!

In addition, during the summer of 2013, there was a summer Sunday bus service from Dent Station to Dent village and Sedbergh, operating as part of the Sunday DalesBus network. As a bonus the bus went on to provide two circular tours to Hawes via Garsdale and Newby Head, returning to connect with the early evening stopping trains. This really was a hidden gem and the first time Stonehouse has seen a bus since the 1970s! DalesBus Rover tickets were valid on this service, including the discounted Northern Dales Rover available to rail passengers.

Though the experimental Sunday service ceased in early September, the Saturday service to Kendal continues throughout the winter months. As well as giving local people access to the shops and leisure facilities of Sedbergh and Kendal, the services allows fantastic access for winter walking into the surrounding hills of Wherside,

Great Coum, Rise Hill and Middleton Fells, not to mention the Howgills where an extended walk is now possible. Please come along and give it a try!

So what of the future? The Western Dales is an outstanding example of a true community focused local enterprise, led by local stakeholders and actual bus users, with the strong and active involvement and support of the Yorkshire Dales Society's Dales & Bowland Community Interest Company. Local people have been fully consulted about what services they would like to see, such as better connections to Kirkby Lonsdale and to Hawes, as well as having the vehicle available for local hire for clubs and groups. The intention is ultimately to purchase a new vehicle once funds permit. Nearly 20 volunteer drivers have already been trained and further routes are currently in the planning stage. Hopefully, this will be keenly watched and used as blueprint for other locations along the S&C line which are currently devoid of bus connections. Clearly, it is important that the YDS and D&BCIC does its utmost to encourage and support public transport connections into the Dales to and from the historic Settle Carlisle railway, which remains as the spine of the whole DalesBus concept. For full details of the Dentdale bus plus other weekday and Sunday DalesBus services in the Yorkshire Dales, look out for the popular free Metro DalesBus timetable available at any local tourist or travel information centre or local library or log onto [www.dalesbus.org](http://www.dalesbus.org)

**John Carey, Board Member,  
D&BCIC, member of operations team  
Western Dales Bus Co.**

*The Dales & Bowland CIC is a fully owned subsidiary charitable company of the Society with its own board of volunteer Directors.*



The  
Western Dales  
Bus Company

## NEW YORKSHIRE DALES SOCIETY BUSINESS AND AFFILIATE MEMBERS



**Cottage in the Dales** is our latest Yorkshire Dales Society Business Member, comprising three luxury self catering holiday cottages with prestigious awards for their high quality and customer service. These eighteenth century properties have been sensitively restored, retaining their substantial stone walls, original beams and open fires; further enhanced by private gardens with wonderful panoramic views. The properties are situated in Wensleydale in West Burton and nearby Newbiggin in Bishopdale. Two are five star properties Grade II listed conversions and the fourth at four star level. All three have a Gold Level Award from the Green Tourism Business Scheme, with one property short-listed for this year's Green Goldstar Award.



[www.cottageinthedales.co.uk/index.htm](http://www.cottageinthedales.co.uk/index.htm) or ring **Diane Howarth 07880 622291**.

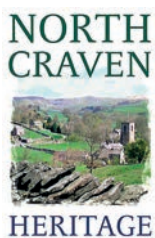


**BCRA**

**The British Cave Research Association (BCRA)** is one of our latest Affiliate Members, a registered charity, and a constituent body of the British Caving Association, undertaking charitable activities on its behalf. The BCRA exists to promote a study of cave and karst research, encourages original exploration in the UK and abroad, by collecting and publishing speleological information, maintaining a

library, and organising educational and scientific conferences. In the Autumn issue of the Yorkshire Dales Review, the YDS reviewed one of their latest excellent publications; volume one of Caves and Karst in the Yorkshire Dales.

[www.bcra.org.uk](http://www.bcra.org.uk)



**North Craven Heritage Trust** was formed to foster interest and care for the distinctive character and heritage of North Craven by encouraging high standards of planning and architecture. It believes in stimulating public interest in the care of the beauty, character and heritage of the area. It also encourages the preservation, protection and sympathetic development of features of historic and public interest. The organisation retains an important local archive and has a varied programme of events.

[www.northcravenheritage.org.uk](http://www.northcravenheritage.org.uk)

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Santas en masse at the Santa Fun Run



SKIPTON CRAVEN ROTARY CLUB

# SANTA FUN RUN



This annual very popular colourful event took place on Sunday December 1st, with Santa's Fun Run starting at

Aireville Park, Skipton. Over 1,000 runners featuring Santas of all ages, ran over the 5 km course through the town. Over £15,000 was raised. The Santa Sleigh appeared also on several nights in December where further charity collections were made. A reminder that the Yorkshire Dales Society is one of the Club's designated charities for this year.

Enrolling for Santa Fun Run





# HOWGILLS AND LIMESTONE TRAIL

## A new walk in the footsteps of Alfred Wainwright

by David and Heather Pitts

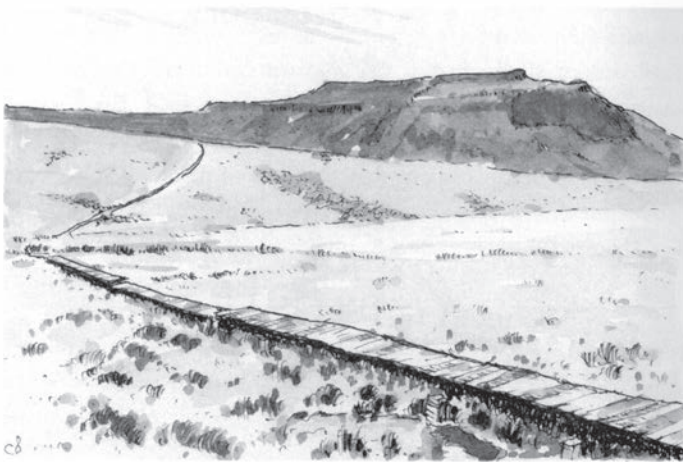
Published by Frances Lincoln  
at £13.99 and generally available.

This pictorial guide through Cumbria and North Yorkshire with a *short diversion* into Lancashire, is the second book written by David and Heather Pitts which here describes a circular walk of about 134 miles they have devised in seven stages, entitled *Howgills and Limestone Trail: a new walk in the footsteps of Alfred Wainwright*; as a tribute to the man himself. Their book is largely based on Wainwright's *Walks on the Howgills* and *Walks in the Limestone Country*, and can be linked with the final stages of David and Heather's own first book *Pennine Journey*, taking a route from Kirkby Stephen to Settle. The authors freely acknowledge their indebtedness to some of Wainwright's own popular pictorial guides and his various additional writings and sketchbooks. The maps here are by Ron Scholes and the drawings by Colin Bywater.

The couple were keen to create a long distance route with railways, past and present, forming an essential part of their trail. The handy pocket size generally allows space for quite clear maps and attractively drawn views and other features, though an occasionally overcrowded lay-out with close-ups of flora, map and scenic view on the same page, can sometimes tend to spoil the effect. Wainwright enthusiasts will be delighted to try out this new trail, which utilises much familiar territory.

Fleur Speakman

Ingleborough



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## THE MOUNTAIN WEATHER INFORMATION SERVICE

Grimwith Reservoir in the snow from Hebden, photo Dorian Speakman



A very useful means of both checking potential weather conditions for walkers and climbers on the high fells of the Dales and thus helping to ensure their increased safety, is provided by the Mountain Weather Information Service (MWIS). Scotland, Northern England and Wales are divided into 8 areas, with both detailed and general forecasts available daily throughout the year. As well as covering the Lake District, recently the Peak District area forecast has been expanded to include the Yorkshire Dales National Park and the South Pennines.

Only the Scottish forecasts are fully funded by the Scottish Government through Sportscotland with the support of the Mountaineering Council of Scotland. The production of English and Welsh forecasts is currently unfunded; though the website operation and development is funded through commercial sponsorship. The service is an interesting example of a successful partnership between public and private funding, offering a fully professional service free of charge. For further details and your current forecast log onto [www.mwis.org.uk](http://www.mwis.org.uk)

## New Mountain Bike track opened near Fewston Reservoir

Get into the spirit of cycling ahead of the Le Grand Départ in July 2014 in Yorkshire by trying out a new mountain bike track created by Yorkshire Water which opened near Fewston Reservoir on its Beecroft Plantation in early October 2013. The 1.2 kilometre route caters for varying abilities, including the novice rider. Interesting features and a variety of surfaces make the rides an enjoyable experience. It is absolutely free and is now part of the wider 9km cycle network in the Washburn Valley. According to Yorkshire Water's Catchment and Recreation Manager, Geoff Lomas, mountain biking is globally one of the fastest growing sports.

[www.yorkshirewater.com/walks-and-leisure.aspx](http://www.yorkshirewater.com/walks-and-leisure.aspx)



### Enjoy a range of wonderful walks and talks with the Yorkshire Dales Society this winter and early Spring – and maybe bring a friend.

All walks are free of charge and lectures are free to YDS members, but a small charge (£3) for guests.

Walks usually end by 12:30 for packed lunch or light lunch in local pub/café, and talks by 16:00. Almost all YDS events are easily accessible by public transport – bus or train. Help save the environment and use public transport when you can.

For details of up to date times, log onto [www.dalesbus.org](http://www.dalesbus.org) for bus information [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) for train times or ring **Traveline** on **0871 200 2233**.

### Saturday 11 January

#### Walk: Historic Skipton

Jean Robinson, independent researcher and Chairman of Friends of Raikes Road Burial Ground helps 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. Pay & Display parking in town centre. Special care needed in the burial ground due to uneven/rough surfaces. No dogs except RAD.

### Saturday 11 January

#### Talk: Old Inns of the Yorkshire Dales.

*(Please note change of venue.)*

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

**Meet at 14:15** at **St Andrew's Church Hall, Newmarket Street, Skipton** BD23 2JE. Pay & Display parking in town centre. Limited parking at the Hall.

## Saturday 8 February

### Walk: Heritage of Bentham

A guest leader from the well established Bentham Footpaths Group will take us on a circular, low level walk around Bentham and the lovely scenery along the River Wenning. Views in good weather towards the fells of the Dales and Forest of Bowland. Interpretation boards along the Heritage Trail provide added interest. Walk approx 4 miles. Well behaved dogs on leads welcome.

**Meet at 10:30** outside **Bentham Methodist Chapel** Station Road, High Bentham, LA2 7LF. Free car parks and rail station in High Bentham.

## Saturday 8 February

### Talk: Cave Science and the Yorkshire Dales

David Checkley, Chairman of the British Cave Research Association, (the group is an Affiliate Member of the Society), will share insights into current thinking on many aspects of cave science – geology, glaciations, cave biology and human occupation.

**Meet at 14:15** **Bentham Methodist Chapel**, Station Road, High Bentham, LA2 7LF. Park with consideration on village roads or station car park (free).

## Saturday 15 March

### Walk: Early Spring at Heber Farm

Garry Schofield, farmer and NT tenant, will lead us around the lower level fields and riverside paths on his family farm in Buckden. As well as seeing livestock, we will hear how Garry combines farm management and conservation with the realities of life for a Dales farmer. Garry and his wife Gill also run a farm shop selling lamb and beef, and a farm cafe.

**Meet at 11:00** at **Buckden Car Park** (YDNPA Pay & Display) No dogs except RAD.

## Saturday 15 March

### Talk: The National Trust in Upper Wharfedale

National Trust Ranger Peter Katic will share his wealth of experience in working with the Trust's tenant farmers to conserve the special habitats and historic features of Upper Wharfedale. With the Grand Départ traversing the Dale in early July, Peter will offer an insight on how the Trust and the village are preparing for this massive international event. Peter will join us on the morning walk to explain the practical conservation work he undertakes with volunteers, such as tree planting and river work.

**Meet at 14:15** at **Buckden Village Institute**, Buckden, BD23 5JA. YDNPA Pay & Display parking.



## RIDE2STRIDE EVENTS 2014

THE SETTLE TO CARLISLE WALKING FESTIVAL

## Tuesday 29 April

### Walk: The Old Ways

Sheila Gordon, local author and YDS member, will lead a leisurely circular walk from Settle beside the River Ribble then up to Mearbeck and Hunter Bark exploring milestones, boundaries and old tracks. Approximately 6.5 miles, some ascent / descent. Well behaved dogs on leads welcome. Return early afternoon with time for lunch/shops before train at 15:00. Part of the Ride2stride Walking Festival. There will be a short launch ceremony before the walk starts.

**Meet 09:51** **Settle Station**, the arrival time of the 0849 train from Leeds. Pay & Display parking in Settle.

## Wednesday 30 April

### Walk: Landscapes of Upper Ribblesdale

Experience the changing landscapes of Upper Ribblesdale including classic limestone scenery and views of the magnificent Three Peaks. A route packed with information, the walk includes parts of the Pennine Way, Ribble Way and the Pennine Bridleway. A joint event with Dales Volunteers. Circular walk of about 7 miles returning to Horton in time for 15:15 train. Free if arriving by public transport, £3 for adults arriving by car. This fee will be split between the Society and the National Park. Pay & Display car park in the village.

**Meet at 10:00** **Horton in Ribblesdale station**. No dogs except RAD.

### Future events for your Diary:

- **Friday 2 May - Visit the Hoffman Kiln** (bring a torch) for a circular walk with YDS volunteer James Enever, of about 8 miles via Stainforth and Giggleswick to Settle.
- **Saturday 3 May - Dent to Ribblesdale** via Pennine Bridleway 9m. Joint Walk with 'Friends of the Settle Carlisle line'.
- **Sunday 4 May - Walk: Landscapes of Upper Ribblesdale.** Meet 10:45 Ribblesdale Station for circular walk of about 7 miles, return train Horton.
- **Saturday 10 May - Guided visit to Brocklands Woodland Burial and Farm**, Rathmell, courtesy of Business Members Chris and Julia Weston.
- **Sunday 8 June - Tour de Gargrave Treasure Trail**, courtesy of Business Members JD Tandems.
- **Saturday 13 September - AGM.** Venue to be confirmed.
- **Saturday 27 September - Annual Big Walk** - Ingleborough to Settle.
- **Saturday 11 October - Grassington: Walk** with Colin Speakman. Talk on Grimwith Reservoir by Jim Crossley.

**Boots and warm waterproof outdoor clothing essential. Bring drink and refreshments. For full details and last minute updates, please check YDS website. [www.yds.org.uk](http://www.yds.org.uk)**

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Mill Gill in winter.

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Information about the Society can be found on [www.yds.org.uk](http://www.yds.org.uk)

Information about the Dales and Bowland Community Interest Company can be accessed on [www.dalesandbowland.com](http://www.dalesandbowland.com)

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Single Life Membership ( <i>Over 60</i> )	£300
Joint Life membership ( <i>Over 60</i> )	£450

Business Membership	£30
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