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## WAR AND THE BIRTH OF THE NATIONAL PARK

**A** hundred years ago 1914 was the start of a world-shattering event - World War I, its aftermath causing many changes to our country and society. On page 12 of this issue we review *Swaledale & Wharfedale Remembered: Aspects of Dales Life through Peace and War*, which brilliantly sets the scene before and after the war and allows us, with the help of numerous archive photos, to have some understanding of the impact of those momentous events on Dales' families and communities. In the country as a whole, 4 million men returned from the war looking for employment, with an estimated 11% of the population on or below the poverty line. Some of the returning soldiers were badly disfigured or psychologically scarred. After enduring the unimaginable, a return to normal family life was often difficult, with women who had taken the leading role in running the household, as well as war work, expected to return to a less independent position.

Siegfried Sassoon, a decorated war hero, poet and celebrated writer, comments on the people who cheered the soldiers marching to enlist, in his poem *Suicide in the Trenches*:

*and pray you'll never know  
The hell where youth and laughter go.*

So many young men had joined up as patriots, for a sense of adventure or taken the 'king's shilling' as a way out of grinding poverty. Doctors examining new recruits were often taken aback at their undernourished state. It is estimated that 250,000 boys joined up under age. The system of encouraging 'Pals' who were either friends or workmates to enlist together for comradeship, was well intended. A survivor involved in the build-up to the notorious battle of the Somme was one of a group of Leeds Pals who had undergone their training in remote Colsterdale in the Yorkshire Dales. 'We were two years in the making and ten minutes in the destroying.'

A war-weary Britain, buoyed up by the initial euphoria of an end to the conflict and the ceasing of hostilities, then began to turn its attention to domestic concerns. A popular movement had arisen to safeguard our countryside in the twenties and thirties, inspired by a suggestion

in William Wordsworth's *Guide to the Lakes* in the early nineteenth century, that the beautiful areas where he loved to roam, which had deep spiritual meaning for him, could be a *sort of national property in which every man has a right and interest who has an eye to perceive and a heart to enjoy*. As the towns and amenities of modern living increased, it became clear that the fight was now not against invading enemy forces of our 'green and pleasant land', but against potential encroachments like ribbon development, large-scale industrial or quarrying complexes and unsuitably sited leisure facilities. Safeguards were needed to protect our wilder and most beautiful areas for people to enjoy, in their increasing leisure hours as walkers, cyclists or coach or car-borne visitors.

The USA had led the way with the formation of Yellowstone National Park in 1870. Though Britain could not compete with such truly gigantic wilderness areas, our own varied landscape of hills, moors and coast was in urgent need of special protection for its wildlife and biodiversity. Various organisations like CPRE, Ramblers Association, National Trust, YHA, HF and CHA began to press for National Parks, with two men in particular playing a crucial role. John Dower, from Ilkley, wrote his highly influential Dower Report published in 1945, the last year of World War II, on the need for National Parks, while living invalided out of the war in Kirkby Malham. Tom Stephenson, journalist, campaigner and former World War I Conscientious Objector, worked closely with politicians, joining the key Hobhouse Committee which led to the National Park and Countryside Act of 1949. The twin core purposes of National Parks were *preserving and enhancing the natural beauty* of the areas of specified countryside, and *promoting their enjoyment by the public*. In 1951 the Peak District National Park was the first to be established, with several others following. The Yorkshire Dales National Park was finally created in 1954, not without controversy, and will celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. We will bring you more in coming issues about our Park's special year and its many achievements.

Fleur Speakman

# NATIONAL PARKS IN PERIL



Walden view

***In an unprecedented move, the Campaign for National Parks has asked all National Park Societies to brief their local MPs to counter many of the often ill-informed negative stories which the current Planning Minister, Nick Boles, constantly receives.***

Ruth Bradshaw, Policy and Research Manager at CNP, has indicated that Mr Boles alleges he received complaints from MPs who have National Parks in their constituencies. It seems the view that National Parks are uniquely subject to 1947 Town and Country Planning Laws, still prevails. Mr Boles refuses to accept figures that show, that in reality, National Park Authorities actually approve exactly as many planning applications as other planning authorities outside Parks, and do so in a fair and efficient way. Contrary to evidence, he even argues that National Parks receive less applications

than other areas, because people believe they have less chance of success. In fact, because National Parks have been proved to be more prosperous than areas even in the same counties outside their boundaries, more applications for development are received.

Despite the fact that National Parks have always enjoyed all party political support, (it was Harold Macmillan who in 1954 approved the Yorkshire Dales as a National Park), CNP believes that support for our National Parks in Westminster has never been weaker. A London-centred Government seems to have little concern for rural communities or our finest landscapes. Changes in legislation and funding cuts - driven as much by ideology as financial necessity - could soon reduce our National Parks to little more than their core planning function, and some politicians would like to take even that away. This is a real possibility now in Wales. With health, education and overseas aid protected from cuts, other areas of provision such as transport and

environmental protection are now taking major funding cuts; with 30% cuts already achieved, but even more drastic cuts in the pipeline. 'Reducing deficit' is easy rhetoric, but not when it includes environmental protection, not to mention loss of key enforcement or field staff, closure of information centres or toilets, let alone such issues as footpath maintenance and access. No doubt there are think-tanks already suggesting that we don't need National Parks and we could save millions of pounds by axing them, as they are not a priority for London ministers.

An indication of current thinking is the Government's proposal to relax all controls over barn conversions, a proposal that could affect the barn-rich Yorkshire Dales National Park more profoundly than any other. The Yorkshire Dales National Park, the Yorkshire Dales Society and CNP – as already reported in the Winter 2014 Review – spoke out eloquently against the impact this proposal might have on our unique landscape and thankfully comes the news that National Parks and AONBs are to be exempt from the new proposals.

But support for National Parks has come from a new source – Sarah Wollaston, Conservative MP for Totnes on the edge of Dartmoor National Park. She has written eloquently about how the mass conversion of barns for luxury homes would not only do nothing to help young people in rural communities, increasingly priced out of the housing market, but result in the absolute opposite, by ending the cross-subsidisation of affordable homes on so called exception sites. She explained what the suburbanisation and gentrification of our National Parks will mean:

***With the prospect of a free run at open market development with few strings attached, values are set to rise sharply and we will kiss goodbye to the only opportunity for development land at prices that can deliver housing for local people.***

***Suburbanisation of our National Parks might also deliver the coup de grace to their fragile ecosystems, already under pressure from changing grazing patterns. While cattle and sheep make way for pony paddocks in low lying areas, loss of grazing livestock from the open moor will lead to a further degradation from heather to gorse. Who can blame them, if hill farmers, asset rich and cash flow near to zero, opt to fragment or sell their holdings and livestock? They have long struggled to maintain their way of life with scant recognition of their services to conserve this precious landscape on our behalf.***





Barns conversions for luxury homes are only part of a wider threat to our upland landscapes. There are press reports of astronomic prices for London properties fuelled by international investors from as far away as Russia, Scandinavia, India and China, which are now resulting in prices for country estates and farmland reaching unprecedented levels in the Home Counties, Scotland and elsewhere. It is only a matter of time before land as investment is also acquired by absentee foreign landlords in the Dales. These will be people with little respect or understanding of traditional Dales' landscape values, hill farming communities or public rights of way and access. An underfunded, understaffed National Park will be powerless to protect the public interest.

Yorkshire Dales Society members are inevitably well aware of some controversial planning decisions, when officers, taking a perhaps purist view of fully justifiable policies against the conversion of outlying barns, can appear inflexible in the face of valid farming business needs, whether a desire to convert a derelict barn for food processing purposes, thereby adding value to the agricultural product to help a working family stay in business in the Dales, or to provide workers' accommodation.

But such isolated, exceptional cases should not be allowed to be used by self interested individuals to undermine the core policies and purposes of our National Parks.

With a general election barely a year away, the Yorkshire Dales National Park, like all our National Parks, needs well informed and sympathetic friends in Parliament. If you care about the Dales, write to your own MP, and suggest to them the importance, to you, of the Yorkshire Dales National Park and what it means to you in terms of the protection of one of Britain's finest landscapes, its support for the local economy, and its huge success providing and protecting open spaces and footpath networks for everyone, regardless of income or background. Access to such great landscapes contributes to our physical, mental and spiritual well being. National Parks' legal powers and essential funding should not be ruthlessly cut for short term political expediency. You might also choose to mention your support for the Natural England proposals for the extension of the Dales and Lake National Park boundaries; a decision which, for whatever reason, the Government appears to be delaying.

Colin Speakman

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT CUTS WILL DAMAGE DALES COMMUNITIES

As most Yorkshire Dales Society members will be aware from recent press publicity, North Yorkshire County Council, facing massive cuts in Government funding, has resolved to save not an initial £1.1million, but £2 million from its public transport budget, resulting in quite serious cuts to local weekday bus services in the Dales. Well organised protests have helped to reduce the severity of some cuts (the popular service 74 between Ilkley and Grassington is retained, albeit with just 3 return buses per day), but cuts to other services in Ribblesdale, Wensleydale, Upper Wharfedale and Swaledale will cause real hardship and loss of access opportunities to locals and visitors alike.

Ruth Annison, a YDS founder member who lives in Wensleydale, has written movingly about the impacts the cuts will have on her own community:

*There will be other losers too:*

*for example, employers, small businesses and visitor attractions whose staff cannot get to work and back home again; tearooms, shops, castles and accommodation providers will lose trade if customers without cars cannot reach them (note the well-recognised 'ripple effect' of expenditure within the local economy); charities and good causes dependent on volunteers for skills and time; elderly, ill or disabled people for whom non-driving neighbours do shopping, thus enabling them to continue to live independently for a little while longer.*

*To take a local example: In Askrigg, the village we live in (and other villages on the same route), it is proposed that the first bus of the day to Hawes, five miles away, will arrive after the doctors' surgery closes. In the other direction, for a young person from Askrigg who can now go to Darlington and have three hours 'town time' there on a Saturday, this journey will be impossible under the proposals. Furthermore, the proposed service from Askrigg to Northallerton will only allow a stay of two hours and seven minutes - in our county town! On any weekday (there are no evening or Sunday bus services here), it thus leaves no chance of catching a train to Thirsk, York or Middlesbrough for a day out.*

Other YDS members have also pointed how North Yorkshire's cash-saving actions totally undermine its other social and economic policies. Bus cuts will inexorably lead to younger people and those on lower incomes being forced to leave the Dales, and in ever greater carbon footprints, resulting from ever increasing car dependency, with the area at risk of becoming a ghetto for the affluent elderly.

Colin Speakman



157 Bus in Askrigg

# CRUMBLING:

## THE YORKSHIRE DALES TEN YEARS ON

**C**ouncil member, farmer and archaeologist, Tom Lord, is concerned that changes in budget allocation for the new EU Common Agricultural Policy could adversely affect our Dales landscape.

This year the European Union begins to implement a new Ten Year Common Agricultural Policy. Essentially this will continue the previous Ten Year CAP, but with a reduced overall budget of 13%. The CAP budget is basically divided into two parts. Pillar 1 consists of the direct payments farmers and landowners receive for food production. This is calculated on a farm area basis so that as a rule the bigger the farm, the bigger the payment. Pillar 2 delivers the Rural Development Programme which includes funding for farm environment schemes, organic farming, the Water Framework Directive and forestry projects. Pillar 2 funding is obtained by transferring monies from Pillar 1, a process called modulation.

For the first time the European Commission, the Council of Ministers and the European Parliament were all involved in deciding the overall budget for the new CAP, and the amount each member state is

allocated. Final details, especially how much money is transferred from Pillar 1 to Pillar 2 by modulation, are left to the governments of each member state. In the UK this includes the devolved Assemblies, as the UK budget is further divided between England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. With intense lobbying at each stage, and the UK government cutting provision for items under its direct control such as access to the countryside, the final shape of the new programme in England will inevitably reflect political realities at a national as well as European level.

It was widely reported that political considerations influenced Owen Paterson, the Secretary for the Environment, in setting the initial rate of modulation – the transfer of funds from Pillar 1 to Pillar 2 – in England at 12%. Farming organisations argued that modulation affects their international competitiveness, as this has the effect of reducing direct payments by taking a share of the Pillar 1 budget. Whereas wildlife and other environmental organizations argued for a 15% modulation rate, so as to transfer more funding to Pillar 2 to deliver additional funding for wildlife and environmental protection.



Common Blue butterfly feeding on trefoil



A 12% modulation rate for England will generate a projected spend on environmental measures during the next Ten year programme of £3.1 billion, compared to £3.2 billion in the previous programme.

However, UK wildlife organisations are concerned that much of the 3.2 billion spent over the last ten years has failed to reverse the long term decline in farmland biodiversity and fear that this will continue in the new programme. For a recent report detailing these concerns in relation to wild flowers see Plantlife's *And on that Farm* available at [www.plantlife.org.uk/uploads/documents/Farmland\\_Eng\\_015\\_report\\_2013](http://www.plantlife.org.uk/uploads/documents/Farmland_Eng_015_report_2013)

In addition, the budget for new activity will also be affected by commitments carried forward from the current Rural Development Programme. For England, existing commitments to be carried forward are likely to be in the region of £2.1bn over the next ten years. Farmers and landowners in the National Park, expecting to renew their existing environmental schemes over the next ten years, face significant reductions in funding.

Although the final details of the new programme have yet to be announced, it is already clear that resources going to farmers and landowners in the Yorkshire Dales National Park will fall far short of what is needed to protect its wildlife and maintain its iconic cultural landscape. The intricate pattern of pasture, meadows and field barns across the hill sides and valleys of the Dales is now hugely at risk. Key wild life indicators such as bees and butterflies will continue to be threatened, as will good examples of species rich hay meadows.

Maintenance of the four thousand miles or so of dry stone walls in the National Park will suffer a decade of under investment. Factor in the effects of climate change, and a large part of the dry stone wall network might well deteriorate beyond the point of ever being brought back into good condition. I estimate across the National Park,

that simply putting up the gaps in walls brought down by recent extreme weather events now costs some £2 million annually. That figure could rise to a total of over £20 million during the lifetime of the new programme. Dales farmers will not get support towards the increased costs of dry stone wall maintenance caused by climate change. Natural England has already ceased funding the restoration of field barns in the National Park.

Unless we explore new ways of protecting the landscape and wildlife of the National Park, the Yorkshire Dales will change for the worse over the next ten years. It is surely time now to bring together all the stakeholders who care about the National Park to explore how best to move forward. The Ingleborough Dales Landscape Partnership (see YDS Review Winter 2014, issue no 125), could be a blueprint for the future.

Tom Lord



Far End Meadow



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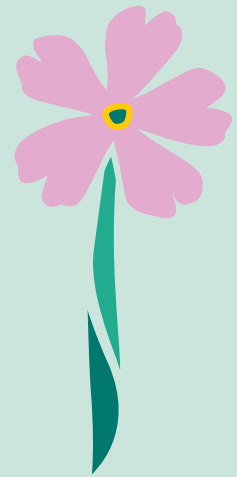
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# TAKING THE SOCIETY FORWARD



## New Yorkshire Dales Society Constitution

**M**embers will recall that at last year's AGM in July, retiring Chairman, Colin Speakman, (now Vice President) spoke of the need for the Council of Management to take forward with vigour and energy the essential renewal process. Key to this was the appointment of Dr Malcolm Petyt (a distinguished Vice President and former Chairman) as Interim Chairman, and of Jon Beavan as Vice Chairman. Malcolm rapidly put together a small team of Trustees to co-ordinate the search for a new Chairman and other key officers (Hon Treasurer and Company Secretary). You can read about our new Hon Treasurer Graham Yule elsewhere in this issue. Sutcliffe & Riley, the Society's accountants, are handling the basic compliance duties of a Company Secretary. However, Council is keen to appoint an individual to the role of Company Secretary and Members are encouraged to consider standing for this role.

This small working group also identified that the Society's legal documents (dating back to the early 1980s) needed to be updated to bring them into line with the Charity Commission's current guidance. This revision into new **Articles of Association** is a relatively straightforward process. Vice Chairman Jon Beavan has taken the lead and redrafted the documents with support from Trustee Jerry Pearlman. This updated legal document will be presented at this year's AGM for approval by Members. Copies will be available on the day, but you are very welcome to request a copy in advance. It will be posted on the website as a downloadable document in due course.

Whilst reviewing the legal documents, the working group saw that there was an opportunity to sensitively update the Society's Charitable Objects. Jon Avison, a new Trustee appointed at the 2013 AGM, offered to carefully rephrase and simplify the language of the Objects. The Council of Management approved this draft revision at their meeting of 29 January 2013; the next

step is to seek approval from the Charity Commission; and then to present the revised Objects to Members at this year's AGM, with a recommendation for approval. The revised Objects are printed below and will be circulated at the AGM and on the website:

1. *To promote and facilitate the conservation of the landscape, biodiversity and cultural heritage of the Yorkshire Dales National Park and adjacent areas, and the social and economic well-being of its communities.*
2. *To celebrate the area and encourage others to engage with, understand, enjoy and protect it.*
3. *To champion and promote change that enhances the landscape and distinctive culture of the area.*
4. *To work with and support other bodies with similar objects and interests.*

After working with Malcolm and other Trustees for several months on these key aspects about the future of the Society, Jon Avison expressed his interest in standing for election as the Society's new Chairman. This offer was warmly welcomed by Malcolm and the other Trustees. Jon worked at a senior level for the National Park Authority for many years, is highly respected and regarded as an informed and innovative leader. Council co-opted Jon to the role of Chairman Designate at their meeting of 29 January 2014. Malcolm intends to step down around Easter time, allowing Jon to take up the reins as we move into the summer period. Council will seek approval by Members in the normal way at this year's AGM.

*Note: for unavoidable reasons the date of the AGM has had to be changed. It will now take place on Saturday 27 September. This has meant that the Annual Big Walk has had to be moved to Saturday 13 September. We are very sorry for any inconvenience caused to Members.*

Ann Shadrake, Administrator



# Ilkley's Manor House

The Manor House is at the heart of Ilkley. It has recently celebrated 50 years as a Museum and Art Gallery for the area. It is run by Bradford Council. Recently it has had the spotlight cast on it because of the Council's proposal to transfer it to community management. Potentially this could remove professional staff and support, and place all the financial obligations of this ancient site on a local group. The local community has reacted with shock and concern.

The Manor House was built on the site of a Roman fort and was long known as 'The Castle'. The building has been a manor house, court house and a set of dwellings. Long held aspirations for it to become a museum were realised through local businessman Percy Dalton. He handed it over to Ilkley Urban District Council in 1961. Two years later, the Friends of the Manor House was formed. We became a charity in 1996.



Harp recital

The area is full of history. As well as the Roman fort, there are the Bronze Age rocks, Anglo-Saxon remains, including the original church of All Saints, and many Victorian buildings. The Museum's local history gallery tells the story. It accommodates visits by schools from across Bradford and beyond. They come for the Roman history and the toys' experience, shared with the local Toy Museum. This has been enhanced by the Friends' anniversary gift of a mini Manor House to help children understand how the building worked in the past. Monthly coffee mornings and chats take place here.

Next comes the seventeenth century house body, then the cross passage. Here stands an altar to Verbeia, goddess of the Wharfe.

Exhibitions take place in the two upstairs galleries. Some are of national significance, such as Liza Dracup's **Re:collections**. Others are more local, for instance to celebrate the Scouts' and Guides' centenaries and, this year, the 40th Anniversary of the Ilkley Literature Festival. The galleries have good acoustics and are a delightful setting for the Friends' programmes of talks and concerts. The concerts include jazz, classical music and early music. Many of the performers are of national standing. There are also opportunities for young musicians to perform to enthusiastic audiences.

Roman memorial.



Outside, the courtyard is an ideal setting for plays and other events. Most summers there is an event with music, activities for children and refreshments. It was here that the Europa Nostra award ceremony took place for the Watershed Landscape Project.

After much hard work by the Friends, we are hopeful that community comment and Ilkley Parish Council support are winning a reprieve from Bradford. The Friends will contribute through volunteers. We should be grateful if anybody interested in volunteering would contact us at [mikedixon@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:mikedixon@blueyonder.co.uk)

There remain major issues to face, in particular, financing the future. It is far better that Bradford Metropolitan Council remains invested here. Whatever the case, matters at the Manor House will continue to remain interesting for the foreseeable future.

**John Cockshott,**  
Chair, Friends of the Manor House

*Most recently the Manor House Museum has been granted a 12-month stay of execution, after Bradford Council accepted a deal put forward by Ilkley people, to temporarily keep it in local authority hands. Chairman John Cockshott has warned, however, that it will not be an easy task for the community to draw up and identify funding for the requisite Management Plan within that time scale, and hoped that Council would continue to have some involvement with managing the building in future.*

Photos by Barry Wilkinson



Ilkley Manor House



# YORKSHIRE DALES

## A Hidden Gem!



Kettlewell Crusher in pieces ready for renovation.



The renovated Kettlewell Crusher at the museum.

Grateful thanks to YDS Life Member Alan Butterfield, for a very informative personal tour of the museum, and to David Carlisle and the Yorkshire Dales Mining Museum for their photos.



Victorian miner in corduroy trousers with hard hat called a 'bradders', a felt hat soaked in resin was excellent protection.

Close to the entrance to the Yorkshire Dales Mining Museum, stands a highly impressive Dales icon, the Kettlewell Crusher, (see above and our front cover), a water-powered rolls crusher recovered from Providence mine Kettlewell in 1971, in a rather sorry state, by members of Early Mines Research Group and lovingly reconstructed. The Museum's collection, housed in the very attractive sixteenth century Old Grammar School near the centre of the small Lancashire mill town of Earby, just across the Yorkshire border, features a wide range of exhibits covering the mining, dressing and smelting of lead and the extraction of other minerals in the Yorkshire Dales. What is so impressive is the imagination and expertise that has been brought to the displays by this purely voluntary organisation which

uses a reconstructed tunnel section complete with a 'Dales Pony' known as Kexwith Bess, tools, scale models, photos and objects which clearly indicate the various processes, further enhanced by life-size models of miners in appropriate clothing.

Many of the museum's artefacts were donated by members of the Mines Research Group who had been collecting material for twenty years. The original group was formed in 1945 within the Earby Pothole Club to explore, record and preserve mining sites and equipment in the Yorkshire Dales. Early mines used shallow shafts which inevitably filled with water, and rock ore was hoisted out by windlass with natural joints in the limestone used to take steel wedges to break up the ground. The mines were lit originally by tallow candles, but unlike coal mines, were not plagued by dangerous gases.

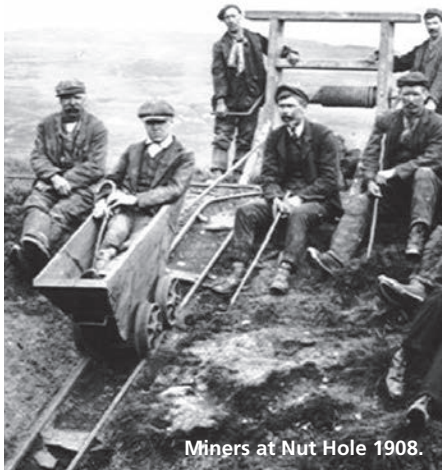


# MINING MUSEUM

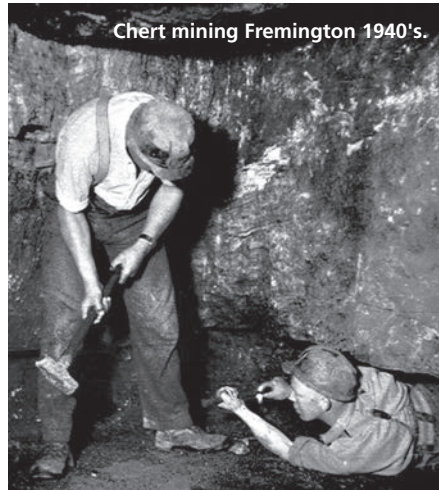
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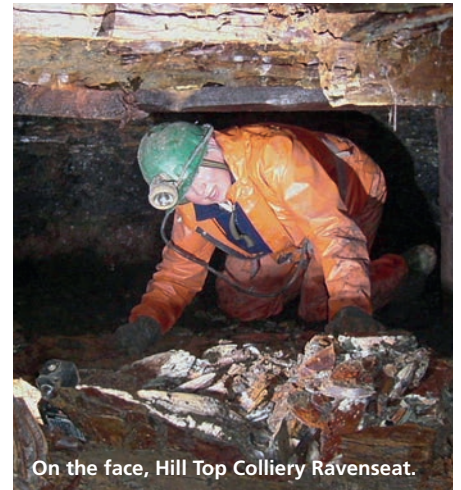
Recovering kibble\* from Cononley Mine.



Miners at Nut Hole 1908.



Chert mining Fremington 1940's.



On the face, Hill Top Colliery Ravenseat.

By the 17th century gunpowder known as black powder was used, and steel hand drills could drill holes up to a metre long. By the 1870s nitro-glycerine based explosives speeded up shaft working and tunnelling. But the use of compressed air plant and rock drills could be a costly business and therefore not always feasible for smaller Dales' workings. Transporting the wagons with their cargo was also a key factor. Although an early guided trolley with wooden wheels was first used in Germany, railed transport, which was first introduced in north east England to transport coal to the wharves, was soon customary underground. By the early nineteenth century, wrought iron edge rails and flanged wheels were common, with the sturdy Dales Pony (specially bred for the purpose), pulling several wagons each holding a ton, till the closure of the mines. The versatile Dales Pony was also used for hay making when the mine shift had finished.

\*Kibble were small stones.

A number of locations in the Dales can be accessed for those interested in looking at lead mine remains in their actual setting in various dales (though care should be taken): some examples include Grassington Moor orefield via Yarnbury, the New Smelt Mill by Tan Hill in Arkengarthdale and Old Gang Beck in Swaledale. The nearest mining area to Earby is five miles away at Cononley, where parts of the mine have been preserved by the Friends of Cononley Mine. For more comprehensive information, there is an excellent highly readable small book with illustrations entitled *Gone but not Forgotten: A brief insight into the Yorkshire Dales Mining Industries* by David and Margaret Carlisle, which explains the opening and working of a mine, ventilation and drainage, preparing the ore for smelting, how the miners were paid and interesting accounts of their daily lives at home. Further information details other types of earlier mining in the

Dales, not just the more limited coal mining, but the extraction of other useful minerals such as copper ore, calamine, barytes, fluorspar, calcite and chert which still have their uses in modern industrial processes. At £4.99 *Gone but not Forgotten* is available at the museum itself and excellent value.

The Museum has a small friendly team of volunteers who man the museum (which is fully disabled accessible) and its café. If you live in the area and could give some time at weekends to help with manning the Museum, you will be particularly and warmly welcome.

For opening hours and other information, please check the Museum website at [www.yorkshiredalesminingmuseum.com](http://www.yorkshiredalesminingmuseum.com) The Museum (5 minutes' walk from the bus station – regular 28 or 215 bus from Skipton), will take larger groups of visitors at any time by special arrangement: Contact 01282 841422.



**S**waledale & Wharfedale Remembered: Aspects of Dales' Life through Peace and War, first published in 2006, has just been reprinted and is exceedingly relevant. It portrays particularly how the Great War of 1914-1918 affected the Dales communities and details the men who lost their lives fighting for their country; in most cases only briefly commemorated on various village war memorials and in cemeteries abroad. A later section deals with World War II. Taylor puts the whole into context by giving both biographical details, vivid 'snapshots' of the relevant battle in which the men were involved and photos of the participants. The account is greatly enhanced by a detailed introduction giving an overview of the Dales: its early settlers, geology, farming practices, earlier industries such as coal and lead mining – with many telling excellent archive photographs, illustrating not only the soldiers and their families, but the landscape, villages, brass bands, children at school and the routines of village life such as driving the Chapman fleet of buses in Grassington or the local blacksmiths shoeing some of their horses.



Among many heart-breaking stories of war-time bravery, is that of 15 year old midshipman Herbert Lawson Riley of Richmond, torpedoed first on HMS Aboukir, a Royal Navy vessel, as it patrolled the Dutch coast in 1914. Riley was rescued from the water, but torpedoed again on a second vessel and thrown once more into the water. As the third ship next to them met the same fate, he was drowned trying to help a sailor in difficulties. The fate of the women who lost their menfolk and their bereft children could be equally poignant. Jennie, a young wife of 28 with two young children, devastated that her husband Henry (Harry) Kirkley, who had enlisted at Skipton with the West Yorkshire Regiment, had succumbed in the final stages of the infamous battle at Passchendaele to a stray piece of shrapnel causing him to die of his wounds, overwhelmed with grief, died herself in the following year. Relatives in Keighley cared for the two young children, but the little girl was

# SWALEDALE & WHARFEDALE REMEMBERED

## ASPECTS OF DALES' LIFE THROUGH PEACE AND WAR

by Keith Taylor, published by Country Books/Ashbridge Press at £25 (with 484) pages), email [dickrichardson@country-books.co.uk](mailto:dickrichardson@country-books.co.uk) or phone 01629 640 670. ISBN 1 901214 66 4.



to die of diptheria aged six; her young brother had lost both parents and sister within four years. In the final year of the war, John Thomas Ideson, who was born on the Bolton Abbey estate and became a woodman there, was to die of lung problems in a POW camp, leaving a widow Lilian and six children. The widow's father in law was able to move in and help with the grieving family and share some of the burdens. In all there were 236 Dales' casualties among the combatants, in World War I.

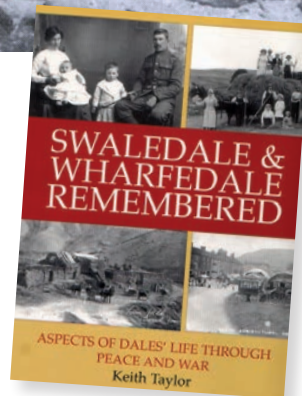
The middle section of *Swaledale & Wharfedale Remembered* contains a series of photographs of a number of village events in happier times and also includes photos of various war memorials which were erected locally as the dead were buried overseas. During World War II, the Dales also played

host to numbers of child evacuees, usually schoolchildren from the larger cities, who often found it difficult to adjust to this new kind of landscape and did not even have the right footwear for their longer journeys to school. Details are given too of the Home Guard and the training of recruits.

Losses in World War II in the Dales amounted to 103.

This book is in every sense substantial: carefully researched, stylishly and lucidly told, and with its highly impressive photographic material, it makes those who sadly often lived so briefly, live for us as real individuals, helping us to remember what they endured, and appreciate the supreme sacrifice they made.

Fleur Speakman





# RECRUITMENT DRIVE FOR YOUNG CHAMPIONS

**M**osaic aims to recruit 16-25 year olds who live in or near the National Park to become young champions who can care for this beautiful landscape.

As well as learning new skills and sampling what's on offer themselves, they will become youth leaders, promoting the National Park to other young people and advising the National Park Authority on the services and activities it offers, as well as ways to become more youth friendly.

The Mosaic Youth Project is led by the Campaign for National Parks and delivered in partnership with the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, and the Youth Hostel Association. It is funded by the Big Lottery through the Big Lottery - Reaching Communities Fund.

The project's aim is to improve health and confidence through involvement with National Parks. It offers training and accreditation, fun packed activity days and residential visits.

Michael Miles, one of the project's first Young Champions, attended a taster day at the National Trust owned Hudswell Woods near Richmond in August: *The day was great, he said. The project is opening up so many opportunities for me that I was unable to do - or unsure how to do - myself.*



Young Champions Ringing a Chicken.

A programme of taster activities will be organised for anyone wanting to experience what's on offer, starting in spring with tree planting and caving.

To find out more about being a champion and what the Yorkshire Dales has to offer, contact Kabeer Bostan, Mosaic Youth Project Officer on Telephone: **07972 630135** or Email: [kabeer@cnp.org.uk](mailto:kabeer@cnp.org.uk)

**Kabeer Bostan**



## GRAHAM YULE NEW HONORARY TREASURER

We warmly welcome our new Yorkshire Dales Society Honorary Treasurer Graham Yule, who had already made his expertise in IT available to the Society as an office volunteer. Graham, originally from Yorkshire, took early retirement in 2011, deciding to make his home in the Dales with his wife Sue; a contrast to much of their working life spent living in the Manchester suburbs. Graham has since become active in the voluntary sector, involving himself with several local charities, including our Society. His engineering and information technology background

which evolved into experience in marketing and sales management, has given him a broader experience in the financial management of business. He has also served as the Trust Fund Treasurer for two Rotary Clubs.

Graham and Sue (a retired headteacher), with two grown-up sons who live abroad, now have more time to enjoy travelling and Dales based outdoor activities, including walking and golf. As a Dales resident, Graham is keen to help develop and promote the Yorkshire Dales as a fine place to visit, live and work in during the 21st century. Our new Treasurer will undoubtedly help the Yorkshire Dales Society to make its mark in the future.

**Dales Bus**

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT THE GOOD NEWS

Thanks to continued LSTF funding and support from the National Park's Sustainable Development Fund, plus other fund-raising efforts, including support from YDS, the Yorkshire Dales Society's Dales & Bowland CIC, Sunday and Bank Holiday DalesBus will operate its most comprehensive integrated public transport network ever in summer 2014. Hot off the press is the restoration, from Easter Saturday, of the popular X59 Harrogate-Skipton service, which every Saturday (service 75) will continue to Malham, to offer Malham, Gargrave, and Airton residents a shopping afternoon in Harrogate, as well as bringing more visitors into the Dales – full details at [www.dalesbus.org](http://www.dalesbus.org) or the summer Metro DalesBus timetable. D&BCIC is currently in negotiations with our colleagues from MoorsBus, who are setting up a similar social enterprise to D&BCIC, in order to put a bid together for future funding via the North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership.



# The Secret World of Dales Verges



Cow Parsley

***In the Yorkshire Dales roadside verges are a delightful reserve of flowers, foliage plants, weeds and grasses between tarmac and drystone walls, but can be overlooked as an important part of the landscape. In a survey carried out a few years ago by the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology, it produced the remarkable fact that verges represented a total of 524,396 acres on mainland Britain, containing some 870 plant species.***

Yet in some parts of Yorkshire, where big farms have destroyed both walls and hedgerows to create massive, high productivity landmass for juggernaut machinery, a narrow verge by the road's edge is all that is left for plant and other natural life in a changed countryside. Often these slender verges contain certain flowers and plants which have disappeared from nearby land as a result of ploughing and crop-spraying.

Happily many verges remain in the Dales, however vulnerable, which can be ancient in origin, following ways in which people have travelled across the land since medieval or even pre-historic and Roman times. They can reveal not only how the adjacent land, but also how the road itself has been managed.

Before local authorities introduced mechanisation for roadside maintenance in the mid-twentieth century, gangs of lengthmen would work with scythes to keep verges tidy. Local farmers would take the hay crops or use them as grazing strips. Fortunately, with the wider appreciation that verges play a significant part in nature conservation, local authorities no longer use weed killers. They also adopt more sensitive mowing regimes. Probably the greatest disruption to natural growth now can be the use of de-icing materials on winter roads.

Verges are secret small worlds containing a multitude of plant life species, which provide interest throughout the year. Because of the more

enlightened approach to roadside maintenance, plants can put on more vigorous root growth so that verges become a vibrant habitat for walkers to enjoy along side-roads in the Dales.

In the spring, in May, verges suddenly explode into a riot of white laciness with the flowering of cow parsley and sweet cicely. Then, as summer develops, the white is replaced by the vibrancy of buttercups, red campion and poppies. These can sometimes distract from the more delicate colours and shapes of plants like speedwell, wood aven, stitchwort, cuckoo flower or hawkbit, and the subtle textures of foliage plants like wild sorrel, vetch, plantain and crosswort. Precariously near the road's edge there may be red and white clover, bird's foot trefoil and lady's bedstraw, even wild pansies. Miraculously they survive against the traffic or scattered stones from melting tarmac. Rosebay willowherb and cranesbill of various kinds as well as tall grasses, add colour and texture. After a heavy dew there is often a magical pattern of spiders' webs laid upon flower and foliage which glitter in the early morning sun. The backing of drystone walls offers shelter against rainstorms and wind so that this tenuous habitat is cosseted.

By August most verges have lost their freshness and become tangled, tattered and dusty. Docks seem to predominate and, with the bullying prevalence of nettles, comfrey, wild teasel, dog's mercury or ragwort, can overlay the smaller, more interesting plants.

In the autumn interest returns with the wide variety of dying grasses or foliage colour like the brilliance of dock leaves or cranesbill. The verge seems to collapse upon itself as the first frosts appear. But these add their own delight. It becomes a miniature world of white velvet with tiny sparkles of ice. Winter winds, lashing rain and snowfall will then sweep and tidy this before the verge can begin its long sleep at the road's edge.

**David Morgan Rees, a former YDS vice-chairman**



# The Tour de France is coming to the Dales

**I'm sure it won't have escaped anyone's notice that the Tour de France Grand Départ is coming to Yorkshire and the Yorkshire Dales, on 5 and 6 July.**

As the world's largest annual free sporting event, beamed around the world to many different countries, it's an amazing opportunity to show case our stunning landscape and heritage. Stage 1, on 5 July 2014, starts in Leeds and finishes at Harrogate. It will pass through much of the National Park (Wharfedale, Wensleydale and Swaledale). Stage 2, on 6 July 2014, starts in York and finishes in Sheffield and will pass through the edge of the National Park - along the A59 near Bolton Abbey. A Cultural Festival is being organised, by Welcome to Yorkshire, in the 100 days leading up to the Grand Départ.

Whilst the contract for the delivery of the Grand Départ is between Welcome to Yorkshire and Amaury Sports Organisation (ASO - the Tour de France organisation), it involves many organisations. Also a new organisation, TdFHub2014, has been established by UK Sport to help with the planning of stages 1 and 2, and stage 3 (up to the M25).

There are now a plethora of meetings to ensure coordination across a wide range of work areas, from traffic management and event safety to a future 'legacy'.

Delivery of the Yorkshire Dales section involves North Yorkshire County Council, Craven and Richmondshire District Council, the emergency services, and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. The Authorities (including the Police) are all working together to ensure that legislative requirements are being met, but at the same time trying to reduce bureaucracy for everyone concerned. The National Park Authority is playing an active part; it has a clear role in working with visitors and local communities, particularly in relation to visitor management, and communication. There will also be a series of spectator hubs, at National Park Authority car parks where the event can be watched live on a big screen (Grassington, Aysgarth and Hawes).

For the local communities in the Dales, while there will be disruption over the weekend, many are preparing to celebrate the occasion with their own events alongside. Visitors are being

encouraged to plan ahead – and stay over in the National Park; accommodation has been fully booked for months. Landowners and farmers are coming forward with suggestions for temporary car parking and camping sites. There is no doubt that there will be a huge influx of visitors over that period, with estimates suggesting up to 500,000 additional visitors.

Le Tour sits very comfortably in relation to the second of the National Park Authority's statutory purposes. Specifically: to promote understanding and enjoyment of the National Park's special qualities. One of the key issues for the National Park Authority is how we can bring benefit to the Park, its businesses and communities, between now and beyond the event taking place on the weekend of the 5 and 6 July 2014. To some extent that weekend will take care of itself. However, we all need to take maximum advantage of this opportunity. Many visitors coming to the Grand Départ may never have visited the National Park before, and we hope what they see will encourage them to return for many years to come.

**Kathryn Beardmore, Director of Park Services YDNPA**



Santa Fun Run at Canal-side, photo Ann Shadrake.

## SKIPTON CRAVEN ROTARY CLUB BREAKS ALL RECORDS

Skipton Craven Rotary Club has a formidably effective organisation and deserves many congratulations for its valuable charitable work. Its attendance with its Roll-A-Penny game on all three days at the Victorian Dickensian Market in Grassington, supermarket collections in two major Skipton stores, and the Santa Sleigh which this year covered even more streets, attracting donations on eleven nights before Christmas – all helped the Rotary Club to record a sum of over £7,000 that will be distributed to local good causes in the near future.

While handing out the Santa Suits, impromptu collections were held for Shelter Box, following the disaster in the Phillipines, which together with work in local schools, will enable the Club to send money for at least four, possibly five Shelter Boxes,

December 2013 saw the biggest and best Santa Fun Run to date. Over 1,200 entries means that a great deal of money will have been raised, but as many people prefer to give directly to their own special good cause and don't always report back, the best estimate suggests that up to £20,000 will have been raised in total – a tremendous and worthwhile effort!



# NIDDERDALE AONB AND THE FIRST WORLD WAR

2014 marks 100 years since the outbreak of World War One. 'Leeds Pals, POWs and the Home Front' is Nidderdale AONB's three year Heritage Lottery funded First World War Centenary Project running until 2016.

World War One (WW1) is often referred to as the Great War, because it mobilised more than 70 million military personnel, of whom 9 million were killed, and it was one of the deadliest conflicts in world history. The war's geopolitical consequences defined much of the 20th century. Despite its huge national and international significance, local landscapes have important traces marking the impact of WW1.

Until now, the importance and value of local WW1 heritage has been largely overlooked. Many sites remain undocumented and under threat. There has been a considerable amount of effort in locating and recording World War Two material, but the focus of most academic research on World War I has been on the continent.

Wayne Cocroft of English Heritage said: The common images of the First World War are of fighting men on the Western Front and in the Middle East, mighty battleships, airships, and flimsy aircraft. He goes on to comment that the more subtle traces of the conflict, that are still found in our towns and countryside, have often not been mapped.

Our work in Nidderdale AONB is just one of many projects, events and activities happening up and down the country to commemorate the outbreak of WW1. The Heritage Lottery Fund is providing funding for the AONB and other organisations to help them research, educate and raise awareness of the War and how it was a turning point in world history.



Our project aims to reveal the impact of the Great War on a seemingly untouched rural landscape and it will highlight the links between a remote and unfamiliar part of the Yorkshire Dales and the city of Leeds.

We are:

- **providing opportunities for volunteers to research and find out more about WW1 heritage**
- **launching a touring exhibition and creating information boards and leaflets for sites in Leeds and the AONB**
- **developing a programme of walks, talks and family events**
- **creating a WW1 themed heritage trail and interpretation**
- **developing an interactive website with downloadable resources**

The city of Leeds and the AONB have a special and unusual connection - the story of the Leeds Pals Battalion, who have a particular link with the northern part of the AONB through their months spent training in Colsterdale. Their training camp was sited on a bleak, upland navy camp, originally built for workers employed to construct the reservoirs which were to supply water for the growing cities surrounding the Dales. The camp was then used as a prison for German Officers in the later years of the War. The project has already begun making links with people whose families have recollections of the navy camp before and after the War, as well as memories of encounters with the Pals and German Prisoners of War whose presence in the area at times made quite a stir.

More information on the project can be found at [www.nidderdaleaonb.org.uk](http://www.nidderdaleaonb.org.uk)

Leanne Fox, Information Officer, Nidderdale AONB





## DR JOHN FARRER 1922-2014



Dr John Farrer died on New Year's Day of this year at the age of 92. His son and daughter-in-law John Peter and Jane were there, and his daughter Annie had visited the day before. As well as being our amenable landlord, John and Joan Farrer took a great interest in the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust and were generous supporters; not least financially.

Quite a lifetime: or two in one really. An Australian doctor with a young family, at the age of 32 he unexpectedly inherited the Ingleborough estate (in Clapham), brought his family over to a strange land (he had only barely heard of Yorkshire), and then dedicated himself to this place for another 60 years. Managing an estate of nine farms, several businesses and sixty properties (which were all in serious financial trouble when he arrived: three lots of Death Duties had meant that Ingleborough Hall and large areas of land, including most of Ingleborough, had to be sold off), would have been enough for most people, but he also carried on his career as a paediatrician and GP – he used to cycle to work in Lancaster I am told. I well remember him still climbing up the ladders to fix our roof when in his 80s.

### David Sharrod, Director of the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust

*Fleur Speakman adds: Dr John Farrer was rewarded for his work in reviving Clapham and creating jobs by winning the North Yorkshire County Rural Employment Award for special contributions to rural England in 1988. As early as 1948 he encouraged Clapham to become one of the first villages in the country to have street lights run by a turbine, powered by the local water supply. Throughout his 60 years in the village, he kept daily rainfall records which were made available for research. It is no surprise that he was a long standing member of the Yorkshire Dales Society, actively interested in our work, supporting a number of our events in spite of an exceedingly crowded and active schedule managing the Ingleborough Estate.*

## RICHARD HARLAND 1920-2013



Richard Harland was a Quaker, a peaceful Friend, who loved beautiful landscapes and their history, and had a strong belief that people should be free to enjoy the countryside. He spent his early years

in Scarborough. After several jobs in local government, he returned to Yorkshire in 1959 to serve as solicitor to the Craven Water Board and then to its successor, the Yorkshire Water Authority. Richard was active during the short, three years (1967-70) allowed for registering common land, and he expertly advised the Central Committee on Commons Registration.

After his retirement in 1985, Richard served on the committees of the Ramblers' West Riding Area and of the Open Spaces Society; he was the Society's Harrogate correspondent. In 1988 the Water Bill threatened to close access to open country owned by the water authorities. Richard drafted the Rivington Pledge, a majestic statement which was recited by 3,000 people at a rally near Rivington, Lancashire, in 1989. They pledged to continue to exercise their traditional access in defiance of any ban. Richard played an important part in the Ramblers' campaign for the right to roam, serving on the Access Committee and painstakingly drafting its first Access Bill in 1992. When the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 became law, he claimed much access land in Yorkshire.

Richard was generous with his time, knowledge and expertise. Although he never sought publicity, he helped rescue many acres of commons and moorland, in the Dales and beyond, for all to enjoy and he deserves far more credit than he was ever given.

### Kate Ashbrook, General Secretary Open Spaces Society and President of the Ramblers

*Richard Harland who lived in Grassington, was a founder member of the Yorkshire Dales Society, an enthusiastic supporter of our organisation, and someone with a local, regional and national reputation. An enthusiastic walker, he will be remembered for the gentle and firm way he could carry a point and for his convictions. We send our sincere condolences to his widow Alma and close family.*

## DEREK STATHAM 1938-2014



Former North York Moors National Park Officer Derek Statham, who died in January, had long-standing special links with the Yorkshire Dales and the Yorkshire Dales Society. He had originally joined the old North Riding Council as National Park Senior Planning Officer in 1965, with both the North Yorkshire Moors National Park and part of the Yorkshire Dales under his remit. With the creation of the new North York Moors National Park Committee after the re-organisation of local government in 1974, he became its first National Park Officer till his retirement in 1994, presiding over many initiatives. As one of the founding members of the North Yorkshire Moors Association, he was later elected its President.

The Yorkshire Dales Society has had an excellent relationship with the NYMA and with Derek in particular, who visited the Society's Otley office with colleagues for advice and to compare experience. Derek and his wife have been long-term family members of the Yorkshire Dales Society and it was typical of his generosity of spirit that he was always interested in our Society's doings. He was also particularly supportive of the work of our joint parent body, the Campaign for National Parks. Derek published a very readable account of his time as a National Park Officer, *An Eye To Perceive*. A large selection of his thought-provoking articles under his pseudonym *Sundew*, originally appearing in the North York Moors Society magazine *Voice of the Moors*, was recently published by the Association. Our sincere condolences go to his wife, family and many friends.

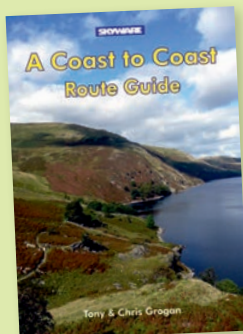


# COAST TO COAST REVISITED

**A Coast to Coast Route Guide** by Tony and Chris Grogan £9.99, published by Skyware ISBN 978 0 9559987 8 2 - [www.skyware.co.uk](http://www.skyware.co.uk)

It is a brave man or woman who follows, literally, in the footsteps of the great Alfred Wainwright to write and in this case also publishes, a guide to his most famous walk across England, the Coast to Coast, 190 miles from St Bees to Robin Hood's Bay.

In fact Chris and Tony Grogan are not the first to do so, and their excellent introductory essay on the route indicates there are no less than five existing versions by different authors, including a new version of the original Wainwright guide with its hand drawn maps. So this becomes the sixth. Like the Dales Way, the route is a National Trail in all but name, and is Britain's most frequently walked long distance route. Also like the Dales Way, the route is now managed by a voluntary group, in this case the Wainwright Society and route improvements are made from time to time, surely something the master himself would have approved. In another break with tradition, common sense has prevailed, and in 2012 the route was way marked for the first time since the publication of *A Coast to Coast Walk* in 1973.



Sensibly the Grogans do not try and imitate W.A.'s exquisitely executed maps and drawings, but use a very clear OS map base with clear instructions on the map, sharply evocative photographs and interpretive details in the text alongside. The A5 size, standard for Skyware guides, is handy for rucksack or hand use, and the glossy paper is at least water resistant, though a map cover is sensible in the UK climate.

Described as one of the world's great walks, the Coast to Coast path allows the walker to experience three of England's finest National Parks – the Lakes, North York Moors and of course Swaledale in the incomparable Dales, including a section through the lovely Orton Fells which, politicians willing, will soon form part of the extended Dales National Park. The guide also uses the new sections of field paths rather than roads between Richmond and Ingilby Cross, though Wainwright purists can stay on the tarmac. With a penny change from a tenner and produced to the usual Skyware high standard, this route guide is exceptional value and the perfect introduction and practical guide for the route, even for those of us who cherish our battered copy of Wainwright.

Colin Speakman

## NEW YORKSHIRE DALES SOCIETY BUSINESS AND AFFILIATE MEMBERS



A warm welcome to **Walker Accountants Ltd**, originally based in Keighley, who have recently opened an office in Gargrave on Asquith Business Park, near the YDS office. The Yorkshire Dales Society now has four Business Members on that nearby canal site. Walkers pride themselves on the quality of their service, ensuring that their clients' needs and problems are dealt with quickly and efficiently. They are also experienced in helping clients with the changing complexities of finance and tax as their businesses grow.

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



**The Friends of DalesBus**, formerly known as the Yorkshire Dales Transport User Group (YDTUG), campaigns for accessible and affordable public transport for visitors and residents to and within the Yorkshire Dales. Now in its 18th year, as a close partner of the Yorkshire Dales Society's Dales & Bowland CIC, it continues to work successfully with local authorities and bus companies to further improve public transport in the region. The group organises a programme of popular, easy guided walks from the weekend DalesBus network, while its website also provides details of all bus and train service links in the Dales.

[www.dalesbus.org](http://www.dalesbus.org)



## 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. Return early afternoon with time for lunch/shops before train at 15:43. Part of the Ride 2 Stride walking festival. There will be a short festival launch ceremony before the walk starts.

**Meet at 09:51 Settle Station**, the arrival time of the 08:49 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 the 15:34 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 10:00 Horton in Ribblesdale Station.** No dogs except RAD.





## Friday 2 May

### Walk: Settle and the Hoffman Kiln

Join James Enever, Yorkshire Dales Society volunteer, on a fascinating walk exploring the rarely visited Hoffman Kiln to the north of Settle. This is an extraordinary example of a large industrial lime kiln, with echoing tunnels to explore (bring a torch). The circular walk of about 8 miles will also visit Stainforth and return via Giggleswick to Settle around 16:00. Option to divert to Craven Arms pub at Giggleswick in time for late afternoon entertainment by the Three Peaks Folk Club.

**Meet 09:51 at Settle Station.** Well behaved dogs on leads welcome.

## Saturday 3 May

### Walk: The Three Viaducts Walk

Stunning full afternoon walk from Dent Station along tracks and bridleways to Ribbleshead, passing through Arten Gill, Newby and Gearstones. Views of three viaducts along the famous Settle Carlisle Line which celebrates the 25th anniversary of its reprieve from closure in April 2014. Strenuous 9 mile walk. Joint walk with leaders from the Friends of the Settle Carlisle Line. Well behaved dogs on leads welcome.

**Meet 12:15 Dent Station** timed for the arrival of the 10:49 train from Leeds. Or park at Ribbleshead and join the Leeds train to Dent. Walk finishes at Ribbleshead Station mid afternoon in time for the 16:00 music entertainment at Station Inn, Ribbleshead. Return trains from Ribbleshead late afternoon.

## Enjoy a range of wonderful walks and talks with the Yorkshire Dales Society this Spring and early Summer – 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 10 May

### Guided Visit: Brocklands Woodland Burial & Farm

Business Members Julia and Chris Weston are hosting a guided visit to their organic farm near Settle. Natural woodland burial ground, green wood sawmill, charcoal burning and other examples of farm diversification. Walk around farm to view livestock and habitats, wild flowers and stunning views. No dogs except RAD.

**Meet 10:30 at car park, Brocklands Woodland Burial, Rathmell, BD24 0LG.**

Ends approx 15:00. Email/ring YDS office by Tuesday 6 May to book lift from Settle Station, subject to demand.

**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)**

## Sunday 8 June

### Bike Ride: Tour de Gargrave Treasure Hunt

Free cycling treasure hunt for families/recreational cyclists hosted by Ruth and John Hargreaves of JD Tandems (Business Members). Bring your own bike (plus helmet) to cycle around the lanes of Gargrave and nearby hamlets following clues. Allow 2 hours to complete the cycle ride, plus time for picnic/lunch locally. Quiet lanes, but care needed on descents/short section on a busier road. Children under 16 years must be accompanied by adult. Free route map and tea/cakes compliments of JD Tandems.

**Special offer to Society members** - free hire of tandem bikes (normal cost £25). Book in advance, first come first served – phone JD Tandems on **01756 748400**, or email [info@tandems.co.uk](mailto:info@tandems.co.uk)

**11:00 – 15:00. Register at JD Tandems, Asquith Industrial Estate, Eshton Road, Gargrave, BD23 3SE.** Free parking on site. Arrival by bike possible using train or tow path – email/ring YDS office for more information.

## Future events for your Diary:

- **Saturday 13 September (revised date): Settle:** Annual Big Walk (optional sponsorship).
- **Saturday 27 September (revised date): AGM:** Venue to be confirmed.
- **Saturday 18 October (revised date): Grassington:** Walk with Colin Speakman. Talk on Grimwith Reservoir by Jim Crossley, YDS Member.
- **Saturday 8 November: Coniston Cold:** Walk with James Enever, YDS volunteer. Talk by Bob Marchant of Skipton Craven Rotary Club.
- **Saturday 13 December: Long Preston:** Walk with YDS volunteer. Talk and seasonal music by YDS Life Member Dr Judy Blezzard.



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Reeth War Memorial. See page 12, Swaledale & Wharfedale Remembered.

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