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## EXCITING OPPORTUNITY AS NATIONAL PARK TAKES OVER PENNINE WAY

**E**ven greater opportunities for those who enjoy walking, cycling or riding a bike will be available as the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority faces an exciting new challenge. It is taking over the management of the whole of the 268 mile Pennine Way National Trail from Edale in Derbyshire to Kirk Yetholm in the Scottish Borders. The Authority has been given £350,000 annual funding from Natural England, current managers of the 15 National Trails in England and Wales, to maintain and improve on their behalf, both the Pennine Way and also the parallel 205 mile Pennine Bridleway, which runs from Derbyshire to Cumbria.

David Butterworth, Chief Executive of the National Park Authority, said: *The move represents a great challenge and a unique opportunity to bring together for the first time all 18 organisations which have rights of way over the Pennine Trails, and currently share responsibility for maintenance and control. It is a big undertaking, but after a year of shadow-managing the trails in partnership with local authorities, other national parks, charitable trusts and areas of outstanding natural beauty, we are confident we can not only manage this great national asset successfully, but enhance and improve it for everyone.*

He added that the deal was not only highly beneficial for the Pennine Way and its thousands of walkers, but additionally will help the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority itself. However, he was sure, that whoever won the next general election in May would not spare the public sector from yet further austerity cuts. Rather than indulging in the usual hand-wringing, a more pro-active approach was to put the Park's expertise in landscape management and conservation to good use. A managerial appointment for the Pennine Trail and Bridleway is expected in the near future.

The Pennine Way was the first UK National Trail to open in 1965, inspired by journalist and campaigner Tom Stephenson, based on the American Appalachian Way. Among events marking this year's 50th Anniversary of the Pennine Way, is a major exhibition of art, photography, sculpture and memorabilia at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes which will run to the end of April.

## EXPERIENCING NATURE HELPS TO ACHIEVE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH

*Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts. There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature.*

*Silent Spring - Rachel Carson*

Although the UK spends around £110 billion per annum on health care, obesity levels are at an all time high, with 26% of adults and 16% of children now considered obese, while also worryingly, 25% of the population are experiencing mental health problems. With the gap between the healthiest and least healthy members in society continuing to grow over the last ten years (though North Yorkshire is relatively prosperous and healthy compared to the rest of England), there are still local areas of deprivation and poor health. An increasing ageing population will also bring its own challenges.

**Links between Nature and Public Health** is an important recent (2014) research report undertaken by the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) on behalf of North Yorkshire & York Local Nature Partnership and North Yorkshire County Council. The study summarises ten research articles, highlighting the links between the natural environment, and physical and mental well-being. Much success has been achieved by Health and Nature Partnerships in North Yorkshire based on such principles. Community based gardening schemes, training in making sites dementia friendly, developing resources for outdoor activities and environmental activities for those who experience mental health problems, have all provided valuable support for vulnerable people. Environmental activity programmes for young people, walking programmes for elderly people and their carers, and above all regular visits to the outdoors are all highly beneficial, with gardening scoring high as a worthwhile activity. A sense of well-being, of belonging, and social interaction are all crucial, but access to the environment – green spaces – still needs to be improved. People in the most deprived neighbourhoods are unsurprisingly ten times less likely to live in or access the greenest areas. Much valuable work has been achieved by the YDMT's **People in the Dales Project** and at such specialist sites as Carlshead Farm.

This report provides clear evidence of the need for continued support and adequate funding for our National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. What they have to offer in terms of access to nature and the open spaces is for everyone, not just a privileged few, to experience and enjoy. Cuts in their funding will inevitably lead to far greater demands on health and already over-stretched social care budgets; a fact to hammer home to politicians of all persuasions in this election year.

Fleur Speakman

## YDS NOW ON 'CONSULTEE LIST'

The Planning Department of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority has agreed to the Society being on the consultee list for important planning applications. This means that we are automatically sent details of such applications and have more time to send our comments at an early stage if we wish to do so.

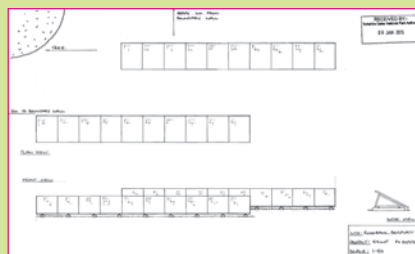
The Committee has agreed that, in addition to submitting comments and objections about specific applications, we should, where appropriate, send a positive response to proposals which we feel should be supported.

## GREEN ENERGY PROPOSALS FROM THE QUAKERS

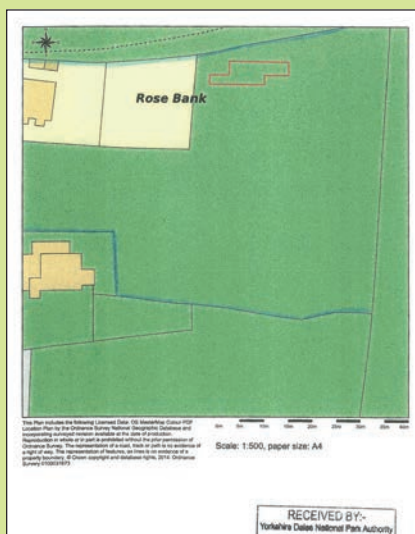
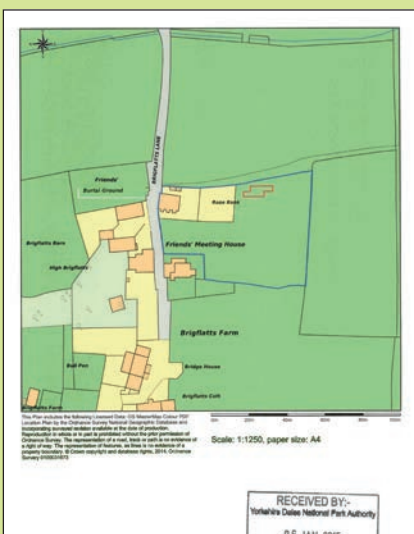
We recently learned of an application from the Quaker Meeting at Brigflatts near Sedbergh, the second oldest Quaker Meeting House in the country, dating from 1675. Members there wish to reduce their own carbon footprint and to set an example of the responsible use of energy. Having carried out measures to conserve energy at their Brigflatts properties, they now wish to erect a free-standing array of solar panels in an adjacent field to generate a small amount of electricity.

Solar panels can appear as very alien features in the landscape, and while we applaud the motives behind this scheme, we are concerned that the panels may

be more visible than the applicants say to walkers approaching Brigflatts on foot from Sedbergh along the only footpath leading to this Grade 1 listed building. We have suggested that some form of temporary structure is erected to test whether the intervening wall does obscure the planned panels.



Applicant's plan for Solar panels at Brigflatts, for Green Energy



## SIGNAGE AT THE COURTYARD

The redundant fine barn buildings adjacent to the A65 at Cleatop on the outskirts of Settle were converted in recent years to a high-quality retail and catering outlet. In efforts to increase footfall, the owners applied for new signs along the A65, and there were also numerous signs and banners which appeared on the buildings themselves. YDS and several other parties were concerned about this proliferation of signage. We are glad to report that negotiation has resulted in more acceptable signage along the road and the removal of other flags and signs from the buildings.

## CARAVAN SITE DEVELOPMENT?

A caravan site has existed near Hawkswick in Littondale for many years. While not a thing of beauty, it has not been obtrusive in the landscape, except to those approaching over roads and tracks from neighbouring dales. Now the site has been acquired by a company which owns several holiday sites across the north, and one of our local members drew our attention to glossy brochures which indicate the intention to "upgrade" the facilities in various ways, including the provision of large luxury lodges. So far permission has only been sought for new signs to the site, which have been modified in response to comments, but the Society and others will be watching carefully for future developments.



Proposals for entrance sign before consultation



Changes after consultation - smaller and on the wall





## RE-THINKING OUR WAYS OF WORKING

The Society has been considering the ways in which it operates, both in its committees and its public activities. With the intention of becoming more pro-active and better prepared, the Policy Committee has begun to devote part of each meeting to one major area of policy, with a contribution from a visiting expert to stimulate discussion. The last two meetings have included presentations from Helen Keep, from the YDNPA Farm Advisory team, outlining changes in the Common Agricultural Policy and their possible consequences for Dales farmers, and Crispin Thorn, Regional Director of the Forestry Commission, talking about various matters concerning woodland and forestry in the Dales. Both discussions were very stimulating and will enable us to be clearer in the policy stance we adopt in relation to such subjects. One outcome has been a new statement of our policy positions on forestry and woodlands, which can be seen on our website. The next meetings of the Committee are planned to include visiting experts on the Settle-Carlisle Railway and quarrying and mineral extraction in the Dales.

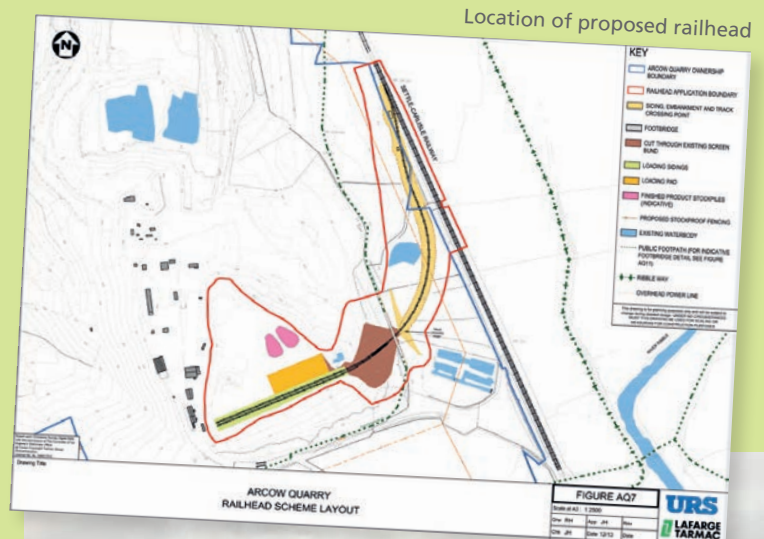
The Events, Communication and Membership Committee hope to link some of the Society's future events to aspects of policy. For example, Trustee Tom Lord who farms at Lower Winskill, near Settle, is hosting a full day of activity and discussion, largely based outside in the landscape, on the theme of changes to the Common Agricultural Policy and how these could affect Dales farmers. This will be our "Focus on the Dales" event for 2015 and will take place on Thursday 25 June. Places will be limited, so do get in touch with Ann at the office to reserve a place, as we are sure this will be of great interest to Members and others.



Lower Winskill Farm, photo Tom Lord

# QUARRY TRANSPORT

The problem of heavy lorries transporting quarry products has been a source of controversy in Ribblesdale for many years. The news that two of the quarries (Dry Rigg and Arcow) are merging their operations and, in return for a relatively short extension of permission to operate, are prepared to re-establish a railhead on the Settle-Carlisle railway and thus reduce road traffic by at least half, was welcome news. The operators of the third quarry (Horton), which has the longest remaining permission, has so far declined to do the same. However, the company has recently sought an extension of operation for its Ingleton Quarry, and this may present an opportunity to negotiate a change in their attitude.



Disused Foredale Quarry, approximate location for proposed railhead, photo Malcolm Petyt



# WHY DALES LOVERS SHOULD WORRY ABOUT THE PRICE OF MILK

(This article first appeared in The Craven Herald)



**A**nyone who cares for the Yorkshire Dales should be worried that the price of a pint (or half litre) of milk in your local supermarket is now literally cheaper than bottled water – a price below the cost that it can be produced on the farm.

These are several reasons for this. Prime among them is globalisation which means that economic collapse or surplus in one country affects commodity prices in another. The demand for milk, throughout Europe, both in liquid form or in dairy products, remains fairly constant, as we can only consume a given amount in our tea or with our cereal, or eat a limited amount of cheese. But production costs can rise with the cost of cattle feed, energy and transport costs.

But the dairy farmer can't easily pass any increase on costs on. He (or she) has to sell in a market place controlled by the big supermarkets who now dictate the price. Increasingly milk is used as a low cost "loss leader" to entice customers into the supermarkets, who are themselves engaged in cut throat competition with the new low cost supermarkets and discount stores.

In the short term, this might be good news for consumers, but for the farmer whose profit margins are now being squeezed into extinction, this is a nightmare scenario. Far from enjoying a free market, farmers have to

sell their product into a market where prices are fixed by international prices. In a take-it-or-leave-it scenario, this means that many once profitable Dales dairy farms are now in jeopardy. Once a business begins to lose money, it is only a matter of time before the banks move in, a personal as well as a financial tragedy for the farmer and his family.

What is truly shocking is, that many moderately successful Dales farmers with young families are now earning so little, they are now eligible for Family Income Support - Government funding to help less well-off families survive. Working all hours, in all weathers, in often difficult conditions, farmers in the Upper Dales, are now having to be helped by the state, to feed and clothe their families.

The Yorkshire Dales is a cultural as well as a natural landscape. Farmers in the Dales over the last three millennia have created the special landscape we all so love and cherish – the meadows, the high pastures, the patterns of dry stone walls, the scattered barns. Without people living and working within that landscape, it will inevitably deteriorate and lose much of its special quality.

But there is even more to it than that. A couple of weeks ago I was contacted by a lady, Joyce Knapp (née Middleton), originally from Dentedale, now living in Bentham. She had seen the recent 60th National Park



Anniversary book of mine with, on its cover, a fine photograph of haytime in Deepdale by the late Geoffrey Wright. She is the little girl enjoying a mug of tea with the haymakers. She kindly invited me to accompany her to Deepdale where the photograph was taken in 1959, and I was privileged to meet members of her extended family still living in the Dale. But it was explained to me that where there were three farms in 1959, there is now just one, the farmhouses now holiday cottages, and hay is no longer cut. If the last farm was to go, the walls, the barns would be neglected, the fields ranched, and that rich heritage of family and folk memory and history, tales and dialect, would vanish as the last workers retired and families left.

If we are to keep the great pastoral landscapes of the Dales as living countryside, farming has not only to survive, but prosper. A great mistake of the 1980s was to abolish the Milk Marketing Board which gave farmers a guaranteed price for milk, to allow them to balance their books and plan for the future. We need a new version, no doubt renamed, to protect our dairy industry, not just to keep farming families in the hills, but for food





A threatened species?  
Dairy cows in Semerwater

security. If current political unrest in Eastern Europe blazes into conflict, dairy imports could collapse and prices escalate overnight. But if the dairy herds in the Dales have been slaughtered and milking sheds dismantled, supermarkets shelves would soon empty. Intervention in the market place, to help retain the skills, expertise and know how developed by generations of farmers in the Dales, is essential for all our own futures.

Such intervention is not a fashionable concept for any Government, but this is not a free market. Farmers are not seekers after charity or state hand outs. Diversification into niche artisan food markets or providing accommodation for visitors can help, and the National Park Authority perhaps has to be more flexible over planning matters. But unless farmers get a fair price for their prime product, a litre of milk, one that reflects actual production costs, the green pastures of the Dales, both inside and outside the National Park, will be reduced to reeds and thistle, barns and walls to heaps of stones, footpaths lost, farmhouses as weekend retreats for the rich (complete with heli-pads). But in perhaps difficult times to come, we could have reason to regret the loss of a vital industry that meets so many of our nutritional needs, as well as maintaining one of the most beautiful landscapes in Europe.

Colin Speakman

## MAKE SOMEONE'S DAY AT BRIMHAM ROCKS



**Chris Hartley, a long-standing and dedicated volunteer for the National Trust, and a YDS Council member, introduces us to some new concepts to enhance the visitor experience in the Nidderdale AONB at Brimham Rocks.**

In order to communicate in a friendlier 21st century fashion with both its members and other visitors, the National Trust is setting out to recruit volunteers to act as a Daymaker, whose task is quite literally, to make someone's day and feel that they have really enjoyed their visit to Brimham Rocks. This is done in a variety of ways. When the visitor first arrives, they are met by a *Meeter and Greeter*, who welcomes them to the property and points them in the right direction. There is additional help from two very knowledgeable staff members based in the van in the car park, who can help with maps and general information.

Nearer the House and information centre, you encounter the Gazebo, a small marquee. Here a friendly staff member can tell passing visitors about what's on offer. Over the years the Trust has been monitoring the various types of visitors and categorises them into groups, such as Explorer Families and Curious Minds. For instance, those who have quite young children can pick up and borrow absolutely free one of four Tracker packs which consist of a bright red daysack containing activity ideas: a pair of binoculars, a compass, a magnifying glass, a blindfold which can be worn to test the sense of touch, jars for bug hunting, and information sheets for identifying wild life. The only thing the Trust insists on, is that everything is returned intact at the end of the visit.

There is also an opportunity to join a regular series of short half hour guided walks, where visitors can see such famous formations as the Idol Rock, balanced on a wineglass stem, the rocking stones and the Druid's Writing Desk or ET, as it has been renamed, due to its resemblance to the well-known alien from the Steven Spielberg film. These are perhaps less likely to be seen by the casual visitor as they lie behind Rocks House, and most people seem to concentrate their walk around the main area in front of the house. The aim is also to give some impression of the vital work the Trust staff do in managing the property and pointing out that every penny the visitor spends goes towards conservation work. You can follow the estate's rich history from its earlier sheep farming days under the Cistercian monks of Fountains Abbey, to its later use as a grouse moor, and then to its ultimate management by the National Trust, which took over the estate in 1970.

Ongoing training is given to all volunteers who find it a very stimulating experience to meet the public and help to get the vital message across about the challenges and rewards of conserving this remarkable area, and above all, the cost of doing this. At the same time, we can hopefully, help to enrich the visitor's day and encourage them to return on other occasions.

If you have some spare time and would enjoy the opportunity of engaging with a small team of friendly volunteers in promoting the work at Brimham Rocks, please contact us at: [brimhamrocks@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:brimhamrocks@nationaltrust.org.uk)

# THE WENSLEYDALE RAILWAY COMES BACK TO NORTHALLERTON

**S**omething quite exciting is happening on the Wensleydale Railway. If you look at their attractive little stylised company hills and dales logo, displayed at stations and on their literature, instead of Leeming Bar – Redmire as its strapline, it now says Northallerton-Redmire.

For the first time in 60 years, since the railway closed to passengers between Northallerton and Hawes in 1954, there are now regular passenger services between Northallerton and Redmire.

Well almost. The new station serving the line at Northallerton is not the busy main line station, now part of the high speed electrified East Coast main line, but is to be found near the end of the Wensleydale branch. It is a simple platform, known as Northallerton West,

constructed on a run round loop close to the former junction, where the line used to divert into either the north-bound curve towards Darlington or (long vanished) south-bound curve towards York. It's about a 20 minute brisk walk away from Northallerton Station or 15 minutes from the town centre, along suburban streets, and an unsurfaced track, then finally a specially constructed fenced path to the station, with no car parking nearby. The Wensleydale Railway Company is hoping to arrange temporary car parking space along what would be a northern entrance to reduce walking distance, but as Nigel Park, General Manager of Wensleydale plc (the company that actually runs the trains) is first to admit, this is a temporary arrangement until funds can be raised to restore the tracks on the south bound curve and create a permanent station which would be



Train at Northallerton West



within much easier walking distance of Northallerton Station with better car and coach parking.

But access problems at Northallerton are temporary and not the real issue. This is now a 22 mile long heritage railway, making it one of the longest preserved lines in the UK, and certainly one of the most scenic, especially west of Leyburn towards Redmire, as the full grandeur of Wensleydale with Pen Hill to the south, opens up from the carriage window.

Is the Wensleydale Railway a public transport service or an all-weather visitor attraction? The answer is a complex one. As Nigel is first to admit, no one travelling between Northallerton and Leyburn in a hurry is going to use the Railway rather than their car or faster and more frequent Dales & District buses. But in terms of quality of experience, a trip on the line is something different. The slow journey by train to Redmire, confined to a maximum speed of 25mph, gives lots of opportunity for enjoying the scenery, calling at restored North Eastern Railway stations at Leeming Bar, Bedale, Finghall Road and Leyburn. Between Leyburn and Redmire, there is especially beautiful walking to be enjoyed with great views over Leyburn Shawl and through the Bolton Estate, which the train service facilitates. Medieval Bolton Castle is only a short walk from Redmire Station. With something like 50,000 passengers travelling on the line each year, Nigel reckons this could easily become 100,000 if current plans are realised. But already the Wensleydale Railway is a top visitor attraction in the northern Dales, and visitors bring with them their spending power through local guest houses, pubs, restaurants and shops which all help to sustain the Dales economy.

The next key target for the Wensleydale Railway Trust, the charity that raises funding for the line, supported by the volunteers of the Wensleydale Railway Association, is to extend the line westwards to Aysgarth, with its famous waterfalls, perhaps with a halt at Castle Bolton itself. But the long term vision is to eventually link with the celebrated Settle Carlisle line at Garsdale.

Funding, as always, is the critical issue. Grants from Hambleton Council and other public sector sources, plus lots of individual donations, including help in kind with building and fencing materials from local businesses in the area, have helped pay for the Northallerton West Station. The Aysgarth extension, part of a Five Year Plan for the railway, will require between £10 and £12 million, plus a further £6 million for the south curve into Northallerton. A further appeal for £250,000 is for MARS, the much needed Maintained and Restoration Shed, to allow volunteers restoring locomotives and carriages to work under shelter - not exposed to the weather, outdoors.

Much of this money will have to come from the public sector, perhaps regional economic regeneration packages, but in terms of economic benefit to this part of Yorkshire, the benefits, if difficult to always fully quantify, are immense. It is not just about visitor spend, important as this is. What is often less well understood is the major contribution made by the 200 plus volunteers, including the 50 most regular workers, who week after week, provide the core teams of drivers,



A vintage diesel locomotive at Leyburn

guards, signallers, track and rolling stock maintenance teams, café and bookshop volunteers. With only two full time and four part time staff, volunteers not only give hugely of their time and expertise in what are very fulfilling roles, but spend a lot of money locally on food, refreshment, accommodation and local services. Older people bring huge experience and skills, both technical and people skills to the railway, but gain in companionship and a real sense of achievement in an immensely worthwhile project. Young people learn new skills which can help further their careers, including engineering skills, even apprenticeships. Current proposals are for the Railway to earn money and create jobs by undertaking restoration or maintenance projects for other preserved railways and even for commercial rail freight companies.

On many levels, a visit to the Wensleydale Railway is a fascinating experience. Whether you come by car (good parking at Leeming Bar) or by public transport (Dales & District buses 73/156/856 run to Leeming Bar or Bedale; on Sunday DalesBus 856 and 820 also pass close to Leyburn Station), details [www.dalesbus.org](http://www.dalesbus.org)), a trip on this scenic line, usually on vintage 1960s rolling stock that takes most of us back to our youth, makes a worthwhile day out. Leyburn Station has an excellent café. Detailed timetables of all train services, including special steam train days and events such as Leyburn Food Fair, and also how to get involved as a volunteer or indeed to donate to the Maintenance Shed project or even the Aysgarth or Northallerton line extensions, are all on the Wensleydale Railway website – [www.wensleydalerrail.com](http://www.wensleydalerrail.com)



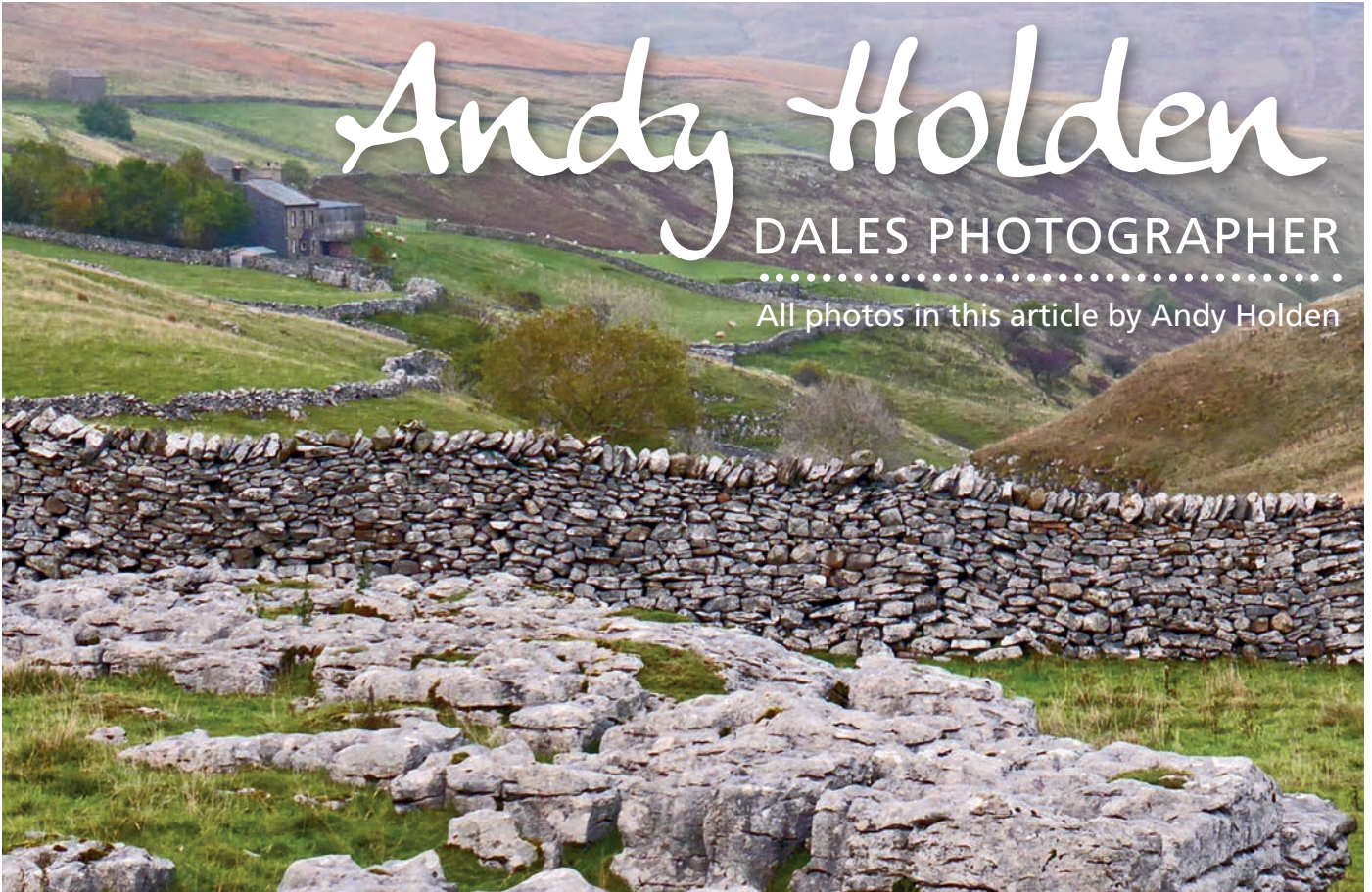
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# Andy Holden

DALES PHOTOGRAPHER

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All photos in this article by Andy Holden



A Yorkshire Dale - Pen-y-ghent House Farm, Heselden



That Foxy Look -  
Fox cub on the high land between Settle and Malham



The Eye Has It -  
Sparrowhawk in back yard



Andy Holden was born 50 years ago in Nelson, but has lived in Yorkshire for over 33 years, and over 20 years in the Craven area. Formerly a pest-controller for Craven District Council, and known locally as the Council Ratcatcher, he is now a self-employed mole controller. It is not a contradiction to say, that despite his job, he enjoys nature, especially birds and other wild life. The skills he acquired also made him appreciate the ways that the bird and animal world adapted to the natural scene. He lives with *his other 'alf*, Lynn who, he says, continues to put up with him even after 20 years.

Andy is a keen fell runner, racing up and down the fells of the Yorkshire Dales and the Lake District. He has had notable wins at Cracoe Fell Race and Reeth Show Fell Race, where he carried off the top award three times. He has occasionally done some dry stone walling, after initial training by a local expert a few years ago. Andy, as an amateur photographer, enjoys putting his own slant on local landscapes and nature, mountain bikers and even on fell racers when not competing in the race itself. He was delighted that one of his photos, a charming close-up entitled Lone Stoat, was included in the 2013 BBC Countryfile Calendar. The Yorkshire Dales Society has used at least two of Andy's photos in the past. Issue no 122 was a dramatic close-up of purple saxifrage on Pen y Ghent, while issue no 24 showed a vixen surveying an autumnal scene, her russet coat blending with the autumn colours.

Andy describes what the Dales means to him: *I love the wide open moorland with its hanging valleys, rocky outcrops, clear streams and wise old hawthorn trees. Also the special birds such as wheatears and ring ouzels, and the wary foxes which are so difficult to record. The springtime is the most productive for photography, but I can find something I enjoy photographing at any time of year.*

*My equipment is basically a good quality digital SLR with a telephoto lens for wildlife and other subjects, and a wide angle lens for landscape shots. I will often use a tripod for the landscape shots. If I want to travel light, because the digital SLR is heavy, then I carry a small compact digital camera, which is fine in a good light.*

Our current cover of the Yorkshire Dales Review has one of Andy's landscape shots: The Valley of Limestone, Upper Gordale (in Malham).



Dales Illuminations - Below Scaleber Foss



Entering the Fairy Steps at Beetham Sports fell race

On Pen-y-ghent (2) at the Three Peaks Cyclocross



On Pen-y-ghent (3) at the Three Peaks Cyclocross





# LOOKING AFTER THE LEGACY 'LEADSCAPES' OF THE YORKSHIRE DALES

**L**ead mining has a very long history in the Dales. Several pigs, or ingots of Roman lead have been found here, though not all survive, including one with the Emperor Trajan's stamp on it near Appletreewick in Wharfedale. In Medieval times mineral rights and the mines were owned by the Crown, nobility and monastic houses. Keld Heads Mine in Wensleydale provided lead for Jervaulx Abbey roof; as did mines at Appletreewick, Wharfedale for Bolton Priory. Later, during the Industrial Revolution, the innovative mining, extraction, dressing and smelting techniques of the lead industry were so cutting edge here, that in the 1820s, French engineers made a special point of visiting the Grassington Moor mines. *Vive le Tour de Yorkshire!*

Although the industry collapsed sixty years later in the 1880s, as cheaper imports flooded the country, the fabric of the Dales and the history of its people have been indelibly marked by its lead mining heritage.

The 1950s saw a huge increase of public interest in our industrial past, and the lead mining remains were no exception. Early conservation efforts on structures on Grassington Moor and Yarnbury were carried out fifty years ago, not by public bodies but by the Early

Mining Research Group, an enthusiastic band of interested local people. Members of the Northern Mines Research Society, many of whom live in and around the Yorkshire Dales, continue to publish fascinating histories of the Dales mines – a volume on Wensleydale is the most recent addition. The YDNPA have done much to stabilise decaying structures and promote interest in the physical remains of the lead mining industry since the 1970s. The 1990s saw the first concerted legal protection – or 'scheduling' – of such sites in the Dales when English Heritage recognised what locals have known for a long time – that these sites are important and deserve our attention and care.

In 2010 English Heritage realised that many of these scheduled monuments needed renewed conservation efforts, with a number on our Heritage at Risk register, and others heading that way. Neil Redfern, the Inspector of Monuments, agreed a programme of survey and repairs in partnership with the National Park Authority and so the Yorkshire Dales Industrial Monument Management Scheme was born! Many sites previously unrecorded or with patchy records have benefited from detailed archaeological survey, which will help us all understand and look after them better. However, difficult decisions have had to be made along the way, as some sites are so remote or the structural problems so intractable, that

really the only option was to survey and record the surviving remains in detail and move on.

Elsewhere a myriad of problems have been tackled, many with the help of the stalwart volunteers of the YDNPA who have rebuilt walls, cut back vegetation and repaired erosion scars. A number of key structures have benefited from professional conservation repairs including the chimney and flue system on Grassington Moor, the remaining arch and wall of the New Mill in upper Arkengarthdale and two remote but important mine shops in Gunnerside Gill at Dolly Level and Sun Hush.

Old spoil heaps have frequently been reworked in the past, when dressing and smelting methods improved and it became financially worthwhile to reuse them. The last major episode of this in the Dales was on Grassington Moor between 1955-64, when the Dales Chemical Company reworked the heaps not for lead but for fluorspar and barites, which were sent to the ICI factory at Runcorn, Cheshire. It left a legacy of freshly opened dressing floors and destabilised heaps which remain open to the elements and are eroding. English Heritage and the YDNPA have funded a survey and management plan of this vast scheduled monument in order to understand these water erosion issues better and plan how to grapple with the problem.





The newly repaired remains of the New Smelt Mills, Moulds, Arkengarthdale



If you are not familiar with the Dales lead mining landscapes, go up Gunnerside Gill or onto Grassington Moor and prepare to be stunned. You enter a different world, parts of which can look like the ruined hulks of a great vanished empire or even the surface of the moon. Indeed, the scheduled lead mining landscapes of Grassington Moor look so uncongenial and raw, that a recent episode of the science fiction thriller *Utopia* was filmed there, amidst its eerie haunting 'leadscapes' - incidentally earning £2000 for charities nominated by the Grassington Moor Management Committee! While it is good to hear that they can bring in money for charity, we need to remember that every generation or so, the lead mining remains need a bit of tender loving care too – they will not survive without it.

Yvonne Luke

*Yvonne is a Heritage at Risk Projects Officer working for English Heritage. English Heritage is changing on 1 April 2015. It splits into Historic England, a government service championing England's heritage and giving expert, constructive advice, whilst English Heritage, that manages more than 400 EH historic properties, is becoming a registered charity.*

## NATIONAL AWARD FOR CAMPAIGNING VICE-PRESIDENT COLIN SPEAKMAN

*The Yorkshire Dales Society and the Dales & Bowland Community Interest Company are delighted to share in the glory*

Many warm congratulations to the Yorkshire Dales Society's Vice-President Colin Speakman, who was presented with a National Award on Monday February 23rd in London at the House of Lords by the Sheila McKechnie Foundation (SMK), for his tireless campaigning work on transport and his highly innovative ideas, which have borne such tremendous fruit. The 2015 Transport Campaigner Award was presented to Colin by Zac Goldsmith MP, at the Foundation's 10th anniversary celebrations. A number of other people and groups from across the UK were presented with awards in various categories, for people who have helped to make a difference. All the award winners were characterised by three things: passion, vision and integrity.

On receiving his Award, Colin commented: ***Campaigning is about giving a voice to many thousands, perhaps millions of people, whose views and needs are too often ignored by decision makers. Transport decisions are frequently made by people who rarely use public transport, especially bus services. They cannot imagine what life is really like when a local bus service is withdrawn or curtailed.***

*In the Yorkshire Dales, we have been able to move from campaigning to delivering through a social enterprise, the Yorkshire Dales Society's Dales & Bowland Community Interest Company, the best integrated public transport network in any UK National Park.*

*I am delighted to accept this Award on behalf not only of myself, but my inspired team of colleagues whose work and resolve will be strengthened by the national recognition you have given us. In an age of cruel austerity, we still have much to do to protect services for local communities and visitors. Thank you for such wonderful support.*

*Sheila McKechnie was awarded an OBE in 1995 in recognition of her services to housing and homelessness and became a Dame of the British Empire for her work for consumers in 2001. Sadly she was to die of cancer in 2004 at the age of 55. The Sheila McKechnie Foundation was set up a year after her death in memory of the immense contribution she made to campaigning in the UK. She has frequently been described as 'a force of nature'. SMK is entirely dedicated to helping campaigners create positive and lasting social change. Awards categories include among others Health & Social Care, Transport Campaigner, Environmental Justice and Social Justice.*

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Zac Goldsmith MP with Colin Speakman



## MARK CORNER : PROFILE



Mark Corner

*Our newest Trustee on the Yorkshire Dales Society's Council of Management, Mark Corner, has tremendous experience in a variety of fields. He will assuredly prove to be a most valuable member of the current team.*

Educated at Southmoor Technical School Sunderland and the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, where he read Chemical Engineering, Mark also has an MBA from Manchester Business School. He retired from Royal Dutch Shell plc in 2009, after 30 years working in a variety of roles including Chemicals, Corporate and Government Affairs, and global Exploration and Production (E&P). Mark has lived and worked in the UK, Argentina, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria and Holland, gaining experience in technical and commercial roles in both business development and in operations, and in working in complex and challenging environments. His final role was as Vice President of Production Engineering for Shell's global E&P business.

He has lived with his family in Langcliffe, Upper Ribblesdale since 2009, acquiring a home there several years before, when the first of their four children started attending Giggleswick school, where he is now a Governor and a Member

of the Executive Committee. Other interests include membership of the North Craven Heritage Trust Committee, with responsibility for planning matters, and representing the Trust on the Yorkshire Dales Society Policy Committee. Mark is also a Trustee of the North Craven Building Preservation Trust, a former member of the Langcliffe Parish Council and currently a member of the Friends of Upper Ribblesdale, a campaign group that encourages the use of rail instead of road for the movement of quarry and forestry products. Most recently he has become a member of the Yorkshire Dales Access Forum (YDNPA).

As a lover of the Yorkshire Dales and as a very keen and regular walker, he enjoys deepening his knowledge and appreciation of the area. He believes that he can bring his experience to bear as an active Trustee of the YDS and anticipates contributing in the areas of strategy, planning, finance, heritage - and the application of common sense!

## NEW YDS BUSINESS MEMBER AND NEW AFFILIATE MEMBER

*A very warm welcome to each of them!*



### Kirkby Lonsdale Coach Hire -

Our latest **Business Member**, was set up as a family operated business in 1991, but has since expanded to a fleet of 22 buses and coaches, with 40 staff. The company, whose

head office is in Carnforth, operates commercial and subsidised rural public bus services for Lancashire, Cumbria and North Yorkshire, and is a key DalesBus operator, providing the popular Craven Connection 580/581 service in Ribblesdale and 881 Malham Tarn Shuttle. At the October National Park Societies' Conference in October 2014, KLCH also provided a bus for the very successful Ribblesdale field trips. KLCH's Private Hire service is available for a wide choice of excursions and outings, from scenic trips, to theatre visits or even shopping trips. A wide range of coaches and buses are available for group bookings. Kirkby Lonsdale Coach Hire also has a very reputable School Service and can organise trips to the most scenic parts of the north and to major cities.

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



**The Yorkshire Agricultural Society** - Our newest **Affiliated Member**, is a registered charity, based in Harrogate, founded in 1837, to help and improve agriculture in the region. Education of future generations is a vitally important part of its work, in addition to the many ways in which it supports the agricultural community. A wide and varied programme of activities includes free courses for teachers, activity sheets with structured learning, Countryside Days and Careers in Focus. It hosts and organises the annual Great Yorkshire Show, a highly prestigious event, which has speedily become an annual UK highlight. The building which houses the organisation has won several awards for its design and facilities. At the National Park Societies' Conference in October 2014, the Yorkshire Agricultural Society offered two bursaries for young delegates so that they could attend this event.

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





# Dales Barns Survey Domesday Style

The Yorkshire Dales Review has run a number of features in recent issues of the magazine concerning Dales barns – their actual state and the potential for some constructive use. An idea that was first mentioned in a previous issue of our magazine in Mark Thompson's article on Barns, has been taken up enthusiastically quite recently. A survey providing a precise record of the number of Dales barns and their actual condition could be a good starting point towards their preservation. Although very much part of the Dales landscape and often a very attractive feature, there is no definite figure as yet for the actual number of redundant barns – around 6,000 are believed to survive within the National Park, though 4,000 has also been suggested. YDS Business Member Ecovril, known for its expertise in planning and design, has outlined a proposal for just such a concise and scientifically based survey. This would be a modern comprehensive *Domesday Book of Barns*, involving the surveying of every single barn in the area on the date in question.

This ambitious project is very timely as the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority is also considering new policies to safeguard the barns, but also to allow feasible development. Putting services in isolated areas can be quite untenable, and there can be complex access issues. Peter Stockton, the Park's Head of Sustainable Development, said that the Park would welcome such a survey and would be happy to discuss the matter. Andy Singleton of Ecovril, one of the authors of the report, and joint author with David Joy of *Barns of the Yorkshire Dales*, emphasises that the document is a proposal only: *The survey will tell us where the barns are and what their condition is. If we don't use these buildings, we will lose them... A working countryside is the one that gets looked after - we don't want to see the landscape as a museum.*

This proactive approach could lead to financial help from local or national government agencies or even the EU, from funds for the preservation of buildings and monuments. Though Andy stressed that creative use of these buildings must be supported by strict planning controls. But inaction would lead to further decay and the collapse of these structures which are part of our heritage. YDS Vice President Colin Speakman, who is a supporter of the project, stated: *The stone barns of the Yorkshire Dales are a unique and precious part of the Dales landscape, but we can only protect those who have a use and a purpose.*

Ecovril believe it would take at least two years to complete a survey and it could cost in the region of £120,000 – which would hopefully be met partly by the National Park, also by various grants, plus private and corporate donations. The proposal should surely be warmly welcomed by those who want to see this distinctive part of our Dales landscape heritage survive.



Barn in Cotterdale

## SPECTACULAR MALHAM COVE BECOMES A HIT IN CHINA

Water and ice over millions of years have shaped Malham Cove, which once had a huge waterfall thundering over the top. Today its sheer rock face challenges climbers and provides a home to the nesting peregrines. Its limestone pavement, with its striking clints and grykes, is testament to the powers of long-term erosion. The Cove is one of several Yorkshire places of natural heritage interest, that has been given a new name by the Chinese people. It is one of the most distinctive landmarks in the UK, its 70 metre (230ft) limestone cliff has featured in the national tourism agency VisitBritain's new *GREAT names for the GREAT BRITAIN* campaign. In China it is customary to give names to favourite celebrities, places and foods that give a literal description of what Chinese people think about these things. For example, Stonehenge is called Ju Shi Zhen (Huge stone clusters) while the Beatles were renamed Pi Tou Shi (gentlemen with long hair)! VisitBritain has invited Chinese visitors to suggest the most fitting, amusing and memorable names in Mandarin for some of Britain's best loved attractions. In this Year of the Sheep (particularly appropriate for our region), it was announced that the favourite name short-listed for Malham Cove is *white cliff with water crossed*. Two other names that have been put forward are *white cliff reborn in fire* and *vast white cliff spreading miles*.

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Chairman, Peter Charlesworth, said: *It is fantastic that a feature of the Yorkshire Dales National Park is being looked at and talked about in China. The country has a huge pool of tourists and anything that can tempt them to come here can only be good for the economy of our communities... While some Chinese visitors do come to the National Park now, we would like to have more – it would help yet again to showcase this fantastic countryside to the world.*

Malham Cove will join Fountains Abbey and Brimham Rocks, also featured in the campaign, which aims to attract visitors from the rapidly-growing Chinese tourism market and to encourage them to travel further afield around Britain. All of these places are fully accessible by public transport at weekends via the YDS supported DalesBus network: [www.dalesbus.org](http://www.dalesbus.org)



Malham Cove, photo YDNPA



## MAKING THE MOST OF THE YDS EVENTS

*In the last issue you will have read about our new themes for events during 2015, some of which were inspired by the very successful study visits we arranged for the National Park Societies Annual Conference in October 2014. We've designed this year's programme so that more Members (and your friends and visitors) can easily find something of interest. Below is reminder of the new categories of events and who might find them of particular interest - not forgetting of course that many of you will enjoy all the categories on offer!*



All photos for this Article are by Ann Shadrake

### **i** Dales Insights

The new name for the traditional "Walk & Talk" events. If you prefer a sociable but short guided walk (no more than 3 miles or so) from a village base with few if any stiles or hilly sections - then these walks could be just the ticket! After the chance to relax in a local pub/cafe for lunch or enjoying your packed lunch, you could stay for the optional afternoon (or evening) talk by a guest speaker. We book village halls for these in an effort to support Dales communities. Complimentary tea and biscuits is served at the end of the talk, usually by stalwart volunteers Judith and Rod Clough. If the weather is not so good, or you don't want to do the walk, you are very welcome to just come along for the talk.

And your family, friends or neighbours are of course welcome too, we just ask for a modest contribution of £3/head if they come to the talk - refunded immediately if they join the Society on the day.



Sebergh Church in Spring

### **V** Vibrant Communities

#### A Vibrant Communities Event

Want to look a little deeper into what makes a Dales village or town special and explore the challenges and issues faced by rural communities? Then try one of our new Vibrant Community days, with a varied programme of very short walks around the settlement, visits and discussions arranged by a local Member or Trustee. We invite local community groups to help devise the programme and host mini visits to their businesses or projects to give a unique insight into what makes their place tick. Usually accessible by public transport and with parking facilities - and hopefully plenty of choice of cafes or pubs for lunch or bring your own.

**If public transport is not available, we encourage car sharing – get in touch with me and I will try to find a lift for you. As these events are based in settlements, they are an ideal opportunity to stay over locally and make your trip even more sustainable. If you live in a Dales community, that you believe should be showcased in this way, please do get in touch with me.**



Lamb, Hebden

### **C** Classic Countryside

These are a chance to stride out and stretch your legs in the company of a knowledgeable volunteer guide. Lasting from half to all day with plenty of stops to eat a picnic, perhaps call in at a Dales farm tearoom and of course enjoy the views - weather permitting! Ranging from 6 miles to more than 10 miles, expect some moderate ascents/descents, plenty of stiles and rougher tracks perhaps. A chance to fill your lungs with clean Dales' air and learn more about landscape, wildlife or history along the way. Don't forget to pack your camera if you have one, ready to email any photos back to Ann or post direct to our Facebook page. If you have active older children or grandchildren, these could be a perfect way to experience a big Dales walk without you needing to devise a route or check the map along the way.

**With dates publicised months ahead why not book some local accommodation and make the most of a night or two away?**



Walkers on Cam Road above Kettlewell



## f Focus on the Dales

Our big themed-based day – so only once a year! A chance to soak up knowledge on a current Dales issue, ask questions of experienced contributors and share your own views if you want to. The Society is incredibly lucky to have access to a wide range of organisations and individuals, many with a life-time of experience of working in the Dales, who are helping us put on these in-depth days. This year's Focus on the Dales event is booked for Thursday 25 June at Tom Lord's farm at Lower Winskill, Settle – see event entry. Future events might be held at a business or community venue.

**If you have an idea of an issue we should explore – maybe transport, quarrying, housing? – then do get in touch with me to share your ideas.**

*I hope this summary has awakened your interest in our new events programme. The website entries hold fuller information than there is room to put in the Review, or you are always welcome to ring or email me to find out more. And if you are not able to attend our events, please do continue your support as a Member – every Member is highly valued by us. One of our newest Life Members, Mrs Sue Lane from West Yorkshire recently wrote to me and gave me permission for the following quote, which I think perfectly sums this up: **Although it is unlikely that I will be able to take part in any of the events the Society organises, I read the Reviews with interest and applaud the work you do in the best interests of the Dales and its communities.***

Ann Shadrake



# CYCLING BUT NOT AS WE KNOW IT

*Easy Bikes come to the Yorkshire Dales*

**The Yorkshire Dales Society is leading a pilot project to provide electric bikes for hire to visitors to the Dales. It aims to take some of the strain and make cycling easier and more accessible to those who may not necessarily want to test their fitness against our hills.**

Easy Bikes has been made possible with the help of funding from the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's Sustainable Development Fund (SDF). The Society is linking up with three businesses in the Dales who will commit to providing electric bikes for hire to their customers. Electric bikes are very popular on the continent and becoming more so here in the UK. They have many advantages, the most obvious being the help that the electric motor gives in tackling the hills and headwinds of the Dales. They provide a good opportunity to leave the car behind and experience the Dales at a slower pace; with the bonus of the cyclist being closer to the landscape, hearing birdsong and seeing and experiencing the seasons in their many-faceted variety. Whilst the bikes do consume some energy, that consumption is still far less than even the greenest car; the only CO<sub>2</sub> emitted whilst cycling is just from your lungs. Cycling is fun too. An electric bike might allow you to cycle, when otherwise you might have greater difficulty. All sorts of pleasurable activities are open to you, such as rides with the children or grandchildren or even days out with friends for a picnic.

The Yorkshire Dales Society is delighted to be working with the three businesses that have agreed to become partners in the project and will publish further and fuller details when the final negotiations are complete. We hope that this small pilot will encourage other businesses to consider taking on Easy Bikes for hire, thus providing a welcome and sustainable way of experiencing our glorious Dales.

Jon Avison



Wharfedale Electric Bikes, photo YDNPA



# DALESBUS SURVIVES THE CUTS – FOR NOW

**T**hanks to a great deal of hard work by the Dales & Bowland CIC, and excellent co-operation from bus operators, the popular integrated DalesBus network will continue for summer 2015. This has only been possible thanks to generous help from DITA in the last few weeks of the Government funded LSTF project, and, crucially important, significant financial support from the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and also the Yorkshire Dales National Park Sustainable Development Fund, which has enabled us to keep the spectacular Swaledale and Malham Tarn bus services running.

However, in order to cut costs, the summer season has had to be shortened. It now starts two weeks later, on May 3rd, and ends on the last Sunday in September (27th). Almost all services in Wharfedale, Wensleydale, Swaledale, Nidderdale and Malhamdale will run as in 2014, but sadly the Bowland Rambler between Burnley, Accrington, Clitheroe, Settle and Hawes, can no longer be funded. But to compensate, a new fully commercial Sunday bus service, along the former Pennine (580/581) route, along the A65 between Skipton, Settle, Ingleton and Kirkby Lonsdale will provide three well timed return journeys a day, allowing people from east Lancashire and West Yorkshire to access the Three Peaks area, and local people to travel to Skipton, as well as bus and train connections eastwards.

A real loss is the withdrawal of the popular 800 service between Leeds and Hawes, but thanks to support from the WYCA, it has proved possible to keep an additional 874 Wharfedale service from Leeds to help deal with overcrowding problems to Bolton Abbey, Grassington and Kettlewell. Rather than simply waiting in Buckden, this vehicle will then form a new service 854, which will allow visitors to continue to reach Aysgarth and Hawes.

The excellent volunteers of the Western Dales Company 564A bus will continue the valuable link from Dent Station & Dent village and Sedbergh. Thanks to financial support from the Yorkshire Dales Society, the popular Dales Experience buses from Bradford will also continue during the school summer holidays.

Details of all 2015 services are on the DalesBus website ([www.dalesbus.org](http://www.dalesbus.org)) and in the new Metro DalesBus timetable, which will be out after Easter. Until Sunday May 3rd, all winter services continue unchanged.

## Senior Bus Passes

However, one huge difference for 2015, as reported in the last YDS Review, is the withdrawal by North Yorkshire County Council, of senior bus pass (ENCTs) payments from several DalesBus routes. Thanks to vigorous representation from both the D&BCIC and Friends of DalesBus, NYCC have conceded that several of the Sunday services are in fact not just carrying leisure travellers, but many local people on business, work, shopping and family trips. Under pressure, they have agreed to continue to pay reimbursement, albeit at a poor level, for all year services in Wharfedale, Malhamdale and Wensleydale, but not for most of the summer seasonal services. Other authorities such as West Yorkshire, Lancashire and Teesside do not accept North Yorkshire's interpretation of the law, which will cause confusion on several cross-boundary services. To soften the blow D&BCIC will offer senior citizens discounted fares and special Rover tickets – see the Dalesbus website or local publicity for details.

But with a further £1.4 million of cuts to North Yorkshire's collapsing transport budget planned for 2015/6 and no future significant funding for the Sunday DalesBus network from any source on the horizon, unless there is a massive change in attitude to rural buses nationally and in our region, together with significant new funding, not only the popular Sunday DalesBus network, but most weekday local bus services in the higher Dales, could virtually disappear. This is despite the catastrophic social, economic and environmental consequences of such actions, and the damage it will do to Dales communities.

## Yorkshire Dales Public Transport Network Partnership

Rural buses, the lifelines of the countryside, receive scandalous Cinderella treatment in North Yorkshire and Cumbria. But bus users have votes. In an election year, this is something that politicians, locally and nationally, ignore at their peril. To ensure that bus users in the Dales have an effective voice, Friends of DalesBus (an affiliate of the YDS), working with bus operators and community transport providers, as well as user representative groups and local business interests, has set up an informal **Yorkshire Dales Public Transport Partnership**. This will co-ordinate the activities of six new **Transport Action Groups (TAGs)** in each of the main Yorkshire Dales – the Southern Dales (Airedale, Malhamdale, Ribblesdale), Upper Wharfedale, Nidderdale, Wensleydale, Swaledale and the Western Dales (Dentdale, Garsdale and Upper Lunesdale), representing the interests of local people and visitors alike. If you want to know more, or to get involved with your local TAG to help promote the use and development of local transport services, contact Friends of DalesBus at [dalesbususers@btinternet.com](mailto:dalesbususers@btinternet.com)



DalesBus at Scar House on a wet day



Enjoy a variety of **Spring** walks and outings, and an in-depth highly informative case study at Lower Winskill farm. All walks are free of charge and lectures are free to YDS members, with a small £3 charge for guests. 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 bus and train times, log on to [www.dalesbus.org](http://www.dalesbus.org)

For rail information [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk) or ring Traveline on 0871 200 2233.

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## April: Ride2Stride Events

**r** **Walk** : Hoffmann Kiln, Tues 28  
**Talk**: Lady Anne Clifford, Wed 29

Check the YDS website or the Winter issue of the YDS Review for full details of two Ride2Stride Events in April.

## Monday, 4 May 2015

**c** **Medium**

**Along the old Railway Line**

Join Bernard Peel for a guided walk from the Tempest Arms along the old railway to Carleton and back across the higher fields. About 7 miles and not too hilly. RAD and well behaved dogs on leads are welcome.

Must be booked in advance at £15 (includes £1 donation to YDS) including food via [info@tempestarms.co.uk](mailto:info@tempestarms.co.uk) or 01282 842450.

**Starts: 10:30 - Ends 14:30 (approx.)**  
**Bus 29 d. Skipton Bus Station at 10.00**

## Sunday, 17 May 2015

**c** **Long**

**Lead Mines and Hushes:  
A Walk in the Industrial Landscape of Swaledale**

A full day outing in glorious Swaledale, led by Trustee Dr Tony Smith. Covering about 10 miles over paths and moorland, circa 230m of ascent. Time for picnic stop and to enjoy the extensive views of several lead mines, including Old Gang Mill and other industrial archaeology features such as smelters and hushes. Peak season for lambs and nesting birds so no dogs except RAD. Please ensure you pack sufficient refreshment for the day. Walk will finish approx 4:30, so plenty of time to enjoy Reeth on a summer evening. Why not make your visit even more sustainable by booking local accommodation?

**Meet 10.45 outside National Park Centre, Reeth. Car share, including arrivals by bus, to start of walk at Surrender Bridge (limited parking).**

DalesBus 826 (through service from Darlington, Middlesbrough) d. Richmond 10:15am, arrives Reeth 10:40. Return bus departs Reeth 18:00.

## Friday, 19 June 2015

**c** **Medium**

**Linton Loop**

A second pub walk with Bernard Peel, this time from the lovely Fountaine Inn, Linton, through the fascinating disused Threshfield Quarry and circling back via the moor. About 6 miles and not too hilly. RAD and well behaved dogs on leads are welcome.

Must be booked in advance at £15 (includes £1 donation to YDS) including food via [fountaineinn1@tempest.co.uk](mailto:fountaineinn1@tempest.co.uk) or 01756 752210.

**Starts: 10:30. Ends 14:30 (approx.)**  
**Bus 72 d. Skipton Bus Station 08:35; returns 14:58 or 16:18.**

## Thursday, 25 June 2015

**f**

**The future for Historic Farmed Landscapes in the Dales**

Using the case study of Lower Winskill farm, an innovative yet traditional farm in the heart of Ribblesdale, key issues around the changes to the policies and payments that support Dales farmers will be explored. Designed for those wanting to see at firsthand how the big changes mooted for farm payments will impact upon our historic farmed landscapes in the national park. Hosted by Tom Lord, Yorkshire Dales Society Trustee and farmer. Much of the day will be spent outside exploring these issues in the features concerned - upland hay meadows, species rich grasslands, woodlands, dry stone walls and other historic features. Educational and access provision will also be considered. Tom, a noted researcher/author on the environmental and cultural landscape of the area, will be joined by other experts on the day and discussion will be encouraged.

**Places are necessarily restricted to 25 participants – for further information and to book, contact Ann at the office on 01756 749400 or email [ann.shadrake@yds.org.uk](mailto:ann.shadrake@yds.org.uk). The farm is well set up to receive group visits with parking, toilets and a picnic barn (hot drinks provided, bring own packed lunch). No dogs except RAD. Time afterwards explore the shops/pubs of Settle.**

Lower Winskill Farm, Langcliffe, 10:00 - 15:30.

## Saturday, 18 July 2015

**c** **Long**

**Wharfedale Cliffs and Crag**

Join YDS volunteer James Enever for a full day out on a 10 mile walk from Grassington exploring the award winning restored Threshfield Quarry with its amazing vistas of disused quarry cliffs, then across the moor dropping back to Kilnsey with views of the famous crag. A further climb up the dramatic mini gorge towards Coniston Dib, then onwards across the limestone moor past old settlements and a lime kiln to return to Grassington. Plenty of time along the way to enjoy picnic stops and views. Please ensure you pack sufficient refreshment for the day. No dogs except RAD. Walk finishes approx 4:00 p.m. with time to explore Grassington's tea shops, pubs and interesting shops. Why not make your visit even more sustainable by booking local accommodation?

**Meet 09:45 outside the National Park Centre, Grassington.**  
**Bus 72 d. Skipton Bus Station 09:00**

## Saturday, 19 September 2015

**y**

**Advance Notification: AGM**

This year's AGM will be held at a fantastic venue, the newly opened Garden Rooms at Tennants, Leyburn. Our guest speaker will be David Butterworth, Chief Executive of Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, who we know will offer a thought provoking and topical presentation! The AGM will offer something for everyone this year, with a choice of short and long walks, as well as the opportunity to enjoy the displays and first class facilities (gift shop, café and restaurant) at Tennants, plus the new Sensory Garden.

**Ample free parking and public transport friendly. Further details in Summer Review and on the website in due course.**

**We are very grateful to Tennants for kindly hosting and sponsoring this event.**

**For all walks, 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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Roll on Spring - Hawthorn Blossom, by Andy Holden

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