

Norton Towers

pieces written about Norton Towers  
in Guide to Grassington and  
Upper Wharfedale, by John Crowther

Guide to Craven Dales by Roger Cartwright  
more about Nortons in other book.

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Minerals Norton Towers Spring 1967. Rylstone.

Blumeny.

Key. (Mat) Lime Slag. Ropy. Consists Granular half  
formed.

Charcoal Smelting.

Slag Characteristic

Silicate Minerals

Low Temperature 650 Centigrade <sup>700-800</sup>

16<sup>th</sup> Century. Furnace.

Iron Slag. - 800 Centigrade  
Grayer Colour.

Powdered Galena  
first stage Pea sized.

Heat splits them  
they run into the lime

Evidence of Lead Ore  
Smelting. Blumeny.

Clay hearth,  
Coal Seams.

6ft Diameter Black  
Soil Layer. Slag  
Gray Layer of Charcoal

Beech wood. used  
oak

1150-1650.

Dr Raistrick told us this at our Evening  
Class after we had been on this dig.

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In Dr. Tuscans <sup>Chronicals of the</sup> ~~ing~~ <sup>Graven</sup> ~~Stones~~ <sup>Dales</sup>

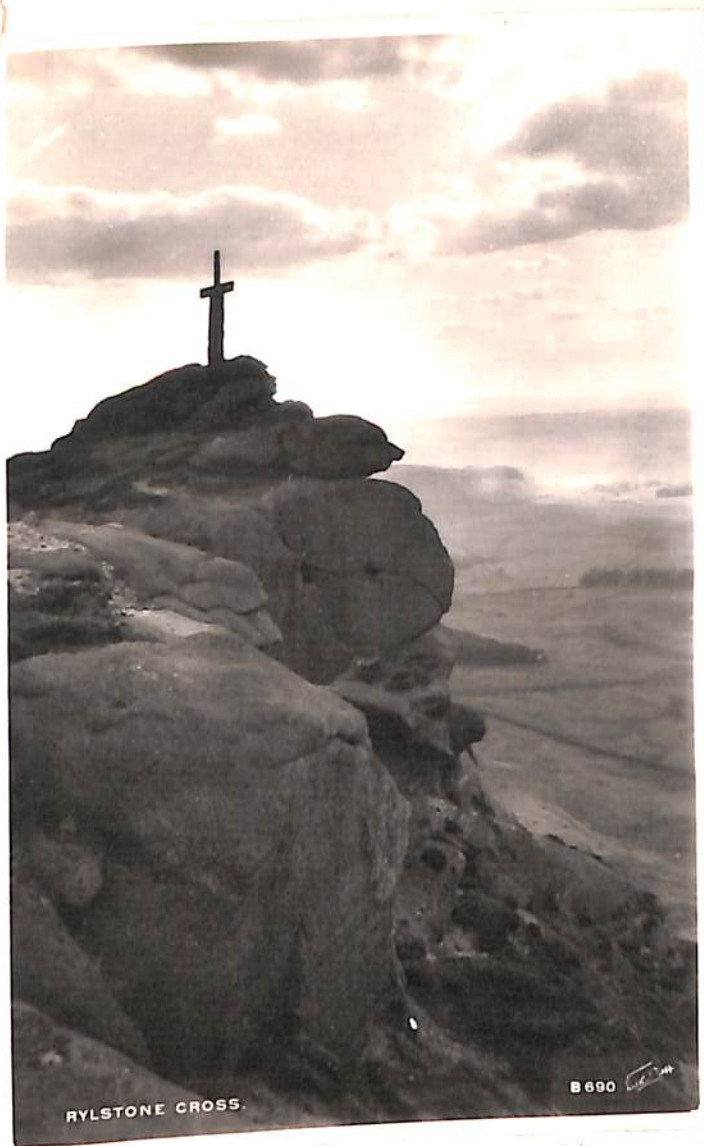
These are names one comes across  
when reading books about the Dales.  
Borrans, Burwens, Binrels, Burrance  
Burwains, mean Roman Camp.

Rylstone Cross, Story's say it was erected 1816  
to commemorate Peace of Paris 1816) Cross Pie was  
added in 1884, on the occasion of Queen Victoria's

50. in Reign -  
Some say it was erected to commemorate  
Wellington's Victory at Waterloo. June 18, 1815  
Mrs J Lord said it was in commemoration of  
the Crimean War.  
Battle of Waterloo took place June 18  
1815

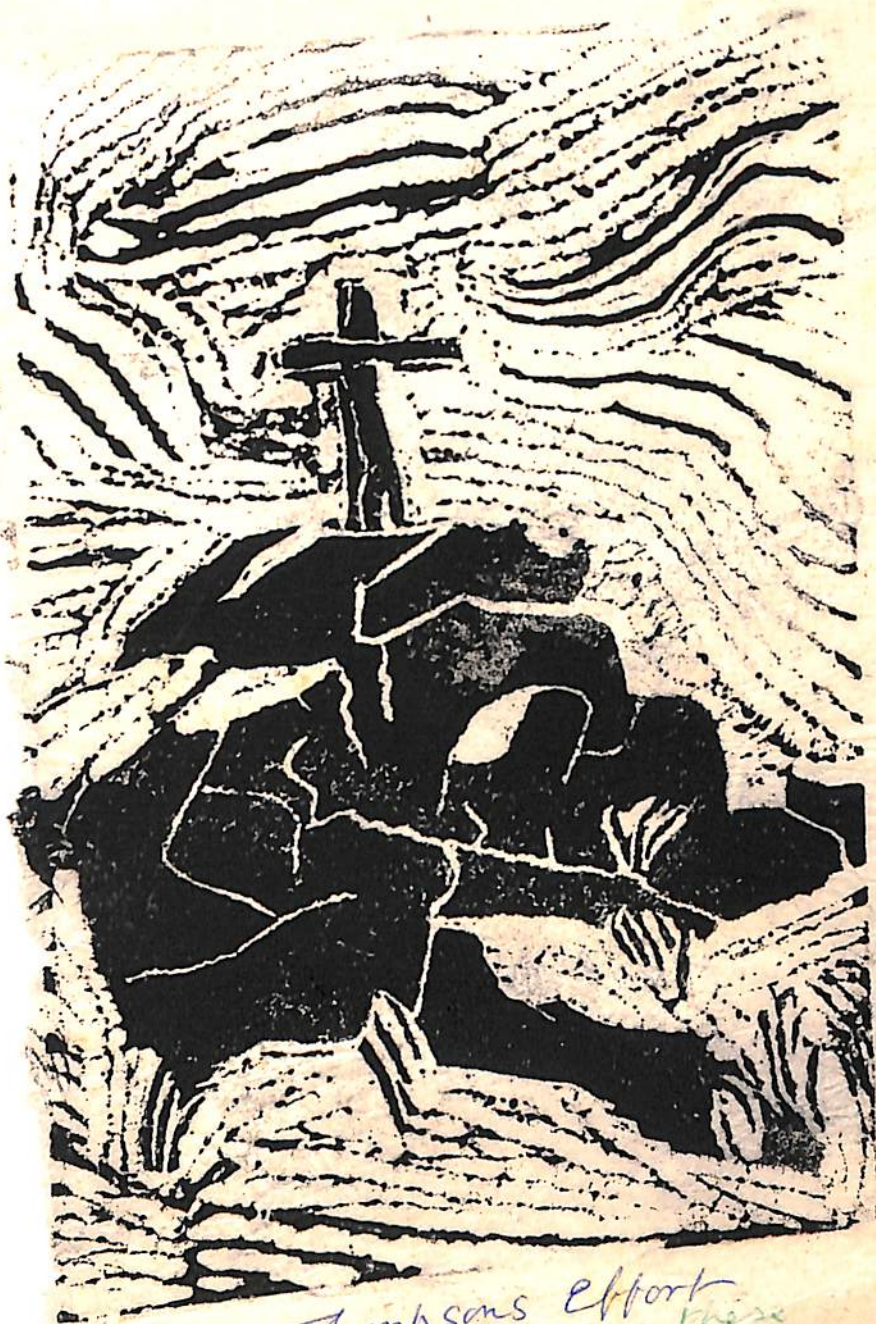
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Books to Read  
 Litterdale past  
 and Present  
 Archdeacon Boyd.  
 Playwards Botanical  
 Pocket Book.  
 Revised by Dr Druce  
 1926  
 Birds of Yorkshire  
 T-A-Nelson  
 Books by John Hornby.  
 Guides to the Dale.  
 and other Books.  
Authority on Foot Paths

George brought me these photos of the cross.  
 in May 1950 but they must have been taken a  
 while ago because up till then the top had  
 been missing. <sup>June 9th 1950 its top is back on. it</sup>  
 In John Crowthens guide to upper Wharfedale he says on  
 the back of the cross is inscribed DG FD 1885 TB  
 Its on this Range of Hills that we found  
 He dressed Stone but further along towards  
 Crook rise Mrs Carr told me TB was her Grandad.  
 Thomas Broughton) Mrs Carr's grandfather TB.  
 Duff sent.



Mr Thompsons effort  
he gave me these



## Waitlands Croft.

Small Croft next to the old Green Road  
on the ~~left~~<sup>east</sup> hand side going up out of  
Rylstone towards Skipton.

I asked Dr Raistrick if this is where  
they would put the cattle. He didn't know  
in the <sup>great</sup> Days of Cattle Movement.)

This is on the Green Farm.  
where Shuttleworks Farm.

Putgang, Rilston.

Today 10<sup>th</sup> April 1963. We saw lots of old  
Ploughing marks. We found 4 Plough Socks  
1 was taken for the Museum. at Skipton, some  
of the Plough Shares have numbers and names.

Some havn't any mark; Some have numbers

and some names  
made.

Some were Blacksmith

## Ploughing in Rylstone.

on May 23, when Skipton WEA folks met us at Sandy Beck. Dr R told them what we had been doing at Rylstone and showed them a copy of the Map we have made of Ploughing Ridge and Furrow in Rylstone, and how in 1650 nearly all the fields were under the plough at that time, producing Corn for Skipton.

He told them he wanted them to do a similar Map of Skibeden as it is very similar Round there

1962 Rigg and Furrow Cultivation  
Rylstone Ploughing we measure up the Ploughing and found quite a lot of old Ploughing.

Rilston

Manor Mill 1295

EYC Extra Ser V Hon Skipton 1947-267

Ellais de Rilston IV held  $4\frac{1}{2}$  Car of Skipton Castle in 1287 and died shortly before 23 April 1295 when the escheator

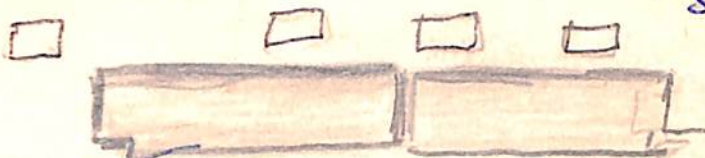
was ordered to take his lands into the King's hands. Inquisition on May 14<sup>th</sup> found he held <sup>of the</sup> honour of Skipton Castle a capital messuage and land in Rilston meadow in Cracoe and part of a water mill in Rilston and Hetton.

The site of the Mill is clear with a long water course partly built and partly cut into the rock bringing water from the beck to a head about 20 feet above the foundations which although removed have left a tumbled stoney area. The mill wheel pit can be recognized and the tail race back to Beck. It looks as though a wheel of say 15 feet diameter is likely. Near the Mill there are the abutments of a strong stone bridge now used for a light foot bridge. The old bridge has a pane from Hetton and would have carried a cart. This would be Mill Lane

Hotton side only seen as a faint track  
in the fields The Road to the Mill is  
very complete and for a great length  
is a deep cut high banked Road  
Past Mill Gate Laithe.

Bridge destroyed in a Great  
Storm June 1979. Stones  
and Walls all washed away

Back of Barn by Longmans House



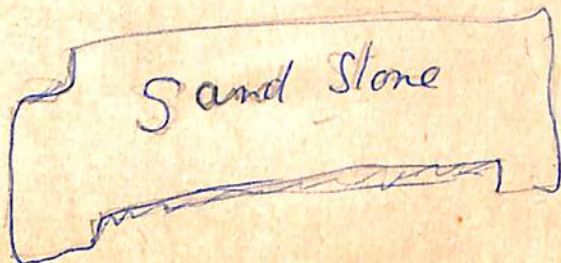
Shuttleworth  
Barn:  
The Green  
Rye Stone

going out  
The doorway

to find these  
about (nest) 12 months  
it has ~~been~~  
been built up

in the  
Dr Rye

Shuttleworths Barn Door Head  
Lane side



The Green  
Farm.

# Foot Paths

THE SCHEDULE REFERRED TO

SKIPTON RURAL DISTRICT

RYLSTONE PARISH.

- DELETION - Bridleway, from Bark Brow towards Upper Barden Reservoir.
- ADDITIONS - Footpaths, near Scale House; Long Gill to High Bucker House; Lane Head via Low Lainger to Know Bank; from Fleets Lane towards Cracee; Green Lane to Calton Gill Beck; Rylstone House to Hetton Beck; Burton House via Turn Croft Plantation to Scale House; Old Hall Buildings to Bark Brow; Bark Brow to Sandy Beck Bar.

What does this lot mean.

Mill at Rylstone went out 1890.  
In Louise book.

Hetton name fields

Mangyards = Man heads in Grimesgill

On the Map there is Ingber Laithe.

Long Ponds Lane Skeldgate.  
Grimesgill Syke Laithe.

1676

Langlands. in Whitfields papers.

from Dr Rs Curds.

1850

Ward. 1- 4. Auction

Rilston gift of Villein.

E. Y. C. E. SER V. How of Skipton 269.

No 171 - Agreement between Walter. prior and the convent of  
Bolton ELIAS de Rilston (1) by which ELIAS gave to the  
Priory a villein, his brother and two sisters whom  
he had previously claimed; receiving 20s.

There is no indication where the villein lived.

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Rilston

William de Rilston.

C1175

Agreement between Fountains Abbey and William de Rilston, by which William gave half a carucate of land in BIRDLEY and the Abbey would receive him as a monk or lay Brother and place EFA his wife in a house of NUNS in Yorkshire at her choice, ALAN his son to SERVE AS A SECULAR in the Abbey for one or two years and to be received as a lay-brother at will, otherwise to receive on departure a MARK OR A HORSE of that VALUE the Abbey had already given William 30s for his exchange receive his mother's dower in 'Yeter' Rilston Should William or his wife die in a secular state what was done for a Monk at Fountains should be done for them.

'Yeter' Rilston is not known but there is Yethergill or Yetergill on the moor and this is the moor above Hall Demesne, Yeter ~~Rilston~~ Rilston may well be connected with the Hall

RILSTON

CRIME

1218-19.

ROLLS of Justice in Eyre for Yorkshire 1218-19 Selden Soc 56  
668. ALAN son of RODGER of RILSTON. killed Walter the Smith  
with AN AXE AN ALAN was taken in flight from that deed.  
The Jurors bear witness that he so killed him and the  
Village of RILSTON which took him attests the same The Sheriff  
has him in prison and let him cause to come.

Note: There is no record of the Verdict.  
Why did this come to the Justices of Eyre.

Rilston Common Pasture. 1243-77.

FOCE SERV How of Skipton 209.

170 gift by Eustace son of Elias to Furness Abbey of full Common for Winter Burn Grange throughout the Moor and pasture of Helton & Rilston namely from the West & North sides of Helton Beck as far as the bounds between Rilston & Oracoe.

Eustace is described as Lord of the Manor of Rilston. In 1342 the abbot of Furness complained that John-de-Melghym & Emme his wife (widow of Richard Fannel) and others had discriesed him of common pasture in Rilston, John and Emme said that its grant of Eustace here grand father, whose son ELIAS<sup>was</sup> here father. If so the grand<sup>v</sup> was Eustace de Rilston III

Rilston  
The old Hall  
in

1963 Snow  
taken by J.L.O.



On the wall  
there is a  
Sundrail  
← Here

Wares

# Kilston Industries

from Dr R's Cards.

1850

There are evidences that this Township was once  
 more industrialized even than today for there  
 are the remains of an old Cloth Mill a Corn  
 Mill and a Row of Cottages which was  
 pulled down about 1850 A fairly large  
 trade in wool was also carried on with  
 Skipton which had a large warehouse, for  
 sorting and combing the wool.

Quarries on Boss Moor in stinted and not  
 held in cattle gales. Herbage held exclusively  
 by freeholders. and was let a private Auction  
 held each year in the Vestry of Kilston Church,  
 the Rent being divided pro-rata amongst the  
 tenant families in the district. The freeholders  
 considered themselves owners of the Soil on  
Boss Moor, Claimed ownership of the Quarries  
 and Right to prevent Mr Donkin from taking  
 stone out of the Township for use on Winter  
 Burn Reservoir. It was found that the freeholders  
 had not the right to prevent stone going out  
 of the Township since they had previously  
 given permission for this to be done.  
 Amcliffe school was partly built from Stone  
 obtained on Boss Moor by people themselves  
 for home consumption and no charge was made  
 by the Lord of the Manor

June 6<sup>th</sup> 1962. Rillston.

We went a walk from the Class, we set off from the Church we went up Carrs Fields I must get the names of them, Manor Farm

The Manor Farm belongs to the Duke of Devonshire it is Rented to Mr Cuygill now. 1970.

We followed some Dikes and

We saw where the water disappeared underground and heard about the Duamies you have a good view from up there. We saw fossils in a broken

down wall, and some stones with slabs of Chert running thro them. Mrs Waters and I didnt

feel like scrambling up the fell side in all the growth and the other go to fast for us but we looked about for things, I found

an old Sythe Blade, really there wasn't much left but the hedge Dr Raistrick said it was the called Blacksmith made kind local made them

See other Paper about this

We never seen another

Com Houses .

Rye Croft.  
People get  
there name  
from what  
they did  
or similar things .

Man.

Burlington Park. just before  
Rylstone .

Norlans ?

## Rilston

a few Flints of Recognisable  
neolithic date has been Recorded  
from Rilston Township - The very  
end of Neolithic Time merges with  
the first-coming of the Bronze Age  
People. The Streams from the West  
are known by their works and  
are called the Megalithic group.  
They built the Stone Circle on  
Bordley Moor and the Henge Mon-  
ument at Grassington. Their arrow  
points tanged and Barbed  
(see these) are well known and  
in Rilston Township, at Scale  
House, a Burial Mound or  
barrow made by them for  
someone Important (barrow  
is circular 30 ft in diameter  
5 ft High see notes. 1 Barrow  
on Slopes of Flashy less than  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  mile away a perforated

Rilston - Lime kilns  
Not many lime kilns, but 2 situated on the  
Stelerton Limestone outcrop.

Crutching Close, a long quarry along the  
outcrop of Stelerton <sup>Limestone</sup> outcrop. fairly exten-  
sive but not more than 15 ft deep. Remains  
of a lime kiln in front of middle of the quarry  
enough in the hillock to indicate where  
the kiln bowl was, Very old, probably not  
later than enclosure - could be earlier 18<sup>th</sup> cent

Turncroft - field to North of Washfold Beck. and below  
(west of) old Road. The kiln remains as a hillock  
with burnt stones and fragments of the Walling  
and good Roads thro the surrounding fields  
● across the beck. There is a deep and very  
Narrow Quarry along the outcrop of Stelerton  
Limestone and a Road and ford between  
this and the lime kiln, also another  
similar quarry on same limestone on  
east of the old Road. with tracks to the  
kiln. Turncroft Planting was felled  
in 1978-9.  
Turncroft Planting is on the Cow side of Skipton  
to Ryelston  
Grassington

The Gas was brought to Swinden  
Quarry.

They were supposed to go on the fell  
bottom at Ryelstone, but they said  
they couldn't manage to get, they dug  
and couldn't find a footing for the  
Pipe.

1970's  
Finally they went on the old <sup>green</sup> Road which  
was all lovely and green and nice  
to walk on but not now.  
probably time will heal this, its all  
rough gravel.