Ravenstonedale

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

September 2016

06 September  Committee Meeting  7.00pm start
County Hall, Preston  All Members welcome.

08 September  Thursday Car – Bowland Fells  10.30am start - Sat Nav: PR3 2NP
B: Stuart Arnold  Meet at Fell Foot.

11 September  Sunday Car - Barley  10.30pm start - Sat Nav: BB12 9JX Map Ref: SD 823 403
B: Susan Gnerson  Meet Barley village car park.

21 September  Stroller Walk - Abbey Village  10.30am start - Sat Nav: PR6 8DP
S: Christine & Bob  Meet opposite pub, after at the Houghton Arms.

25 September  Coach - Ladybower/Hathersage  8.00am start: Return 5.30pm
A: Win Hill & Alport Castles  Leader: Dave Colbert
B+: LEADER REQUIRED  LEADER; REQUIRED
B: Hathersage Ramble  Leader: Chris Cook
C: Hathersage Circular  Leader: Joyce Bradbury

29 September  Annual General Meeting  7pm – 9pm County Hall
All members welcome.

October 2016

09 October  Sunday Car - Lytham  10.30am start - Sat Nav: FY8 5LD
B: Chris Metcalfe  Meet at the Windmill, Lytham Green.

09 October  Sunday Car - Hesketh Outmarsh  10.30am start - Grid ref: SD422251
C: Joyce & Norah  Meet on Shore Road, Hesketh Bank.

13 October  Thursday Car - Whalley  10.30am start - Sat Nav: BB7 9SS Grid Ref: SD7303610
B: Mary & Norah  Meet at Whalley Abbey.

19 October  Stroller Walk - Lytham Hall  10.30am start -
S: Bill & Marie  No details.

23 October  Coach - Grasmere  8.00am start: Return 5.30pm
A: Fairfield & Seat Sandal  Leader: Dave Colbert
B+: Great Rigg & Heron Pike  Leader: Colin Manning
B: Silver How  Leader: Barry Mather
C: Glen Rothay  Leader: Bill Manning

Walk Leaders 2017

As of January 2017, walk leaders will again have a free place on the coach.
Anyone wishing to lead a walk, please fill in a form obtainable from Dave Colbert on the coach, or by entering the details online via our website. You can also give Dave a ring on 01772 626567.

We also require a B+ walk leader for the Ladybower / Hathersage coach 25 Sept 2016

Committee Members

We would just like to remind you that following the retirement of Allan Benson there is still a vacancy for the Coach Booking Secretary from September 2016. There are also two remaining committee posts available.
Anyone wishing to take over any of these positions please let a committee member know.

Please e-mail Walk Details to: website@pdwc.org
Please Note - Walk Details must be in one week before each coach excursion.
**Today's Coach Walks**

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<th>Leader: Dave Colbert</th>
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| **Great Asby Scar & Potts Valley** | Distance: 12.5 miles/20km  
Climbing: 1800ft/550m |

The Great Asby Scar National Nature Reserve contains the largest expanse of limestone pavement in Britain apart from the Ingleborough area, so it's perhaps a bit of a surprise that it was only included in the Yorkshire Dales National Park at the beginning of this month.  
From Gaisgill we follow lanes and tracks via Raisgill Hall Bridge (River Lune) and Knots Lane to the Stone Circle before climbing to the trig point on Great Asby Scar, at 412m/1352ft the highest point on the walk with hopefully extensive views to the North Pennines and Howgills. The next bit involves following the edge of the escarpment eastwards to Great Kinmond and the road at Little Busk. We then head for the small settlement of Little Asby and then up Potts Valley and an eventual climb to Nettle Hill, at 382m/1253ft the highest point on Crosby Garret Fell.  
Our route to Ravenstonedale passes close to the dramatic Smardale Gill Viaduct on the former Tebay to Kirkby Stephen railway line, thence Smardale Bridge and Breakyneck Scar, so you will need to be careful!

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| **Source of the Lune** | Distance: 12 miles/19.3km  
Climbing: 1350ft/411m |

Leaving the coach at Wath we follow the path to Weasdale and then pass Round Hill to reach a path going south to pass Pinksey, Stwarth and on to Green Bell. We then drop down past Spengill Well to Grere Fell and follow Long Gill down passing Knoutberry, Hollybush Quarry to Town Head.

We then head east to pick up a path to Grossbank Nature Reserve from where we return to Ravenstonedale via Bowber Head.

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| **Nettle Hill** | Distance: 9 miles/14.5 km  
Climbing: 1100ft/338m |

We leave the coach at Newbiggin and cross the A685 to reach the hamlet of Brownber. After walking through fields we head for the open fells, first to Ewe Fell where we start to climb over Crosby Garret Fell and skirting Nettle Hill. After two miles we drop down to the lovely village of Crosby Garret, where we take a minor road south east before walking along a disused railway line (plenty of wild flowers!).  
We then reach Smardale viaduct and to enable us to get a good view of the viaduct we take a lower path through the valley and on to Smardale Bridge. From here it is back through fields to Ravenstonedale.

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| **Newbiggin, Brownber** | Distance: 5 miles /8 km  
Climbing: 120ft / 36m |

Starting from Ravenstonedale village we leave along the lane before joining field paths to Newbiggin. Passing through the village we cross over the A685 to meet the track leading up to Brownber Hall. Turning right, we continue to join the disused rail track for about 1 mile until we reach the old quarries.  
From here, we retrace our steps back to the rail bridge, climbing the steps we then follow the path down to Smardale Bridge. Here we have a climb up through fields via Todwray, Hawking Scar and down to Park House Farm shortly to reach Ravenstonedale.

*Please remove muddy boots before boarding the coach & check that you take all your belongings with you. Thank you.*
From a calque of German Rabenstein, equivalent to raven + stone. ravenstone (plural ravenstones). (historical) A place of execution; gallows. 1841, George Noël Gordon Baron Byron, The Works of Lord Byron: [...] The raven sits / On the raven-stone, And his black wing flits / O'er the milk-white bone; [...] 1996, Richard J. Evans, Rituals of Retribution: Capital Punishment in Germany: