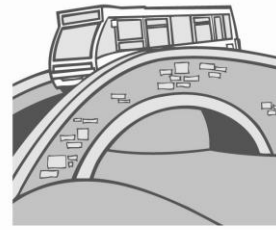


# **The Bowland Transit Club**

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Readers who receive the paper version of this newsletter may not be aware of two matters that arose shortly after the issue of Newsletter 16.

One concerns the Dalesbus website address which I failed to check and for which I apologise. It is: [www.dalesbus.org](http://www.dalesbus.org)

The other concerns Bowland Transit service B12 which started running (later than expected) at about the time the newsletter was issued (see below).

The email version was reissued with the up to date information and the copy on the website was also updated.

#### **Service B12 to Garstang**

This seasonal bus service from Clitheroe to Garstang started again on Thursday, 10 June, running every Thursday until the end of October. The bus leaves Clitheroe Interchange at 09.30, returning from Garstang at 13.10. A revised edition of LCC's timetable leaflet has been printed.

#### **Additional 564A Bus in Dentdale**

The previous edition of this newsletter announced an extra bus on this service, providing an afternoon link from Sedbergh (16.45) and Dent (17.00) to Dent Station every Saturday until 2 October. It has proved very popular with walkers and bus loadings have been good.

Readers of Dalesman magazine may have seen an item in the August edition detailing a walk to the summit of Aye Gill Pike from Dent. The advent of the CRoW Act made the summit area access land and a route from the village below has since been agreed. It is an expedition the writer is hoping to undertake this summer whilst the opportunity offered by the later bus is available.

#### **Bug Hunt at Whalley Abbey - Sunday 22 August**

Lancashire Wildlife Trust invites visitors to go hunting for bugs in the Abbey grounds at 10.30 and at 14.00. Bug catching and studying equipment is supplied. Just turn up, or for more information phone 01254 828 400.

### **Bat Walk in Clitheroe - Friday 03 September**

A night walk to find out about the bats which fly around Brungerley Park and Cross Hill Quarry Nature Reserve. Listen to their calls with special bat detectors. All ages welcome, but remember to bring a torch! Meet at the entrance to Brungerley Park on Waddington Road, Clitheroe at 19.30. Just turn up, or for more information contact Phil Dykes on 07841 996 722 or email: [pdykes@lancswt.org.uk](mailto:pdykes@lancswt.org.uk)

### **Hodder Valley Show - Saturday 11 September**

The 2010 show will take place at Newton. As Newton is well served by the B10 and B11 bus services it should be easy to leave the car behind (or at least in Clitheroe).

### **Apple Day - Saturday 02 October - Knowle Green**

Join a celebration of locally grown apples, pears and related produce at the Village Hall 10.00 - 16.00. A chance to see, taste and buy a variety of locally grown apples and pears. In addition a chance to discuss varieties, planting and pruning with experts and to bring your own apples and pears for identification. Other examples of local produce such as juice, cider and honey will hopefully be available. Just turn up.

### **Dales and Bowland Community Interest Company**

Another item in the August edition of the Dalesman magazine is an article by Sheila Bowker about the Dales and Bowland CIC. For anyone unclear about the work of this organisation, which now manages much of the Sunday and Bank Holiday DalesBus network, it gives a helpful overview accompanied by pictures that you may recognise.

### **Future Funding**

Since the election of the new government the media has been full of stories about cutbacks. Unfortunately a good number of the cutbacks announced so far seem to relate to public transport funding.

The team at D&B CIC have been actively pointing out the problems that cuts in rural bus services will cause, telling David Cameron that D&B CIC is already an example of his Big Society concept, and searching diligently for alternative sources of funding given that local authority sources seem set to dry up.

We would like to encourage readers to help support threatened bus services by joining in the newspaper debates and by lobbying councillors and MPs. Fortunately there are currently no direct threats to the funding of the Bowland Transit services, but North Yorkshire County Council has announced its intention to withdraw all its funding for evening and Sunday bus services, including the DalesBus network, from April 2011.

Chairman and Walks Coordinator Brian Holden thanks all those who have turned out, sometimes in poor weather, to support the walks and he extends special thanks to the walk leaders.

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