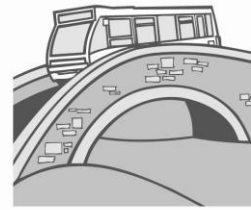


The Bowland Transit Club

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BOWLAND TRANSIT CLUB

Improvements to the X80 Sunday and Bank Holiday service

The X80 Sunday and Bank Holiday service between Preston and Skipton now runs 4 times a day each way. What's more it connects with services into the Yorkshire Dales. The first bus leaves Clitheroe at 09.45 and arrives at Skipton bus station at 10.20. Service 883 to Malham and service 872 to Grassington both depart at 10.30. (Readers who expect the service between Skipton and Grassington to be numbered 66A may wish to know that the 66A now terminates at Skipton and the shuttle between Skipton and Grassington is provided by Burnley & Pendle bus 872, which starts the day in Burnley and returns there at the end of the day.) The last bus back to Preston leaves Skipton at 16.35 and arrives in Clitheroe at 17.09. Those travelling by 872 need to catch the bus from Grassington at 15.55 whilst those who have ventured to Malham need to catch the 884 at 14.45. (In the case of Malham the bus out is run by York Pullman whilst that back is run by Jackson's of Silsden.) Full details can be found on www.dalesbus.org

Rover tickets to the Dales

Another plus with the above connections is that travellers from Clitheroe can now purchase a Southern Dales Rover at £7.50 to cover the cost of their day out.

The enthusiasts can leap off the bus in Grassington and onto the 874 and travel up to Kettlewell or Buckden. They will however have to come back on the lunchtime service (less than an hour at Buckden or just over an hour at Kettlewell) at least as far as Grassington in order to make that last X80.

Travellers to Malham have the option of catching the Malham Tarn Shuttle over to Settle - an interesting run over the top - offering up to 2 hours in Settle.

Yet a third option is to catch the 884 from Skipton and travel to the Strid, Bolton Abbey or Ilkley. In order to catch the last X80 travellers will need to catch the 14.45 from Ilkley back to Skipton.

Those with ENC passes don't have to worry about the cost as they travel free.

Again full details can be found on the website.

Saturday Dentedale bus

Anyone who used the train and took advantage of the extra bus serving Dentedale on Saturdays last year will be pleased to learn that it is running again from 7 May. This seemed doomed to be a victim of cuts by Cumbria CC who funded the services early in the day. However a campaign to raise the money to cover the costs was successful thanks to donations from the Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line, the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, Dent Parish Council, Sedbergh Parish Council, Dentedale Show, Dent Music and Beer Festival, and the Dales & Bowland CIC. A bus meets the train that leaves Leeds at 09.00. Travellers can return in mid-afternoon or at 17.30. As the bus runs to Dent, Sedbergh and then Kendal, lots of options are available including walks on the Howgills. Full details on the website www.dalesbus.org

Walk around Downham

Having seen the film "Whistle Down the Wind" and knowing someone who was an extra in it when she was at school the writer was quite keen to join the walk from Downham visiting much of the area where the filming

took place. This proved to be an enjoyable venture as others on the walk had also been involved in the filming and we were given detailed insights on locations.

As Downham was also the main setting for the TV series Born and Bred, there was another reason for enjoying a prowl around.

We were fortunate with the weather which could have been considerably worse. It wasn't exactly wall to wall sunshine but the rain held off most of the time.

With the interesting views around Worsaw Hill and an insight into former activities in the area, and the fascinating range of buildings in the unspoilt village of Downham it was a big learning curve for the writer. Many thanks to all those who helped.

Bowland Transit Club AGM

This takes place on Monday 15 May at Clitheroe library starting at 11.00.

(Anyone travelling from Skipton will be 5-10 minutes late because of bus arrival times.)

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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