

DalesBus News

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Last Chance to Explore!

Don't forget that the following Summer Sunday DalesBus services only run until 30th September, so don't miss out on the chance to explore the Nidderdale and Forest of Bowland Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty by DalesBus:

Nidderdale Rambler 821: Keighley - Shipley - Otley - Washburn Valley - Pateley Bridge - Lofthouse - Scar House

Fountains Flyer 822: Selby - York - Ripon - Fountains Abbey - Pateley Bridge - Grassington

Brimham Explorer 825:
Ripon - Fountains Abbey - Brimham Rocks - Harrogate

Bowland Explorer 833:
Lancaster - Bentham/Ingleton - Slaidburn - Clitheroe



Great news however is that this year most Summer DalesBus services will run every Sunday until 21st October, including:

Northern Dalesman 830: Preston - Lancaster - Ingleton - Ribbleshead - Hawes - Reeth - Richmond

Northern Powergrid Country Bus 830:
Middlesbrough - Darlington - Richmond - Reeth - Hawes

Ribbleshead Ranger 831: Hawes - Ribbleshead - Settle

Wensleydale Wanderer 857:
Hawes - Castle Bolton - Leyburn - Masham

DalesBus 859: Richmond - Leyburn

Cravenlink 873 884:
Dewsbury - Bradford - Otley - Ilkley - Skipton - Malham

Dalesman 875:
Wakefield - Leeds - Ilkley - Buckden - Aysgarth - Hawes

Malham Tarn Shuttle 881:
Morecambe - Lancaster - Ingleton - Settle - Malham

Winter Services

The Winter DalesBus timetable booklet will be available online and from the usual outlets from mid-October.

DalesBus services will generally continue throughout the winter months from 28th October on a similar basis to last year with some minor changes.

In Wharfedale slightly revised timetables will be introduced on Monday to Saturday on **service 72** between Skipton and Grassington from 28th October to improve reliability, with small changes to Upper Wharfedale Venturer service 72B to maintain connections and also provide new afternoon links to/from Hebden.

Witch Way X43 from Manchester and Burnley to Skipton will no longer extend to Grassington on Sundays, but the 72 will instead operate between Skipton and Grassington at similar times.

There are no changes to service 74A between Ilkley and Grassington on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, but the last day of the summer season of the Saturday service on the 874 is 27th October.

Cravenlink services 873 and 884 between Ilkley, Bolton Abbey and Skipton, and **DalesBus 874** between Wakefield, Leeds, Otley, Ilkley, Bolton Abbey, Grassington, Kettlewell and Buckden will continue running as usual every Sunday throughout the winter months – with slightly revised timetables.

Over in Nidderdale, service 24 goes electric from 28th October – see next page – with a revised timetable on Monday to Saturday, but no changes to the Sunday timetable.

Further north, Dales & District and Little White Bus services continue unchanged, including the daily **Garsdale Station Shuttle** and **Sunday Acorn Wensleydale Flyer 856** between Northallerton, Bedale, Leyburn, Aysgarth and Hawes.

DalesBus 2019

As mentioned in our last newsletter, planning and fundraising for next year's DalesBus weekend services is now underway.

If you have any suggestions to offer please get in touch with us at feedback@dalesandbowland.com. We are particularly keen to receive suggestions as to how DalesBus services could be improved to make them more popular, whilst reducing costs, and for ideas of new sources of funding and help with fundraising.

Pateley Bridge Goes Electric!

The Harrogate Bus Company is preparing to launch electric buses on route 24 between Harrogate and Pateley Bridge as part of its plan to make Harrogate a 'Low Emission Bus Town'.



The roll out of two refurbished electric Optare Solo buses to the 24 route follows on from investment in 8 electric single deckers for Harrogate local services, 17 Euro 6 double deckers for the flagship 36 route between Leeds, Harrogate and Ripon; and refurbishment of the buses on the 1 and the 7 with low emission technology.

The electric buses will be introduced on 28th October and will work most journeys on the 24, except for journeys at school times which need a larger bus. A new timetable will be introduced on Monday to Saturday from the same date with some off-peak journeys combined to give the buses time to top up their charge in Harrogate. Also, by popular demand the morning bus from Pateley Bridge at 0720 will be extended to St Aidans and St John Fisher schools and the afternoon bus will now start there at 1545, leaving Harrogate Bus Station at 1600. The popular last bus from Harrogate at 1730, together with the return journey at 1830 from Pateley Bridge, will be unchanged.

The Sunday timetable continues unchanged, with three return journeys running between Harrogate and Pateley Bridge. On Winter Sundays service 24 is operated on contract to the Dales & Bowland Community Interest Company as part of the DalesBus network, with financial support from Harrogate Spring Water, together with North Yorkshire County Council, Pateley Bridge Town Council, Nidderdale Chamber of Trade, and individual donors.

DalesBus Ramblers, with help from Pateley Bridge Walkers are Welcome, will be providing two free Sunday guided walks in Nidderdale every month throughout the Winter – all accessible by the service 24 bus from Harrogate, with connections from Leeds on service 36, from Wetherby on service 7 and from Bradford on Flying Tiger service 747.

The new service 24 timetable can be downloaded [here](#) (PDF file).

Harrogate Bus Company will be working with DalesBus and other local stakeholders to develop the 24 further with new marketing plans designed to promote Pateley Bridge and Upper Nidderdale as a day out including from Leeds and Ripon via the 36. The aim is for the 24 bus to become an integral part of the local community, so it can grow and expand by encouraging more people to travel. We hope you will give it a try!



Message from the Friends of DalesBus

This year, the Friends of Dalesbus again made a £5,000 contribution to the cost of running of the DalesBus services and will continue to support Dales and Bowland CIC throughout the forthcoming winter DalesBus season.

A full programme of free guided walks will again be provided every Sunday and on occasional Saturdays throughout the winter. A new walks programme leaflet can be downloaded [here](#) (PDF file), covering the last few Sundays of the summer timetable during October then continuing through the first part of the winter season until mid-January. Details of all the guided walks, and any updates to be printed programme, will shortly also be available on the DalesBus Ramblers website www.dalesbusramblers.org.uk.

The cost of providing bus services into the dales is quite high and finding funding to keep services on the road is getting harder. Local authorities are under great pressure to cut their budgets and as a result, many bus services have already been cut. Many more bus services would not be operating now if it were not for volunteers stepping in and helping out by lobbying government departments, searching out new areas of funding, or putting their hands in their pockets to help out financially.

The Friends of DalesBus lobby and help, and have a "bus fund" account where contributions of any amount can be given directly towards operating bus services in the Dales through the group. Visit friendsofdalesbus.org.uk for details. You will also find details about membership of the group, where even your membership fee helps DalesBus services financially.

If you'd like to find out more or offer your help, the Annual General Meeting of Friends of DalesBus will take place on Saturday 10th November at Coopers Bar, Guiseley from 1pm where you are welcome to attend.

Alternatively, queries about membership or making a donation can be made to:

Friends of DalesBus, 8 Moorfields, Bramley, Leeds, LS13 3JZ.

Members are also able to take part in regular social events in the dales which are all accessible by DalesBus services. Even if you live outside the dales area, your membership also entitles you to purchase a Dales Railcard for discounted travel by train into the dales along the Leeds to Carlisle and Morecambe lines, with even more travel opportunities available from buses meeting trains.

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Stop Press! Rail Engineering Works

In addition to the ongoing disruption caused by RMT strike action on Saturdays, trains on the Leeds - Settle - Carlisle line may be affected by engineering works on the weekend of 6th and 7th October. This may affect the planned DalesBus Ramblers guided walk in Swaledale on 7th – please check website for details.

