

DalesBus News

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Summer DalesBuses

This year most Summer Sunday DalesBus services will continue running all the way through until 21st October, giving more opportunities to visit the Dales this Autumn.

Don't forget though that the following 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



Fountains Flyer 822 is usually operated by a double-decker bus, providing spectacular views of the Dales scenery as it crosses over from Pateley Bridge to Grassington. This bus also provides the extra midday runs on service 874 between Grassington (dep. 1150 & 1350) and Buckden (dep. 1320 & 1520).

Service 833 is now operated with a larger low-floor bus, so there's much more room for everyone to use this service.

There will be some changes to bus and train services in the Yorkshire Dales area over the **August Bank Holiday** period:

Saturday 25th August - bus and train services will generally operate a normal Saturday timetable, but trains operated by Northern are currently expected to be disrupted by strike action.

Sunday 26th August - bus and train services will operate a normal Sunday timetable

Monday 27th August - trains will operate a normal Monday timetable, but most bus services will operate a Sunday timetable - except Northern Dalesman service 830 will not operate, and Little White Bus will operate a weekday service on the Garsdale Station Shuttle. In addition to the Sunday services on routes 825 and 856 Dales & District will also operate weekday services on several other routes - check their website for details.

Winter Services

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

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.



Future Funding for DalesBus

Fundraising is now an essential, but time-consuming, activity to support the weekend DalesBus network. To try to manage this more effectively a DalesBus Fundraising Working Group is being established, reporting directly to Dales & Bowland Community Interest Company (D&BCIC) Chair Chris Nash. It will include representatives from the Friends of DalesBus and the Friends of the Dales, as well as D&BCIC.

The Working Group will look at the suggestions made in the DalesBus passenger survey which is being conducted on the buses during July and August. D&BCIC would like to thank everyone who has completed a survey form for their feedback and give particular thanks to the volunteers who helped to conduct the survey.

If you haven't yet had chance to provide feedback, or have other suggestions to offer, please get in touch with us at feedback@dalesandbowland.com. We are particularly keen for suggestions as to how DalesBus services could be improved to make them more popular, whilst reducing costs, and also for ideas of new sources of funding and help with fundraising.

Planning for 2019 has already begun so please get in touch by early September with any suggestions and offers of help.

Guided Walks

There are a few changes and additions to the DalesBus Ramblers guided walks programme organised by the Friends of DalesBus.

The **Scarecrow Walk** will now take place on Sunday 19th August, not 26th August as shown in the leaflet. The Barnoldswick Weets Hill walk will also still take place on 19th August.



The **Gunnarside to Reeth** walk on 16th September will now be led by a FoSCL walk leader – see [website](#) for details.

Some extra walks have been organised as follows – for details please see www.dalesbusramblers.org.uk:

Sunday 26th August - Classic Bishopdale Edge walk

From Newbiggin to Cray.

9 miles. Strenuous.

Paul 01535 608725 or 07933 824620

Sunday 23rd September – Keighley Walking Festival Walk

Scar House to Lofthouse

6½ miles. Moderate but with some short uphill sections.

Howard 07766 405517

Sunday 30th September – National Trust Walk

Fountains Abbey to Brimham Rocks

7½ miles. Moderate

Simon & Malcolm - 01423 780688

Please book in advance for this walk on the above number.

The walks programme from October onwards is currently being finalised and will be available in a leaflet and online during September.

This will be the last programme to be planned by Alastair Ross before his move to Scotland. The Friends of DalesBus would like to thank him for all his help keeping the show on the road and wish him well for the future.

However, this means that FoDB now has a critical vacancy on its hands. So, if you feel you might want to have a go at this really important job, please get in touch with Paul Harrison friendsofdalesbuschair@gmail.com.

Everyone will give you as much help as they can. We won't need another leaflet until mid January, but it will need a start making on it in October. Please make an orderly queue! Thank you.

More Help Needed!

DalesBus could not operate without the dedicated team of volunteers that help distribute timetables, lead guided walks and help with fundraising. This is what the Friends of DalesBus were set up over 20 years ago to do. You don't have to be a member of FoDB to support our work, but everyone that pays a subscription and joins us supports our work.

A warm thank you to everyone – FoDB members and others alike, who have done so much outstanding work to achieve what many people describe as the best DalesBus network in 2018.

If you want to help see DalesBus continue into 2019 and beyond, please write to your MP asking them to support DalesBus, and in particular the proposal, supported by our local MPs Alex Sobel and John Grogan that the DfT should award each English National Park £100k per annum in a National Park Sustainable Transport Fund – a total national cost of just £1 million. This would allow every English National Park to enjoy at least a DalesBus level of weekend accessibility for the quarter of the population who do not have access to their own car. This is required to deliver the Government's own 8 Point Plan for National Parks.

Or why not also help us with the hugely demanding task of distributing timetable information and guided walks leaflets in key areas where people live and work? We urgently need someone with a car available to help distribute bulk supplies to local volunteers in key areas.

If you think you can help in any way, would like any further information or have any suggestions to make please contact FoDB Chairman Paul Harrison friendsofdalesbuschair@gmail.com

D&BCIC News

D&BCIC has recently published its Annual Report and Statement of Community Interest Delivery for 2017/18, which is available to read online [here](#).

The report highlights that whilst D&BCIC and its partners have continued to be remarkably successful once again in attracting sufficient funding for the summer 2018 network, it is clear that fundraising activity is becoming an unsustainable drain on the company's limited voluntary resources and that the securing of more stable longer-term funding is an urgent priority. DalesBus delivers many economic, social and environmental benefits, but D&BCIC cannot achieve these alone. For DalesBus to survive and develop increased political and financial support is needed.

The report also notes the retirement of founder director Colin Speakman as a director earlier this year. The Board would like to thank Colin for all his hard work in developing the company and helping to support the DalesBus network. Colin will however be continuing in his role as Vice Chair of FoDB.

Bus Services Inquiry

The Transport Committee has launched an inquiry into the decline of the bus market in England, and is currently inviting feedback on the key issues. Find out more [here](#).