

DalesBus News

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Nidderdale Sunday Buses

Thanks to the combined efforts of Nidderdale Chamber of Trade, Nidderdale Plus, Dales & Bowland CIC and the Harrogate Bus Company the winter Sunday service on route 24 between Harrogate and Pateley Bridge, due to be withdrawn in September, has been saved for the next two years.

Biggest thanks of all however are due to locally based Harrogate Spring Water who have stepped in at short notice to underwrite much of the cost of the service. The fact that funds also came from donations to the Just Giving appeal as well as from North Yorkshire County Council's Locality Fund, Pateley Bridge Town Council and Nidderdale Chamber of Trade, made the job of finding that magic sponsor so much easier. So, put Harrogate Spring Water on your shopping list this autumn!



But this is only the beginning. We must now prove that the Sunday 24 meets a genuine need and if usage by locals and visitors can be increased sufficiently, then there is every chance that the service will continue indefinitely on a commercial basis.

A new timetable for the Sunday 24 of three return journeys (to save costs) has been devised by D&BCIC so that the first morning bus from Harrogate to Pateley Bridge is now at 1015 which makes early connections on service 36 from Leeds and Ripon far easier. Connections are also available from Wetherby on service 70, and from Bradford, Greengates and Yeadon on Flying Tiger service 747, which also offers a connection from Ilkley and Otley off the X84 at The Dyneley Arms.



Dales Freedom Rovers and Dales Privilege Rovers will be available on Flying Tiger service 747 on Sundays from 1st October. This significantly reduces the cost of a day out in Nidderdale for fare-payers.

Dales Freedom Rovers and Dales Privilege Rovers are also still valid on Sundays on service 36, although if you're only using Harrogate Bus Company buses you may find a DayTripper ticket is cheaper.

The last return journey from Pateley Bridge has been brought forward to 1625, which in the winter months is far better than hanging around in the dark until 1730. This makes a day out in Nidderdale much more attractive.

Pateley Bridge is a lovely venue for a lunch and easy riverside stroll, with a mid-afternoon or teatime return bus to choose from. For the more energetic, DalesBus Ramblers will be organising several walks from this service during the autumn and winter months, and if you are going on your own there are a huge range of walks from easy to more demanding that can be planned using the 24 – for example along the Nidderdale Way from Hampsthwaite or Birstwith, the riverside path from Dacre Banks to Pateley, perhaps via Guisecliffe or Brimham Rocks from Low Laithe, or walk from Pateley Bridge via Wath as far as Gouthwaite or even Ramsgill.

DalesBus Ramblers have organised an extra free guided walk for **Sunday 1st October** to celebrate the start of the new winter service. Catch bus 24 from Harrogate Bus Station at 1015, to join the walk which starts out along Panorama Way - visiting an old quarry with its old incline tramway - continuing after a lunch stop to Wath Lane, with glorious views of Nidderdale, then on to Wath and returning along the river and old railway line to Pateley Bridge. There will be time to explore Pateley Bridge with its tea rooms, pubs, shops and park, or watch the river run by, before catching the 1625 bus back to Harrogate.

Distance/Grading: 6.5 miles/ Moderate
Walk Leader: Anne 01423 771656

Don't Miss the Friends of DalesBus AGM

Saturday 28th October is a date no DalesBus user should miss – the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of DalesBus, the Yorkshire Dales Public Transport Users Group, at 1.30pm at Cooper's Bistro, Guiseley. The venue has been chosen for its easy access by bus and rail from many parts of West and North Yorkshire – 7 minutes walk from the rail station.

This is the chance for both members of FoDB and also anyone else interested in coming along (it is an open meeting) to find out what has been happening in the last year, our successes and occasional disappointments. It is also your chance to voice your views on what has happened in 2017 and what ideas you may have for the future.

As FoDB's energetic Chairman Paul Harrison has suggested, D&BCIC would like your feedback and to hear your views on priorities for 2018, bearing in mind the ever more difficult financial situation. Would you rather have a longer summer season with fewer services or a more comprehensive network over a shorter period? What about pre-bookable VAMOOZ services to different destinations as part of the overall DalesBus mix?

There will also be an opportunity to input to a vital discussion on the future of the Friends of DalesBus. How can the group develop to be more effective and adapt to changing circumstances?

The Bus Operating Fund – A Way of Supporting DalesBus

This summer, without the direct help of £5,000 from the Friends of DalesBus Bus Operating Fund there would have been no service 875 from Wakefield and Leeds through Upper Wharfedale to Hawes, and a much more limited Nidderdale Rambler service. It was also only because we were seen to be raising funds from users that "match funding" for the Northern Dalesman and the Malham Tarn Shuttle was able to be raised.

Many older DalesBus users with bus passes but who are not too badly off have said they would be more than willing to pay half fare for a day out rather than use their passes knowing that DalesBus doesn't get the full cost back from the local authorities. So, why not work out what money you would have saved if you had to pay and give some of that back in the form of a donation to the FoDB Bus Operating Fund?

Simply send a cheque made out to Friends of DalesBus to FoDB Chairman, 199 Oakworth Road, Keighley, BD21 1RE or even easier, donate on line via PayPal at www.friendsofdalesbus.org.

It's a quick and easy, safe way of giving.

The Dales & Bowland CIC is also keen to attract more corporate sponsorship, building on recent partnerships with Acorn Stairlifts, Northern Powergrid and Harrogate Spring Water. If you have any suitable contacts please get in touch.

Go VAMOOZ to the Dales

Following the successful partnership with VAMOOZ to provide the Dales Experience Bus from Bradford and Keighley to the Yorkshire Dales during the summer school holidays an extra trip will be running from Bradford, Shipley and Keighley to Clapham on Tuesday 24th October.

For further details and to download the VAMOOZ mobile phone app visit www.dalesbus.org/experience

All journeys must be pre-booked on the app, or in person at the Travel Centre at Keighley Bus Station.



Reminder of Forthcoming Wharfedale Bus Service Changes

The winter timetable on Sunday Cravenlink service 873/884 between Ilkley and Skipton and on Sunday DalesBus service 874 between Wakefield, Leeds, Ilkley, Grassington, Kettlewell and Buckden will be introduced from 1st October 2017.

Pride of the Dales service 74 between Ilkley, Grassington and Hebden now runs on Summer Saturdays only - the last day of operation for Summer 2017 will be on 28th October.

North Yorkshire County Council service 74A between Ilkley, Grassington and Hebden will additionally operate on Fridays from 3rd November 2017.

Sunday DalesBuses

The last day of operation for the following Summer Sunday DalesBus services for 2017 will be 24th September:

822, 825, 830, 833, 859, 875, 881 and S2

Services 24, 873, 874 and 884 will operate a winter timetable from 1 October.

Services X43, 855 and 856 will continue unchanged.

Service 36 Improvements

From 29th October service 36 will operate every 10 minutes between Leeds and Harrogate on Monday to Saturday daytimes, continuing to Ripon every 20 minutes.

On Sundays buses will run through between Leeds, Harrogate and Ripon every 20 minutes.