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**S547 Knarrs Nook Farm, Churnal**

*Photograph by Norman Rice*



Welcome to the latest edition of *Signpost*. I hope you find the items and articles in this edition interesting; we are always keen to hear your views.

As summer faded away the weather seems to have been quite kind with beautiful autumn browns and oranges dominating the countryside. I always feel that walking at this time of the year is even more interesting than usual, sharp colourful views from hilltops, fungi to identify, winter birds arriving and a real sense of the year hurtling towards winter.

You will be aware that some of the things we have wanted to do as a society have been delayed due to the restrictions inevitably placed upon us because of the pandemic. I am delighted that we have been able to take another step forward when a number of us met in Stockport at the end of September to discuss issues of strategic importance to PNFS. We had postponed this event several times, so it was brilliant to meet in person and we had a fruitful day reflecting on our successes but also the challenges we face in the current context. Through discussions we prioritised several key areas and will share these at the open meeting in Sheffield on 12 November. There will be many opportunities for members and volunteers to get involved in the next steps.

Amongst many other things we looked at some of the data extracted from the excellent Footpath Inspection Database and noted that whilst the number of inspectors has risen significantly over the past three years, their distribution is by no means even, or covering our whole geography. If anyone feels they would like to explore becoming a Footpath Inspector, please contact David Gosling (see page 3) who can share details of what it entails. Even urban areas need inspecting and maintaining. I enjoy inspecting a range of urban and wilder parishes. I recently walked along paths in Heysham in west Lancashire. It is many years since my last visit, and it was a real delight to walk near the sea and then explore the burial ground of the ancient St Patrick's church.

Our headquarters, Taylor House has been quieter than normal over the past few years, but we plan to use this more frequently as a meeting venue, with some changes to the use of rooms. I think it is helpful for us to have a base and we should make the most of it.

I hope to see you in Sheffield in November, it is great to meet members and I am hoping to find some spare days to offer opportunities to meet you on walks.

*Kathy Mclean, Chair*



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## **INSPECTORS WANTED**

PNFS needs more Footpath Inspectors to  
report footpath problems in its areas,  
**Lancashire, West Yorkshire, South Yorkshire,**  
**Derbyshire, Staffordshire, Cheshire,**  
**Merseyside and Greater Manchester.**

Inspection of footpaths is a vital part of the work of PNFS and is a  
fascinating pastime. We now have an excellent online training course  
and you will receive support from the Society's officers. You will discover  
new paths and contribute to our central goal - to protect rights of way.

Can you help to protect footpaths?  
If so, contact Footpath Inspection Coordinator,  
David Gosling 07841647275  
or by email [inspection@pnfs.org.uk](mailto:inspection@pnfs.org.uk)

# Moss Brook Riverside Footpath Improvement Project (Phases 1 and 2)



*Footpath before improvement*

Our largest improvement project to date was completed in late summer this year. The project was originally proposed by our Area Officer John Harker in February 2021 and relates to two sections of footpath under two local authority's jurisdiction - Eckington FP133 by Sheffield City Council and Eckington FP37 by Derbyshire County Council. Unfortunately, the improvements to the Derbyshire section of the footpath did not proceed.

The project became a joint venture between PNFS and the Don Catchment Rivers Trust (DCRT) due to the cost of the project. The DCRT became aware of the problems with this section of footpath after becoming more active in the area. It is well used by the public and in the wetter winter months is churned

into a mud bath with the footpath becoming wider and wider as footpath users attempt to find a dry crossing, trampling adjacent vegetation. Furthermore, it is thought to be a major source of sedimentation with the Moss Brook – something that negatively effects fish and wildlife within the stream habitat.

I became involved in March 2021, and met on site in May 2021, with the Landowners, PROW officers from both Sheffield and Derbyshire and 2 representatives from the DCRT. Walking the path, soon revealed how bad it was, requiring urgent repairs and it was also decided to use natural flood management techniques by creating a series of 'scrapes' – shallow ponds meant to temporarily hold excessive water during storms. These



would hold back much of the sediment going into the river. Also, a small wetland was formed to act as an overflow to a nearby feeder stream to Never Fear Dam which will serve to relieve the pressure along the River Goit which suffers from bank erosion.

The topsoil was stripped to a depth of 150 mm along the path and the formation level compacted. The excavated material was transported, shaped and dressed in agreed areas on site. Five 225 mm twin walled culvert pipes were installed along the line of the phase 1 works with suitably dressed inlet and outlets installed in order to transfer drainage water underneath the track and into the river.

A Geotextile membrane was installed on the formation layer and 75 mm of dust crushed locally sourced gritstone was imported and laid to a compacted depth of 150 mm, then 40 mm to dust crushed gritstone, again locally sourced, was imported and laid on top to a depth of 50 mm, and compacted with a ride on roller

The new path was finished slightly chamfered to aid drainage of the area therefore extending longevity. Edges of the area were redressed using existing topsoil from initial strip and seeded where required. Any soft areas disturbed off the path line during works were made good and graded back in with the surrounding area. This was kept to a minimum wherever possible by restricting turning points and reducing work being

carried out during wet weather.

The path line was finished to a minimum of 1.5 m wide wherever possible throughout. This was reduced in sections by the bridge. The improved footpath is shown below and is now a pleasure to walk whatever the weather. Several users expressed their delight with the improvement to us, whilst on site installing our PNFS signage.

*Nigel Howe, Improvements Officer*



# **Stoke FP7: Additions to the article in *Signpost* 73 Autumn 2022, page 12**

The autumn 2022 article concerned a public footpath in Cheshire East shown on the legal record of public rights of way (PROWs), the definitive map and statement (DMS), as a cul-de-sac public footpath called Stoke FP7, ending at the boundary with the adjacent parish, Hurleston.

A footpath continuing on the other side of the boundary, called Hurleston FP11, was shown on the Cheshire provisional definitive map, published in 1969 as part of the legal process for preparing the first DMS. However, this path was removed from the provisional map and statement after a Quarter Sessions hearing at which the landowner objected to the inclusion of the path on the grounds that it was not a public right of way. The county council as the surveying authority and the parish council did not oppose this removal of the path from the provisional map. Therefore FP11 was not shown on the final DMS. It is important to note that this did not necessarily mean that the path was not a PROW, only that it was not legally recorded as such. No public rights, if they did exist, were extinguished.

What was not mentioned in the *Signpost* article was that it is possible for Hurleston FP11 to be added to the DMS now, if it can be shown that, on the balance of probabilities, there is evidence that it was historically a PROW. Because “once a highway, always a highway”, unless the path was legally diverted or stopped-up, it would still be a PROW now. This evidence must be new, ie it was not considered at the time that the first DMS was published. The evidence could possibly be provided by historic documents, such as an Inclosure Award or Finance Act 1910 documents.

Evidence of use by the public as of right from 1969 for 20 years or more, or in some cases for a lesser period, could also be new evidence that the path was a PROW, unless the landowner had indicated to the users that he did not intend it to be a PROW. If new evidence is discovered, then the details of how and why the path was deleted from the provisional map can also be taken into account.

So if anyone would like to see FP11 recorded as a PROW, and could research historic documents, look at the “Don’t Lose your Way” section of the Ramblers web site where this path is shown on a map as a “Lost Way”, and contact me via the PNFS email address [mail@pnfs.org.uk](mailto:mail@pnfs.org.uk).

*Rhoda Barnett, Courts and Inquiries Officer*

## Pilsley FP14 and Tibshelf FP26

During the autumn of 2020 I tried to inspect Pilsley (North East Derbyshire) FP14. Leaving the site of the old Pilsley railway station, I knew the entrance to the northern end of the path was to be gained by a stile set in a hedge. Unfortunately there was no stile to be found as it had been subsumed by a dense hedge.

Undeterred I worked my way round nearby footpaths to approach FP14 from the south and via Tibshelf FP26. On approaching the parish boundary, which is here formed by a brook, I was faced by a wall of vegetation with no sign of any walked path. Fighting my way through the brambles, the stream and a bridge were reached. The bridge consisted of one long plank without side rails and its surface was like an ice rink. Wisely I did not attempt to cross the bridge particularly as the Pilsley bank was yet another wall of vegetation. This sorry state of affairs was conveyed to Derbyshire County Council (DCC) with a little encouragement over the months.

DCC requested the landowner to cut into the hedge at the path's northern end in order to locate the stile. Today there is clear access at this point. The vegetation at the parish boundary has been cleared leaving a wide path up and down the brook's banks. Steps have been installed along with a new robust and safe bridge. DCC have also provided a bonus by creating a link from the bridge to the nearby Five Pits Trail.

Another example of the Society's essential work. Without the pursuit of the inspection report this PROW would be unavailable to the public.

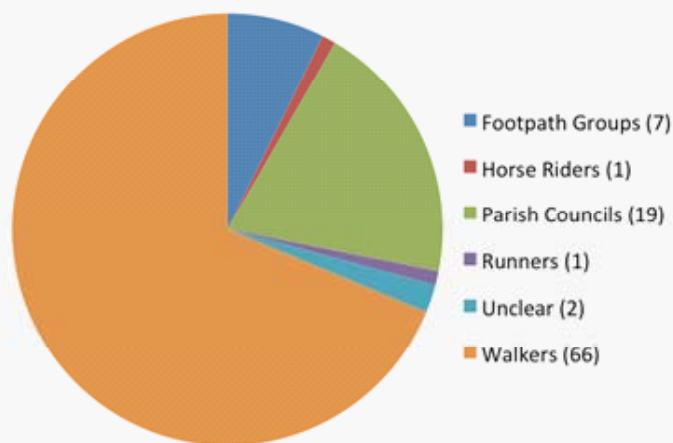
*Bill Parke, Footpath Inspector*



The previous two articles in this series have focused on personal members of the society and their distribution across the society's area of influence. However this is only part of our membership story. Since the early days of the society, group affiliations have been very important both PNFS and the groups themselves.

There are currently over 90 groups affiliated to the society, the majority of which are walking organisations but almost a quarter (19) are parish councils or similar. Interestingly, 8 parish councils have affiliated to the society in the last 2 years where as only 3 additional walking organisations have done so. The reasons behind these figures are mainly twofold. Firstly, several members of PNFS have actively encouraged their local parish councils to affiliate and secondly some have done so on the back of the society's Improvement Programme.

Parish councils have statutory powers which enable them to carry out PROW and Open Space improvements but they may lack the funds to do so. When they have been made aware that PNFS may be able to help them with a grant several have put forward proposals which have been approved and then funded by the society.



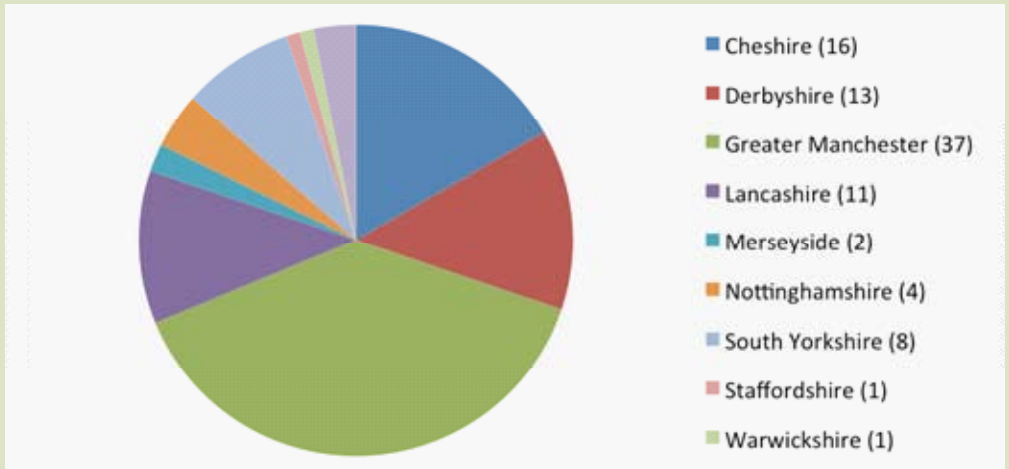
## Groups by Activity

This increase in the number of affiliated parish councils is impressive, but in reality we are only scratching the surface. The society's area comprise over 1400 parish councils! The message is clear, affiliating to PNFS can bring real benefits to parish councils and the public that they serve. I would urge our members to contact their own parish council and tell them that PNFS may be able to help them with PROW improvements. You can check which organisations are affiliated to the society at <http://pnfs.org.uk/affiliated-groups.htm>.

The distribution of affiliated groups across the PNFS patch is strikingly similar to that of our individual members. Once again Greater Manchester leads the way, followed



by Cheshire and the Derbyshire, this not surprising as they are numerous walking groups in these areas. The figures also show that despite not being a PNFS county, 4 organisations from Nottinghamshire are affiliated to the society. This is more than the total from Merseyside and Staffordshire added together (3).



### Groups by Region

Affiliations, like individual memberships are variable and skewed across the PNFS patch. I and my fellow trustees welcome any suggestions about how we can increase both forms of membership and spread the word about the society across all the areas that we cover.

As always, please contact me at [membership@pnfs.org.uk](mailto:membership@pnfs.org.uk) if you have any questions about membership or other thoughts about PNFS.

*Mel Bale, Membership Secretary, Webmaster and Trustee*

## Repainting S083



“Before and after” photos from Steve Brown of Signpost 83 at Wildboardclough - it’s up a bank, under dripping trees and hard to get at.

*David Morton, Signpost Officer*

# We stand on the shoulders of giants

I was out walking last Thursday doing a recce for a walk I'm leading for a PNFS affiliate, Sheffield CHA Rambling Club. I had cause to use a humdrum public footpath near Rotherham (Rawmarsh FP 21), which I recollect was one of Jack Burling's success stories of long ago, in the 1980s I think.

He told me the tale countless times, as was Jack's habit, but I never minded.

The story started in the 1950s when Jack's eye was caught by a young woman who later became his wife, Eva. He lived in Parkgate near Rotherham. She lived near Rotherham town centre. He would use this footpath to go courting Eva. Wheeling his bicycle (or so he told me) along the footpath, over the footbridges spanning railway and canal, to Eva's parents house on Nottingham Street.

Fast forward to the 1980s. The local economy has collapsed post steel and coal closures. The future lay in building out of town retail parks on derelict former industrial sites. Nobody had any money, but what they had they would spend at the proposed Parkgate Retail Park.

Pity about the public footpath in the way. We'll get rid of it thought the developers and sympathetic Rotherham Council planners. They hadn't reckoned on Jack and the Ramblers' (R.A. as it was then). He lobbied and campaigned and made himself a nuisance( not difficult for Jack). It got out that this was the path used by Jack to go courting in his youth, much to everyone's amusement. Eventually, he wore them down enough for a compromise to be reached. A small diversion through the development but it was saved. The photos and screenshot below tell the story.

The first one is as you come down the steps from the foot bridges over canal and railway. An old South Yorkshire County Council Public Footpath signpost points the way. You can see the word "Pedestrians" painted on the tarmac. (Jack always told me that the old South Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council 1974-86 was the best Highway Authority he ever dealt with. He hated the Tories for abolishing it.)

The second photo is looking back across the delivery vehicles' access road behind the retail units, towards the foot bridges. Footpath clearly marked out for path users and vehicle users to see.

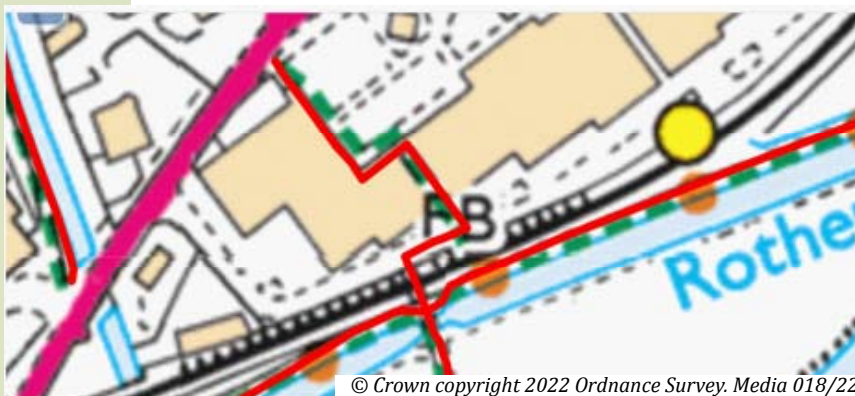




The fourth one is a zebra crossing for path users to negotiate the delivery road safely. We are heading towards where that car is parked.

The third photo shows the gap between retail units kept free to accommodate the footpath. It's not a thrilling path to walk, through a shopping centre. The sort of location I strive to avoid usually as my wife will tell you. However, I don't mind this one as it reminds me of the battles fought by those who have gone before us and the example that they have set us and demand of those of us that follow on in their footsteps.

*John Harker, Area Officer Rotherham*



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## NEW! Weekend Walks Group

A new walking group has been formed for walks in parts of PNFS areas - **Lancashire, West Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, Derbyshire, Staffordshire, Cheshire, Merseyside and Greater Manchester** - where there is no public transport and will be held on the first Saturday of each month.

The walks will be 8-12 miles long and at any level. As it will be necessary to drive to the start of each walk, it is recommended that cars are shared. (Anyone thinking of formally offering lifts should check that their car insurance gives adequate cover.)

The first walk will be in January 2023 (see walks programme). Members are invited to be walk leaders from February 2023 onwards. If interested, contact the co ordinator, Shirley Addy on [smaddy@talktalk.net](mailto:smaddy@talktalk.net). Please provide a brief description of walk, length, easy/medium/hard, post code and GR (if known) of car park (D&P or free).

# Seen from the footpaths



Wentworth FP20 bisects Wentworth Park near Rotherham, linking the villages of Wentworth and Greasbrough. Nothing special about the path itself, but it gives a view of one of the most spectacular buildings ever erected in this country - Wentworth Woodhouse. Its history is beyond the scope of this article but it is a fascinating one. If you want to know more read "Black Diamonds: the Rise and Fall of an English Dynasty" by Catherine Bailey or go to [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wentworth\\_Woodhouse](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wentworth_Woodhouse).

The facade of the main house is longer than that of Buckingham Palace at 606 feet. The story goes that an American tourist couple visiting the site, mistook the stable block (top photo) for the main house (bottom photo), which they would have seen had they walked another 100 yards further along the footpath. One was heard to exclaim: "There are bigger houses than this in Texas!" and left underwhelmed and without seeing the house itself. It's probably an urban legend.

There are a series of follies on the estate, some of them accessible from other public footpaths, others only visible from a distance. The most accessible are Keppel's Column recently restored by Rotherham Council and open to the public from next spring. Another is Hooper Stand, also open to the public at limited times, which I have climbed to the top of whilst leading a walk. Both follies were built as political statements by successive Marquises of Rockingham in the 1700s. The first to celebrate the acquittal at court martial of Admiral Keppel, a friend of the Second Marquis. The second, built by the First Marquis, was to celebrate the crushing of the Jacobite Rebellion.

A third folly, the Needle's Eye can be visited from an adjacent public footpath via a short permissive path.



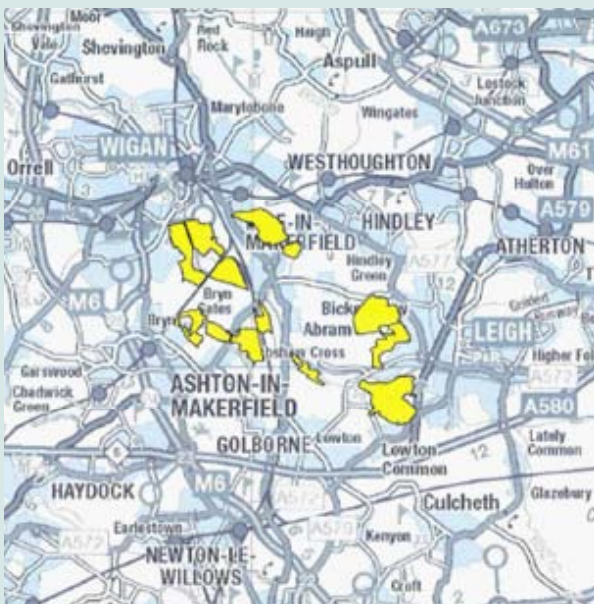
A fourth folly could be said to be the Rockingham Mausoleum on a hill near Upper Haugh village. Visible through the trees from a nearby public footpath its only accessible on one afternoon per week (Sunday 2-5 pm) from the main road, not from the public footpath. Built between 1785-89 after the death in 1782 of the Second Marquis when he was serving as Prime Minister, it was never used for its intended purpose and is empty

I trust that this article may be of some interest to members and encouraged some to come to South Yorkshire to explore its heritage.

*John Harker, Area Officer Rotherham*



# New National Nature Reserve for Wigan



A new National Nature Reserve (NNR) has been signed into law by Natural England under their powers in the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. Map attached. It's called Wigan and Leigh Flashes. It's one of the few remaining strongholds for the Willow Tit and has Bitterns as well.

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Its existence is as a consequence of mining subsidence. My paternal great grandfather is partially responsible for the subsidence, as he was a collier living at Abram near Wigan before moving his family to South Yorkshire where new collieries were being sunk.

*John Harker, Area Officer Rotherham*

# Parish Notes ~ Penistone

The current Barnsley Footpath Inspectors, of which I am one, recently received an email from Chis Davison, the society's local Area Officer for Barnsley, asking if one of us would be willing to take on the parish of Penistone in addition to the other parishes that we already cover. Back in my running days I was a regular visitor to the town and the surrounding area. I quickly volunteered so that I could return to some of my old haunts and hopefully discover some new gems as well.

Not surprising people often ask how the parish got its name. Penistone appears in the Domesbook of 1086 as both Pengeston(e) and Pangeston, and sometime later as Penington. Like many place names this can be interpreted as a description of the landscape within which it sits. Penn meaning head or height and ing and tun signifying a farmstead or town. There is a high ridge south of the town so the name seems quite appropriate.

Like many Northern settlements it was recorded as 'waste' in the Domesday book after the notorious 'Harrying of the North' which followed the Norman Invasion. By the late seventeenth century its importance as a market town was recognised by the granting of a royal charter. The town expanded significantly when the railway arrived in 1845. The line linked Sheffield and Manchester, but was built at a terrible human cost.



The chosen route necessitated the construction of a three mile long tunnel under the Pennines. Working conditions were difficult to say the least and claimed 32 lives almost as many men died of cholera. The railway became known as the Woodhead Line and was the first in the UK to be electrified. Passenger travel on the line ceased in 1970 and it was finally closed in 1981. Parts of the route now form legs of the Trans-Pennine Trail.

As I said earlier, running first attracted me to Penistone. A friend encouraged me to join Penistone Footpath Runners (<https://pfrac.co.uk/>) many years ago and I'm glad to report that the club is still going strong. One of its major races is held at the annual and long running Penistone Agricultural Show. The show marks its 150th anniversary in 2023 and always attracts a large crowd from across the region in early September.

Perhaps I should have taken a look at the society's Footpath Inspection Database before putting my hand up so quickly. The parish has the most PROWs (109) in the Barnsley area with the exception of the actual town itself. The total length covered by these paths and bridleways is just over 60 km, so that's quite a challenge in itself. My initial thoughts are to try and create routes of around 10km so that I can inspect a number of PROWs in one trip. I'm very much looking forward to renewing acquaintance with the parish over the months to come.

*Mel Bale, Membership Secretary, Webmaster and Trustee*



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This article is part of a series of Parish Notes which will be published both on the website and in future editions of the newsletter. Any readers who would like contribute are encouraged to contact the author at [webmaster@pnfs.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@pnfs.org.uk).



Having taken up footpath inspection duties in February 2022 I'm now tramping around two Lancashire parishes, Goldshaw Booth and Barley with Wheatley Booth, in the borough of Pendle. Famous for its big hill and witch folklore best experienced along the 45-mile Pendle Way that threads its way through the borough. The small village of Barley is a popular spot at weekends with easy access to the footpaths that lead up Pendle Hill and Newchurch-in-Pendle, within Goldshaw Booth, the burial place of Alice Nutter, hanged after the Pendle witch trials of 1612!

*Before and after photographs  
of Goldshaw FP8*

I have enjoyed planning my inspections, plotting routes to cover footpaths from end to end, checking the definitive map and historic diversions on the Society's Footpath Inspection Database (FID), walking the routes, making voice notes and taking photographs. Once back home updating the FID with footpath descriptions and details of the faults found with these being reported online to Lancashire County Council.

In July David Gosling made me aware of a volunteering opportunity with Pendle Borough Council's Countryside Access Officer (CAO). After making contact the CAO explained he was looking for volunteers to help him fix faults on Pendle's footpath network with a health warning that the work would be physically demanding! After agreeing to volunteer, the CAO emailed me details of a poor stile he wanted to replace with a Centrewire metal gate. I was pleasantly surprised when I realised that I had reported this stile (on FP8 in Goldshaw Booth) as defective back in February 2022 on my first footpath inspection!

On the day, we met up at the nearest public road, the CAO rang the farmer to confirm we would be on his land all day and travelled along bridleways and through fields in a four-wheel drive to unload the new gate, wooden posts, tools, and a wheelbarrow. Like many other local authorities, Pendle's preference is to replace broken stiles with





## Volunteering in Pendle

gates to make the footpath network more accessible and new gates are funded by the council rather than the landowner. The CAO explained that he had already carried out searches, using the "LinesearchbeforeUdig" online platform, which is a safety

requirement no matter how remote

the site to ensure no pipes, cables or other

infrastructure exist under or near the location.

After a safety briefing it took just five minutes

to remove the old stile followed by five hours

of back-breaking work to replace it!

A significant element of the Centrewire gate

H shaped frame is under the ground so a

trench 18" deep was dug with 3ft holes either

side. Not easy in the dry and stony Lancashire

clay despite having all the right tools.

The gate's frame was checked for levels and

carefully wedged in the ground with stone

blocks and bricks and then the trench and

post holes carefully earthed up. As the council

don't want landowners "straining" wire

fences off the gate frame two 8ft fence

straining posts were sunk – more digging,

4ft holes this time! All finished off by

re-tensioning the wire fence, fitting wooden

rails and of course nailing on the new footpath

way markers. It was very rewarding to have

fixed this fault, getting to appreciate the time

it took and understand exactly what was

involved in installing a new gate and to use

muscles that hadn't been stretched so hard for

some time! We were both pleased to see three

sets of walkers on this footpath during the

day all of whom complimented us on our efforts.

As it turns out the footpath was part of a published local walk (although the walk

description is out of date now that the stile has gone and a gate has replaced it!)

A few weeks after fixing this stile I volunteered again replacing a badly broken stile

with a wooden gate on FP121 in the neighbouring parish of Higham. Thankfully the

ground wasn't as compacted and stony this time so we finished the project in just a

couple of hours but then moved on to replace the spring on another gate close by and

clear overgrowth on a couple of other footpaths in Higham. Another productive day in

the field despite the rain showers.

Between digging holes, cutting wood and straining wires we have chatted about the

challenges of maintaining the footpath network. Pendle lost its Countryside Ranger due

to budget cuts some while ago and the CAO has limited time and budget to resolve the



many issues reported on Pendle's footpaths. A matrix is used to determine response times to reported faults – this was shared so I could better understand how my fault reports would be assessed. It was good to discover from the CAO the known problem areas in my patch and what action was already underway including enforcement action in one case. Gaining more detail about historic footpath diversions, difficult landowners, planned projects and the CAO's relationships with the parishes and landowners was all very helpful in building a picture of the footpath network in my patch.

It was great to find that all my footpath fault reports had been passed on by Lancashire, logged and considered by the Pendle CAO. The black hole that often follows online reporting wasn't quite so dark after all! The CAO has now shared Pendle's database of all logged faults on my patch and we agreed that going forward I would email him directly details of PNFS inspection faults, with multiple photographs, so Pendle BC could better desk review the faults and prioritise their response. I have since emailed several faults all of which have been acknowledged with observations and comments and, in the interest of balance, reported my progress inspecting paths with no faults. The CAO is now aware of the funding that PNFS can provide to help resolve footpath issues and is something under active consideration.

Unfortunately for other Lancashire inspectors Pendle is thought to be unique in retaining the CAO role. Despite funding pressures Pendle BC voted to retain the role to promote the countryside to both residents and visitors and deliver on its existing Countryside Access Strategy. Retaining the role also turned out to be a very useful relationship for this PNFS inspector too! I'm continuing to volunteer in Pendle and already have a date in the diary to install a new Centrewire gate on FP58 in Earby. Volunteering in this way has really brought a sense of balance to my inspections. I now better understand the challenges faced in fixing the many faults that are reported by walkers. Learning some new skills and being able to help repair a few of the faults has been very rewarding.

*Simon Worral, Footpath Inspector for Pendle*

I saw this recently on a short walking holiday in the National Park. It's on the outskirts of Winster village near Matlock, near the Miner's Standard pub. An early version of a bank night safe, it had a slot for miners to drop their lead ore into.

*John Harker,  
Area Officer*



# Parsley Hay High Peak Trail



On the same holiday of the previous page, my wife and I called at Parsley Hay on the High Peak Trail, the ex railway line that used to link the terminus wharf of the Cromford Canal near Matlock, with the terminus wharves of the Peak Forest Canal at Buxworth, and Whaley Bridge.

The Blueberry Kiosk was a welcome stop on a damp morning as we walked from Hartington youth hostel heading for Taddington, Miller's Dale, Tideswell and Bradwell and our next night's accommodation with my brother in law.

The kiosk had just opened and we bought vegan pasties and chocolate brownies which we stored in our rucksacks for lunch later on. When we did stop for lunch on Sough Lane near Taddington, the pasties were superb as were the chocolate brownies which were a generous size as well (an important consideration for a parsimonious Yorkshireman like me). It's all home made stuff apparently and you could tell as well.

Just metres, sorry yards away (apologies to Jacob Rees Mogg) was a circular stone building (see photograph) which the adjacent information board explained was a traditional Croatian shepherd's shelter of the kind found in the uplands of that country. Apparently a number of European countries have similar vernacular type shepherd's shelters as the map showed. It was built to celebrate the accession of Croatia to the European Union. It was very dark inside so we didn't linger, but it would be a welcome refuge to any user of the Trail on a miserable day.

*John Harker, Area Officer Rotherham*

## PNFS Badges ~ new stock

The enamel pin badge is 25 mm diameter with a brooch pin fastening. The cost is a minimum donation of £4 including p&p. The increase is due to higher second class postage costs. Send your order with payment to the Treasurer at Peak and Northern Footpaths Society, 23 Turncroft Lane, Stockport SK1 4AB. Alternatively order online [treasurer@pnfs.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@pnfs.org.uk). A cloth rucksack badge of 80 mm diameter is also available for a minimum donation of £6 including p&p. Ordering details are as above.





# Signpost Report



*Photograph shows S638 in Bashall Eaves*

## Prospects

There has been a swingeing increase in the cost of new cast metal plates to £535 each. The new overall cost of a signpost to PNFS will be around £700, so the minimum donation for one will rise from £375 to £500, with the full cost being met by the society. Because other foundries are dearer and more distant than Leander, and as these costs are likely to rise again in the coming year, I will look into offering all-wood fingerposts, not as a replacement for our metal signs, but as an affordable alternative in these grim times. I have just ordered six new plates at the increased price. They are as follows. New signs S640/1/2/3/4 and a replacement for 298 IMO Bryan Luckham 1931-2010 at Hartington YH, which was reported missing in early August.

640 just west of Shireoaks, Chinley for Chapel en le Frith Rambling Club

641 at Wythen Lache, Chapel en le Frith, from an anonymous donor

642/3/4 at Andrews Farm, Chinley. 642 will be in memory of our outstanding footpath inspector Tony Brackenbury and will be donated by Blackbrook Conservation Society.

## New Signposts to 31 October

Since July the total number of PNFS signposts has risen from 564 to 567.

S636 at GR: SD 82419 51650, on Loftrans Farm on Paythorne FPs 18 and 23 donated by Janet Brown to celebrate her husband Neville's 86th birthday.





S637 at GR: SK 1412 4903, near Blore, on Okeover FP6 and the Limestone Way, which will be donated by Staffs LDWA

S638 at GR: SD 71196 45698, at Bashall Eaves, NW of Clitheroe on BW1 and FP2, which is still available for a commemorative/memorial plaque.

## Maintenance

John Hodgson and I fixed 154 to a concrete rail post at Keepers Cottage, then pruned holly at 245 and 221 Lyme Handley. Logos

on 166 and 482 were repainted by Steve Brown. Merrick Iszatt cleaned 445,564/8/9,570/2 at Ashover

Marsden signs 393 and 430 were repainted by new, local volunteers John Orston and Paul Marshall.

S395 on Taxal Edge was reported fallen. I then retrieved it for refurb. It was reinstated on 18/10 by John Hodgson and Paul Halpern.



Reccied/repainted 388, 389 and 390 at Brennand Farm, then 453 on Dunsop Fell and 454/5 at Whitendale, Bowland. 389 had rotted and fallen, so I recovered it by trolley and it was reinstated on a concrete rail post by John Hodgson and non-member Frank Pleszak on 31/10.

S027 on Eccles Road, Chapel repainted by Steve Brown.

Bill Parke cleaned 123, 131, 192 near Ilam. With Merrick he reduced my carbon footprint.

S008/028's white letters were repainted by Steve Brown. Steve has also begun the job of removing S144 (Shutlingsloe Farm) for refurbishing by sawing through the angle-iron post.



I am again grateful to the Signpost Team and other members of PNFS for their active and growing assistance. I apologise if I have omitted to name any of them here.

*David Morton, Signpost Officer*

# Collaboration can really work wonders!

In the decade that I have been an inspector, WOR43 has always been a niggle (up until now!). Barely 100 m long, not vital but it enables easy circular walks within the area of Tunsted. Not technically blocked. I walked it, as part of my inspections, but I suspect no one else did. For at least the last 10 years, it has never been signed from the road. The line I walked was through a squeeze stile (the junction with WOR11) across rough ground to a five bar gate onto a concrete plinth, just wider than the gate, passed a barn/cow shed, through a similar gate onto the drive, shortly reaching the road. Sounds fine, until you realise that the narrow area by the barn was nearly always packed with cows! I would force my way through, causing some disquiet amongst them. Clearly not very satisfactory for walkers or farmer.

I had several conversations over the years with the farmer - very amicable - the existence of the path was not disputed but he clearly (and understandably) did not wish to encourage walkers through his massed cows.

Eventually, because it could play a much more important role for walkers, I asked Richard from the Peak District National Park to take a look. He did so, meeting up with the then ROW officer from DCC on a date I could not manage. I was surprised when he reported back to me that the line I was walking was not the definitive line. This actually ran through the copse alongside the barn but there was no means of gaining entry. However a win-win! Walkers would be away from cows and the farmer would not have walkers through the yard.

Unfortunately further inspection suggested that the slurry pit had been dug on the definitive line. This suggested that to resolve the issue a small diversion would be required. Who would pay?



The farmer was not interested - apart from my periodic inspections, he had very little difficulty with walkers as they were put off trying. I asked the trustees whether a contribution could be made to "oil the wheels" and was told there was a precedent for making such a contribution. This produced an offer from DCC and PNPA for a potential 3 way split. A meeting was arranged for us all to walk the route and establish where the diversion should go. This led to a breakthrough. The slurry pit was there but entirely covered with large concrete slabs, meaning there was no danger to walkers. The copse was large enough to allow easy passage alongside (slightly off the definitive line but apparently within legal tolerances) - no diversion needed!.

At this point everyone swung into action. Dan from DCC promised gates; Richard offered his volunteer team lead by Dave to do the work. Jamie, the farmer, was very supportive and even got an extra gate elsewhere out of it. A few weeks later and the gates were in and working. All it needs is a new finger post at the road (requested from DCC) but it is a pleasant path with walkers and cows separated for ever!

From the decision to act to re-opening an effectively blocked path was remarkably quick (about 4 months) and all done by volunteer labour. Really grateful to Dave and his team for all their hard work. From Richard's first site visit to that point was something like a year, involving several meetings and discussions with the farmer - always difficult to get 3/4 diaries to agree!

So a little persistence, fantastic cooperation from PDNPA and DCC and we have a highly desirable path back. What's more a recent visit shows that a track is developing on the ground - walkers have found it and are using it! My thanks to everyone!

*Derek Bodey, Footpath Inspector*





# A place of popular resort



*Great view across Morecambe Bay*

I had a desire and felt I also had a duty to attend the much delayed celebration walk at Brown's Houses, Silverdale. Being a long way from home I booked a few nights accommodation but then John Kidd proved it could be done in a day from Repton a good few miles more than my journey would have been. The walk as always was good, made by the company, a great opportunity to meet and chat with fellow members. We walked the short fought over path and directed a few uncertain walkers along it allowing them to avoiding the rocky beach path.

Silverdale and Arnsdale is a great area for walking, I explored many of the paths around the hotel including Silverdale FP17. This dead end path needed investigation in case it had Lost Ways potential. In early times it had been the premise that a highway needed to meet another highway at both ends but in a 1925 judgement this changed. Atkin LJ said: *'It has been suggested that you cannot have a highway except insofar as it connects two other highways. That seems to me too wide a proposition. I think you can have a highway leading to a place of popular resort even though when you have got to the place of popular resort which you wish to see you have to return on your tracks by the same highway, and you can get no further either by reason of physical obstacles or otherwise.'*

We have used this judgement in a number of our unrecorded path claims so I was interested to discover why FP17 was a dead end. It doesn't stop at a parish or district boundary which can often be the issue. It is shown as a track on early OS maps but doesn't have F.P. marked on it. I don't have more detailed information such as the parish claim or Lancashire definitive map. The FID records an inspection in 2014 reporting no finger post but later that year it was inspected "clear" and it now has a sign indicating 'Public Footpath Knowe Hill Only'.

So I took a walk. It's a defined track across a field which slopes down to the coast of Morecambe Bay. It has a wonderful view across the bay along most its length. At the very end of the recorded path a field gate stood open allowing access if I had wished to continue.





*Finger post at start of Silverdale FP17*



*Open gateway at end of recorded footpath*

So is the end of the path a place of popular resort. It didn't offer a better view of the bay than is available along much of the path. The gate was open and perhaps had never been locked so I could have continued. Although the sign indicated a path to Know(e) Hill it didn't actually go to the summit of the hill and a wall prevented access to this location. An unsolved mystery if anyone would like to dig deeper.

*Ken Brockway (Footpath Inspector), a tourist in Lancashire*

## And now sheep ...



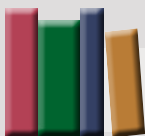
I just wanted to give you another dimension to the cattle and walkers stories. They have certainly highlighted potentially the most dangerous situations as being when you have a dog, and there are nursing mother cows with young calves. Usually though, it's a herd of excitable heifers or bullocks, ie lively kids. It helps if I talk to them, speaking slowly, gently and softly as if I'm talking to over-excited children, to calm them down. I find that the heifers/bullocks respond by calming down and just walking beside me.

No one's mentioned being chased by sheep. This has happened to me in late winter quite a few times up in the Lune Valley. They don't act in a threatening way. But they run up, assembling behind me, bleating and noisy. With young children, it can be a little frightening. I asked around and it became clear that from behind, in my winter gear, I have what birders call the 'jizz' of the farmer when he comes to feed supplements to them ahead of lambing. That is to say, from the sheep's perspective, my 'jizz' gives the general impression of the size and shape of the farmer. (I believe the phrase originated with American airmen in the WW2. They learnt to tell from brief glances whether a plane was an enemy fighter or bomber - from its jizz.)

I think my worst ever experience was years back with my wife in the fields around the RSPB Reserve at Flamborough Head above the cliffs. There were some very lively heifers running all around, and we had to get to the gate bit by bit just above those huge cliffs!

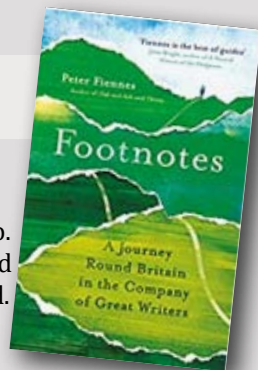
Like Shirley (see '*Getting (a) stick*' in previous *Signpost*) I've taken to using a fold-up stick on the limestone rocks up in North Lancashire, and it's very useful in places where thick bracken is growing over loose stones/big rocks and you can't tell where exactly it's safe to put your foot. On one occasion I nearly broke an ankle when my foot slid off a big, invisible stone and nearly got jammed against another one. So now I use the stick before stepping out.

*Stephen Young, member*



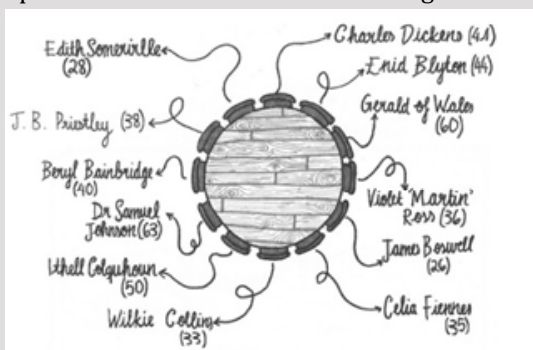
## Book Reviews

**Footnotes** by Peter Fiennes, published by Oneworld, 2019



I first came across this book when it was published a few years ago. I had already read and enjoyed the author's previous book, *Oak and Ash and Thorn*, so I had high expectations and I wasn't disappointed. The subtitle of the book, *A Journey Round Britain in the Company of Great Writers*, should make it immediately appealing to many walkers. The earliest of these is Gerald of Wales (1188) and the most recent is Beryl Bainbridge (1983). In between we are in the company of well-known writers such as Charles Dickens, Wilkie Collins and JB Priestley. There are also several who will probably be new to most readers, especially the remarkable Ithell Colquhoun, who writes very evocatively about the sense of place that she discovers whilst living in the Lamorna Valley in Cornwall.

*Seating Plan of the Writers,*  
*Esme Fiennes, the author's daughter*



Our journey begins in Swanage on the south coast with Enid Blyton, before travelling on to Somerset, Devon and Cornwall. Next we move into Wales and then large parts of the rest of Britain are visited. Not everywhere is covered, this is more a blessing than a criticism. This sparing approach gives the author time to explore the work of his chosen writers as well as the places they visited and then to reflect and expand on both. The book is full of humour, anecdotes as well as a great deal of history, I found the detail given in the two chapters about Wales is especially interesting.

It would have been easy for the book to have become an anthology of other writers work, but what has been created here is the author's own journey within the journeys of others. We are made to feel that we are accompanying both the author himself and those writers in whose footsteps he is following. He writes very passionately about the destruction that we have inflicted on the landscape, quoting somewhat surprisingly from Isaiah in the Old Testament and then in his own words, stating 'We have drained the wild from the world, even in the empty places'. I'm sure that many will agree with those thoughts and others that appear throughout this very enjoyable book.

*Footnotes* is an ideal title because the book is full of half glimpsed places and oblique references that some will want to explore further. Fortunately this task has been made easier because the book concludes with a very helpful, Select Bibliography. Another pleasing feature is the inclusive of simple line drawn maps at the beginning of each chapter.

*Mel Bale, Trustee, Membership Secretary and Webmaster*

## Final East Side

The final East Side walk started at Barnsley interchange with a bit of road walking to the football stadium. Barnsley FP408 passes through the huge car park so luckily it was a match free day, and took us to Junction Lock on the long abandoned Dearne and Dove canal where we turned to walk along what would have been the towing path, FP229. Heading back towards the river valley there are so many paths to choose from, some definitive but many more, even the Dearne Way uses unrecorded paths. We pass the remains of a priory along FP173, reported by the PNFS Inspector in 2020 as "Path now clear - after a long time!" then climb to Sustrans route 67 high on embankments and bridges, one strangely named 'Sewage Bridge' grabs my attention for its huge span over nothing.

There's no shortage of former rail routes, many are now walking or multi-user routes. We follow the Houghton Main Colliery Branch before heading south in real countryside passing to the west and south of Darnfield. Next we cross Wombwell Ings, a word we discussed but knew not the meaning. (Ings is an old word of Norse origin referring to water meadows and marshes.) Here we stopped for lunch on the bench of a bird hide. Another old rail route starts our walk around Old Moor then we stray into Rotherham to check out Wath FP39 where we have no inspector. Back on the Trans Pennine Trail alongside the almost invisible disused canal we meet up with the Barnsley Boundary Walk. Not a definitive path among them until we get two for the price of one, Wombwell BR54 and FP55, I don't know which one we took.

The final dash by road and we were at Elsecar station five minutes to wait for the train back to Sheffield, Chesterfield and far flung Cheshire. Thanks to Julian for leading this walk and the small group that followed.

*Ken Brockway, East Side Walks  
Organiser (retired)*



# RAMBLING PIONEERS IN THE MANCHESTER JEWISH COMMUNITY - Part Three

## Other Jewish Ramblers

Phil Altman was one early Jewish 'rambler', though judging from the speed with which he travelled on foot he would be better described as a fell runner. He was born in 1907 and in 1929 he lived at 68 Berkeley Street in the Jewish immigrant area of Strangeways. The modern route from Marsden, which lies to the west of Huddersfield, to Edale in the Hope Valley is 22 miles (35.8 km) with some 5,400 feet (1636 m) of ascent. The website 'Walking Britain' suggests walkers should allow 16 hours for the route. Yet in the late 1920's Phil Altman set a record of 4 hours 45 minutes. This record was soon broken and in September 1929, Phil set off aiming to cover the route in under 4 hours. He apparently had no support team. Sadly, he slipped and fell on the route and died of exposure. Wolf Beninson, born in 1899, was a keen Rambler. This activity gave him 'a feeling of freedom and liberty out in the country - an escape not only from the town but also from religion.'

Participation in rambles was by no means restricted to young men. David Dee refers to Freda, Esther and Rosa Clyne who were frequent ramblers. They were sisters of Joe. Freda subsequently married a Spanish Republican refugee. All the Clyne siblings except Esther remained politically active after the Second World War, and committed to Marxist Socialism. It must be said, however, that not all members of the Establishment supported female participation in rambling. At the West Central Girls' Club operated in London by Lily Montagu sport and outdoor games were extremely popular amongst member girls, but Basil Henriques noted that it was 'to the somewhat scandalised amazement of family and friends that Montagu had introduced certain masculine pastimes such as hockey, rambling and cricket for her Club girls'.

Abe Frost was another member of the Young Communist League who enjoyed the social aspects, including rambling. He became a shop steward and married a Communist. Joe Garman was also a Rambler. He was unusual in that he attended university where he read pharmacy. As well as being a member of the YCL he joined a left wing Zionist group, Hechalutz, and became a Marxist Zionist. Like Martin Bobker, 'he never allowed religion to get in the way of his love for sport and leisure activities on a Saturday'. On the topic of rambling, he noted that 'the countryside was opened up for Jewish children. For the first time they were able to go out and walk literally in the fresh air. It was a wonderful thing'.

Archie Glaser was a member of the same rambling group as Henry Suss who is mentioned below. He was 'a very solid member of the Communist Party' and his two sisters, Milly and Lilly, were both members of the Young Communist League. Mick Jenkins was born in 1906 and joined the Young Communist League. He remained an active Marxist and unionist for the rest of his life. He was active in the 'Plebs Ramblers' along with Jack Cohen before becoming secretary to the British Workers' Sports Federation, a role in which he was to be followed by Benny Rothman.



Phil Kaiserman was another Jewish activist who, together with Jud Clyne remained prominent in the countryside access campaign into the 1940s. He had become interested in communist politics from about the age of twelve and became a full member of the Communist Party of Great Britain.

## **Conclusion**

Traders and pilgrims have traversed the hills of the Peak District for centuries, and since the early part of the 19th century they have been joined by a growing number of individuals who have wished to spend their leisure time in the hills. Until the beginning of the 20th century rambling was largely restricted to the middle classes but after the First World War the hobby was opened up to increasing numbers of working people. This development caused alarm amongst land owners who took strenuous steps to restrict public access to their land.

Sons, and some daughters, of Jewish immigrants formed a significant group amongst those seeking wider access to the countryside. Generally these young men and women lived in the Cheetham district of Manchester. Many had been brought up in poverty, in some cases because their fathers had died whilst they, the sons and daughters, were still young. Most were conscious of anti-semitism - both the anti-semitism suffered by their parents and grandparents in Czarist Russia and the anti-semitism of groups like the British Union of Fascists. Many of these second generation immigrants were drawn to the social and political activities of organisations such as the Clarion Club, the Young Communist League and the British Workers' Sports Federation. Some later went on to fight in the Spanish Civil War. Nearly all saw rambling not only as an egalitarian hobby, but also as an escape from work, and the religious and social restrictions which their parents sought to impose on them.

Jewish participation in the 'right to roam' campaign was particularly evident in the Kinder Trespass of 1932. On this occasion, Benny Rothman and others led several hundred ramblers on to the edge of Kinder Scout, an area of moorland closed off to the public by local landowners. The trespass resulted in several arrests and prison sentences, the majority of those charged and imprisoned being Jewish. On the other hand, Jewish participation in the 'right to roam' campaign was by no means limited to those individuals who took part in the Trespass. Many of the individuals who have been mentioned in this article continued their active interest in rambling and in left wing politics well into their later lives, thus contributing to the freedoms which hikers continue to enjoy to this day.

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*Geoffrey Weisgard, member*

# Walks for PNFS members

**IT IS VITAL that attendees check all train times and [pnfs.org.uk](http://pnfs.org.uk) for any updates**

## **SHORTER WALKS** - On Wednesdays except where stated otherwise

John Fisher, Co-ordinator, [johnfisher560@btinternet.com](mailto:johnfisher560@btinternet.com), 01625 439298 or 07432 825624

<b>11 January</b> Shirley Addy 07434 897143 text	Wilpshire and Dean Clough. Manchester Victoria 09:41, arrive Ramsgreave and Wilpshire 10:39. A medium 8 mile walk passing some PNFS signposts and circumambulating a pleasant reservoir with wonderful views.
<b>8 February</b> David Gosling 07841 647275	Stockport circular, 7 miles. Includes Cobden's statue, Underbanks, Lancashire Bridge, TPT, disused railway tunnel, motorway underpass, Vernon Mill, new BW to Bredbury, Woodbank Park and PNFS Taylor House for a brew, St Mary's church, finish at station. Walk starts Stockport station 10:30. Trains from Manchester Piccadilly, Sheffield and Stoke-on-Trent, Macclesfield, etc.
<b>8 March</b> John Mooney 07514 219563	Marple Circular, visiting Marple Aqueduct, Etherow Park and Mellor. Manchester Piccadilly 10:9, arrives Marple 10:43; also from Sheffield. Walk starts at 10:45. 7 miles 1000ft ascent.
<b>15 April Saturday</b> John Fisher 01625 439298; 07432 825624	This is to try improve participation numbers and diversity. Congleton to Kidsgrove via Staffordshire Way. 8 miles, easy, one steady climb. Train from Manchester Piccadilly via stations to Congleton at 09:47, or from Stoke-on-Trent at 09:56 via Kidsgrove. Walk starts Congleton station at 10:25.
<b>13 May Saturday</b> Ross Myddelton 07941 547378	Walk starts from Radcliffe metro station 11:00. More details to follow on website and <i>Waymark/Signpost</i> .
<b>14 June</b> Martin Riley 07908 081959	Norden near Rochdale circular, 8 miles. Manchester Victoria 09:37, arrive Rochdale railway station 09:50 for onward travel to Rochdale bus station, 10 mins walk max. Stand L bus R8 10:20 to Norden arrive 10:39. Walk starts 10:45 near Bridge Inn Edenfield Rd Norden.
<b>12 July</b>	Leader required
<b>9 August</b>	Leader required
<b>13 September</b>	Leader required
<b>11 October</b>	Leader required
<b>8 November</b>	Leader required
<b>13 December</b>	<b>Combined Christmas shorter and longer walk</b> - Details nearer the time

## **LONGER WALKS** - On Wednesdays

Ken Smith, Co-ordinator, [kensmith4rj@icloud.com](mailto:kensmith4rj@icloud.com), 07918 154959

<b>25 January</b> Udo Pope 07717 802468	Chinley to Marple Walk Train Manchester Piccadilly to Chinley Walk ends at Marple Railway Station. Walk starts at 10:20 10 miles
<b>22 February</b> Shirley Addy 07434 897143 text	Dinckley Bridge. Manchester Victoria 09:41, arrive Ramsgreave and Wilpshire 10:39. 10 mile walk in the Ribble Valley with superb views. We follow the Ribble to Dinckley Bridge and bag some PNFS signposts.
<b>29 March</b> Martin Riley 07518 926031	Littleborough Circular Walk 09:30 Manchester Victoria to Littleborough Railway Station Walk starts at 10:00 10 miles

<b>26 April</b> Bill Minshall 07717 802468	Minshall Prestbury Circular Walk to Alderley Edge and back. Train Manchester Piccadilly and Stoke to Prestbury Railway Station arrive at 10:30. Walk starts at 10:35 10 miles
<b>31 May</b> Ken Smith 07918 154959	Glossop to Greenfield Walk Train 9:33 am Piccadilly arrives Glossop 10:03. Walk start at 10:15 11 miles 2144ft ascent
<b>28 June</b> Ken Brockway 01773 287225	Stone Staffordshire Circular Walk Taking in Downs Bank, Moddershall and Stone Circular Challenge Train Manchester Piccadilly to Stoke-on-Trent then change Train to Stone Walk starts at 10:30 12 miles
<b>26 July</b> Ross Myddelton 07941 547378	Silverdale to Arnside Train 08:48 Piccadilly arrives Silverdale 10:29. Book Arnside return. Walk starts at 10:30 11 miles
<b>30 August</b> Gavin Miller 07951 746523	Burnley to Todmorden Walk Train 10:08 from Manchester Victoria. Buy a return to Burnley. Walk starts from Burnley Manchester Road Station 10:50 11 miles 2300 ft ascent
<b>27 September</b>	Leader required
<b>25 October</b> Paul Easthope 07759 653354	Glossop Circular Walk Train Manchester Piccadilly 09:33 arrives Glossop 10:03. Walk start at 10:15. Walk details to follow
<b>29 November</b> Gavin Miller 07951 746523	Walk details to follow
<b>13 December</b>	<b>Combined Christmas shorter and longer walk - see shorter walk</b>
<b>WEEKEND WALKS</b> - On Saturdays Shirley Addy, Co-ordinator, <a href="mailto:smaddy@talktalk.net">smaddy@talktalk.net</a> ; 07434 897143 text	
<b>7 January</b> Shirley Addy 07434 897143 text	Downham. This is where <i>Whistle Down The Wind</i> and <i>Born and Bred</i> were filmed, and there are no road signs, satellite dishes, overhead wires or double yellow lines. Walk starts 10 am at Downham car park (free) GR SD784441, BB74BN. 10 miles of wonderful and unspoilt countryside. No dogs.
<b>4 February</b>	Leader required
<b>4 March</b>	Leader required
<b>1 April</b>	Leader required
<b>6 May</b>	Leader required
<b>3 June</b>	Leader required
<b>1 July</b>	Leader required
<b>5 August</b>	Leader required
<b>2 September</b>	Leader required
<b>7 October</b>	Leader required
<b>4 November</b>	Leader required
<b>2 December</b>	Leader required



## More PNFS Signposts in Winter

Photographs by Norman Rice

