

## Upper Wharfedale *Venturer* - Newsletter - March 2016

Preparations to run the Buckden to Grassington service, from Monday 11th April, are continuing apace. In the last month we have:

- Announced the name of the new bus service : the "*Upper Wharfedale Venturer*"
- Taken delivery of the bus we will use to run the service - a Mercedes Sprinter xLWB 16 seat minibus, registration number EJ65CXW
- Obtained the Section 22 permit we need to run the service from the Traffic Commissioners
- Trained another six volunteer drivers
- Recruited the paid driving and administration staff we need
- Worked with Pride of the Dales and Dalesbus to finalise timetable details
- Appeared on BBC Breakfast and Radio 5 Live, talking about our plans



*Our new Mercedes bus*



*On the red sofa – Pete on BBC Breakfast with Charlie Stayt & Louise Minchin*

In the coming month we will be doing more training and route familiarisation runs, and setting up the day to day operation of the service. The route will be registered with the Traffic Commissioners, and the preparation of the bus will continue: the ticketing equipment, will be installed and the bus will be decked out in its new *Upper Wharfedale Venturer* livery. Timetables will be printed and through-ticketing arrangements with Pride of the Dales will be sorted out.

We are also planning the launch event for the service. There will be an opening ceremony in Kettlewell at 12.30 p.m. on Saturday 9th April. More details will be available nearer the time but please put the date in your diary - this is an important project for our Upper Wharfedale community, so we really hope you will all come along and be part of it.



*Steve the NYCC trainer, explains the controls*

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