

Upper Wharfedale Venturer - Newsletter - May 2016

The Venturer has been running for a month now, and so far things are going very well. There has been the odd teething problem, but in our first four weeks of operation we have carried 903 passengers on the 72B service and another 128 passengers on special trips – a total of 1031 passengers in total. This is more than we forecast in our business plan, and if it continues at these levels, bodes well for the sustainability of the service.



We have done 168 trips in the first month using a total 15 drivers – 5 professional and 10 volunteers. We would like to thank all our passengers for your support, and also a particular thank-you to our drivers who are generously giving of their time to run the Upper Wharfedale Venture service on behalf of the Updale community.

So, we're pleased with how it's going so far – but what do **you** think? If you have any comments, complaints, suggestions, or ideas for improvement, then we would like to hear from you. Please call 01756 636161, email info@upperwharfedale.com or speak to Pete, Alan, Dave, Chris or Garry.

Holiday Dates	Service
Mon 11 th April	Saturday & School Holiday
Mon 2 nd May – Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday - Dalesbus
Mon 30 th May – Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday - Dalesbus
Tues 31 st May to Fri 4 th June	Saturday & School Holiday
Mon 25 th July to Fri 26 th Aug	Saturday & School Holiday
Mon 29 th Aug – Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday - Dalesbus
Tues 30 th Aug – Mon 5 th Sept	Saturday & School Holiday
Mon 24 th Oct – Fri 28 th Oct	Saturday & School Holiday
Mon 19 th Dec – Fri 23 rd Dec	Saturday & School Holiday
Mon 25 th Dec – Tues 26 th Dec	No service
Weds 28 th Dec – Fri 30 th Dec	Saturday & School Holiday

One comment which has been made by several people is that they don't know when the school holidays are and therefore which timetable applies on which days. The school holidays are shown in the panel (left) and are also shown on the bus stops.

In terms of volunteer drivers we have had a great response, and some volunteers have still not had the chance to drive the bus on service. Don't worry – your turn will come! Nevertheless, we are conscious that, with the holiday season approaching, we will be more reliant on volunteers (because we have to run more services in the school holidays). So, if you would like to join the

Venturer driving team, please let Pam know. If you don't feel you can drive but would like to help in another way, we are putting together a cleaning rota for the bus, so if you can spare the occasional half hour, again please let Pam know. Pam can be contacted on 01756 636161 or by email on info@upperwharfedale.com.

Finally, the Upper Wharfedale Venturer tee-shirts, featuring Barbara Hardy's excellent cartoon of the Venturer, are now available for just £10.00 – all profits go to support the service. Why not buy one to show your own support for the project, or they make an excellent gift for anyone who hasn't already got an Upper Wharfedale Venturer tee-shirt.

The tee-shirts will shortly be available to order through the www.upperwharfedale.com website, but in the meantime can be obtained directly from Pam Lambert in Kettlewell and Alan Jones in Buckden.

