

NOTE

It used to be a tradition – and still is in a few places - for the population of a town or village to walk around the boundaries of their parish every decade or so. Records were kept and some have survived to the present day.

There are details of three such perambulations for Baslow for 1614, 1625 and 1721. The first two have been copied, probably in the 1920s, from documents lent by Mr Cockerton of Bakewell. They probably originated from archives at Haddon Hall.

The third appeared in the Clarion rambler with the comments by J B Ward

When retyping these documents, I have kept to the spelling in my copies

1614 PERAMBULATION

"A perambulation of my Manor of Baslow taken by me Sir George Manners knight in the sight of my Tennants the 12th July 1614

Baslow

Our beginning is at Stonefield Well which is Southeast and so wee go along by Chatsworth Parke wall and so to a spring called Dakine Wash at the petition of Beeley and Baslow lordshipp there is a Crosse marked upon a Stone and so from thence to another Cross Marked Stone at Humberly Spring Head southwarde then at the meeting of three Brook Humberly Brook Wardshalve Meadow Brook or Smilting Brook and then at the Smilting house they come all into one brook called Barbroke so to a marked Stone by Meadow Brook northward then to a Crosse Stone called Wiebersley Cross at Leyes ferm then down the midle of Leyes ferm to a Crosse marked Stone by a brook called Blackebrooke at Leyes ferm End from then all along by Blackebrooke to a Crosse marked stone near unto Barbroke then to Salters ford at the beginning of Padley lordshipp there is a Crosse upon ye Stone Budge then to the Hurking Stone where it is marked with the Crosse and so to another Crosse marked Stone at a Spring called Winley hooke well then to to another Crosse marked stone at pyelay nate.....

Bubnell

A perambulation of my mannor of Bubnell our beginning is at Bagsmithies and soon by Lao (or Low or Loco?) Bromley and then to the petition of Bubnell from Calver and Hassop and so to the Ground of Robert Lees called wheatlands land head from thence to the Toost where it parts from Mr. Eyre's Toost and so to Rymass where it parts Burchills and Bubnell and then to Moore Bank parting Bubnell and Baslow -feild.

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The names of those that went the boundary with me. (in 1614)

Robert Botham 79	Henry Elyott 41	Godfrey Vickars
Edmund Hallam 78	Humphrey Chapman 36	Richard White
James Haberjam 58	George Ragge 23	George Baslow
Thomas Brushfield 50	Hugh Marstine	Robert Gregory
Hugh Rowland 44	John Collyer	Richard Alvey
Simon Bromehead 39	Robert Kitchen	John Cooke
Thomas Brough 38	Richd Broadbotham	Roger Wilde
John Gregory 22	Robert Ollyver	Edm. Broomhead
Simon Wilkinson 78	Robert Brushfield	Robert Eyre
John Boler 70	George Hingman	George Stevenson
Wills Matley 56	Jn Gosse	Thom. Wylde
Robert Lees 50	Rogee Damme	Robert Gregory
Robert Gregory 42	Thomas Atkinson	Godfrey Boler
B. White 39	Anthony Clayton	John Ragge
Ffrancis Baslow 34	Ed Booth	Geo Wilkinson
Henry Haberjam 21	George Needham	John Wilkinson
Thomas Oates 78	Rowland Wood	Edmund Wilkinson
Robt Hage 66	Robert Heywood	Willm Hooten
Henry Damme 50	John Brightmore	Ralph Staden
John Hill 44	Anthony Gregory	Robert Oates

1625 PERAMBULATION

The Boundary of Baslow as it was gone the 18th October 1625 by fourty of the most ancientest prishoners.

From Beastley gate up after Chatsworth Parke wall to the Topp of the Moor and so along to a little above Oakeley pips to a stone that hath a cross on it whear Beely Lordshipp meets with Baslow and from thence directly to Humberly well where lyeth a stone that hath a cross on it from thence down Humberly well seicht to the three brooks which wee crossed and so up by the smilting brook Als Meadow brook past the lower end of which is a stone with a crosse on it to the South end of Lease ferm to a cross called Weaverly Crosse and so up to the midle of Lease ferm to Blackebrooke Head and so down Blackebrooke to Barbrook and so up Barbrook to Santers ford from Santers ford Southwest to hurkins Stone from thence Highest to Windlow Well and so down the Green seicht to the further Haybrook where is a stone crossed and so along the haybrook to the River Darwin and along after the East Side of the said river to Bagsmithies pool and so over the said River up along the River Bank to a Spring in Bagsmithies Issuing out of a Ditch on wall side parting Bagsmithies and Bramley and so up after Bramley fence to Backdale head and so over the way to the meeting of the two fences that enclose Bubnell

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Dale and Backdale and so along Bubnell Dale Topp to the Boale Edge and along an old ditch over the Boale Edge to Hassop Toost Corner from the West corner along after the highway fence and so after the fence that parts Bubnell Toost and Hassop Toost down the Brook Rymass and so along the Brook Rymass to the River Darwin and so over Darwin and after the Bank in the Close called the Woeford Close and so to Old Darwin and after Old Darwin to Barbrook and over Barbrook to Beastley Gate.

John Greaves	John Froggats mark	Thomas Marstons
Richard Hodkin	Godfrey Chapmans Mk	Will Cooke
George Scholer	Thomas Brouchs Mk	Geofrey Bolers
Humphrey Rowlands Mk	Robert Ollivers	Thomas Atkinson
Edmund Cook	Alexander Cosse	Geo Ragge
Robert Lees mark	Thomas Brushfields Mk	Will Booth
Roger Wilds Mk	Thomas Kitchen	Ffranciss Baslow
John Gregory	Thomas Harrison	

MODERN MAP REFERENCES

<i>Beastley Gate</i>	259716*	<i>Windlow Well</i>	263779
<i>Oakley Pippis</i>	279700	<i>Sallow Sitch</i>	259776
<i>Stone</i>	283694	<i>Bagsmithies</i>	248739*
<i>Humberley Well</i>	289696	<i>Bole Edge</i>	233727*
<i>Humberley Well Seicht</i>	291705	<i>Hassop Toost Corner</i>	233725
<i>Weaverloy Cross</i>	296729	<i>Bubnell Toos</i>	231718
<i>Blackebrooko Head</i>	291739	<i>Woeford Close</i>	256714*
<i>Santers ford</i>	276782*	<i>Old Darwin</i>	257714
<i>Hurkins Stone</i>	269777		

** = not definitely placed

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1721 PERAMBULATION

July the 18th 1721

The bounds, and Limitts, of the Mannor of Baslow belonging to His Grace, the Duke of Rutland; gone this day; by the persons whose Names are hereunto Subscribed, and many others.

We begin at Rimas Bridge, marked, M+B, so to Besley Yate; From thence to the top of Dobb Edge. From thence to Souter (or Soutar?) Stone in Chattsworth Parke. From thence to the South East corner of Chattsworth Parke wall. From thence to a Stone on the Moore marked M B. Computed to be about 150 Yards from the aforesaid Corner. From thence, to Humberley well, and a Stone, marked MxB. From thence, to Humberley Bottam Stone, marked xB. From thence, to the meeting of three brookes, viz. Humberley, Stone Lowe, and Mill Stone brookes: From thence, to Stone Lowe Brooke Stone, marked M B. From thence to Lambers Lowe Stone, marked MB. From thence, to black Lache bridge, the nearer Stone marked, M. From thence, to Wibbersley Cross, marked +M+B and so leading through the middle of Lease fen. From thence, to the Upper black brooke Stone, marked M. From thence, to the Nether black brooke Stone, marked B. From thence, to Stone bridge marked xMB. From thence, to Sandy ford Cross, als Lady Cross. From thence to the Herklin Stone, marked on the North end, xMB. From thence, to Wingley hook Well, and Stone marked, MxB. From thence, to Haywood brooke, Thence to the River Derwent, following the aforesaid brooke.

Memorandum

That in the former procession, the Stone called Carbrooke Stone, is wanting, being on the East End of Deadshaw.

John Lomas, Curate of Baslow.	John Meerill	Daniell Oliver
Robt. Scholles	Samll White	Humphrey Rowland
Fran. Bunting	Jno Dobb	Wm Hallame X his marke
Edwd. Heathcott his marke	Geo. Elliott	Jno Marsden
David O. Stones	Tho. Kitchen	Joshua Gregorie
Jno Woodhouse	Hump Marsden	Edwd. Rowland
Jno H Heyward marke	Jno Cooke 0 his marke	Geo V Walker his marke
Samll Penston	Robt. Froggatt his	Jno Eaton
Wm. Grundy	Ralph R Hauge mark	Jno P Platts his marke"
Tho Gardom	Edmd Marsden	
Jno Woodhouse	Thomas Rowland	
Edwd Greensmith	Tho. Boler	

Notes (by JB Ward) (on 1721 perambulation)

The letters O H O R X V and P are the marks of illiterates.

This boundary does not include Bubnell.

Rimas Bridge is most probably the older crossing over Rimas brook between Baslow and Pilsley - on the Sheffield to Bakewell bridle road which came from Holmesfield, Lidgate, across Saltersitch and Long Causeway, down Barbrook side, on the moor flat past Eagle Stone, to Baslow Bar Road; Baslow, Pilsley, and Ball Cross.

Besley Yate, from an older boundary, should be Beastley Gate - the cattle road to the common.

Dobb Edge is to the East (and left) on entering the Baslow gates of Chatsworth Park. A bridle road pole guid appears to have been fixed on the top of this anciently quarried edge. The bridle way trenches below the North end of this Edge are exceedingly fine and deep. Dobb may mean the haunt of the imps - dobbies, or brownies, or, possible, a personal name.

The S.E. corner of the Park in 1721 was near to-day's Parkgate Farm once The Horns Inn on the "Halifax Gate" bridle way - see paragraph above. The Baslow end of Chatsworth Park (and gate) was not obtained until Bakewell Enclosure Act of 1823 and Award of 10/3/1826.

Souter (or Soutar?) Stone I have not traced.

Humberley Well is the spring source of this peat moor brook - from whence proceeds the drain which feeds the Swiss Lake. Umber is brown earthy mineral used as pigment - raddle? - and "umbra," a shadow.

Millstone Brooke to-day is Blackleach Brook - leading to Clod Hall Farm and the newer Blacklache Bridge is beside it - few yards to N.E. There was a "Millstone Road" which led from the Bole Hill (near Fox Lane junction with Rumbling Street and 200 yards S.W. of the old prominent Cross in the war-felled Shillito Plantation), across Ramsley Moor, and Big Moor, beyond Barbrook, and across towards Stanage or Millstone Edge. I have copied a sketch plan of about 1815, but it is so out of proportion that one cannot separate the Millstone Road from the later made connections, now commonly called the "Duke's Drives".

Lambers Lowe is presumably between Stone Low and Clod Hall Farm.

Stone Lowe Brook is now wrongly named Wadshelf Brook. Wadshelf is on the other (E) side of the water-shed. Stone Low tumulus (urns found) is between the confluence of Black Leach and Wadshelf Brooks.

Leash Fen is well known, and, from Wibbersley Cross, 200 yards N.N.W. of the present "Black Lache" bridge (then a Chesterfield-Tideswell bridle road bridge) the boundary follows the central fen dram - going N.N.W. past this Cross.

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Upper and Nether Black brooke is, to-day, Blake Brook, joining Barbrook just N. of the junction of Clod Hall lane with the Sheffield-Baslow road. Blake and Black have similar meanings.

Stone Bride may be the older bridle bridge which once crossed Barbrook at its Easternmost bend on the ancient way from Sheffield and Holmesfield (via Lidgate) to Bakewell. See Rimas Bridge paragraph.

Sandyford Cross "als" (if alias or also) and Lady Cross are wrong unless (and questionably) a cross once stood near this ford and bridle road crossing.

My conclusions on Stone Bridge and Sandy ford are not made. There may have been two bridges.

Herklin Stone - now "Hurkling" is 1 m N.W, of the most easterly bend of Barbrook, at the south corner of the old wall fence on to-day's Big Moor. Hurkling, variously spelt, is crouching or bending, i.e., hurklin' up ageean t'wall.

Wiinley Hook Well (now Windley Well) is reached from Hurkling Stone by following this latter, southerly, old moor wall, over the Windlow Hill (an old lost name) part of White Edge. It is the spring source of Sallow Sitch - another lost brook name which at the culvert bridge below (S.S.W) the Grouse Inn, is called Haywood Brook and joins the Derwent just below Grindleford Bridge.

The Derwent then forms the parish boundary as far as Rimas Brook.

Carbrooke may be intended for Barbrooke.

Deadshaw is the part of Big Moor south of Hurkling Stone - a small dead wood.

+MB. The letters mean Manor of Baslow, and the "+" is the usual boundary mark on a stone.

GB Ward in Clarion Rambler