

house is connected with the Peel family and here resided the famous Parsley Peel, an ancestor of Sir Robert Peel, one time Prime Minister of England.

\*The public right of way lies through the yard of Peel Fold but there has been no access for some time. The unofficial diversion takes you over a ladder stile to the right of the house. The path then follows a winding course onto Waverley Road, left along the road for a few yards, then left through a gate and along a path by the side of a bungalow. Bear right and follow the track, passing the recreation ground on your left, to the top of Knuzden - Mount St. James. Beyond the 'Rec' is the site of a P.O.W. camp with remains of bunkers and gun emplacements

\*When you get to the road go straight across into Moss Lane and as far as the last house, which has been extensively altered and modernised. Turn right here and immediately left through a stile, turning right again across the field to come to another stile on the Green Lane, which has come down from the school. Turn left down the lane which brings you to the Blackburn/Haslingden Road. Cross this and go straight ahead down Garsden Avenue. (This area was first developed for ex-servicemen after the 1st World War and is known as Blackburn Smallholdings.) Look for a narrow path at the end between two houses. This path takes you down to Knuzden Brook itself.

The brook must be crossed - there is no bridge but one can find rough stepping stones and a stile in front, slightly right. Though the path here is not very clear, follow the arrows, keeping the stream on your left. Later, keep the colliery spoil heap on your left and bear round it towards Lower Spew Spout Farm. The spoil heap was probably created by one of the nearby defunct collieries at Sough Lane, Knuzden Moss or even Stanhill. By the farm can be seen evidence of further quarrying, which is now passing from view as year succeeds year. Leaving behind Lower Spew Spout Farm the Guide/Oswaldtwistle Road is reached at the Hyndburn Boundary sign. Turn left here and re-enter Oswaldtwistle after being in Blackburn since crossing Knuzden Brook.

After about half a mile, having passed Four Lane Ends, look far a path on the left leading down to a short row of

cottages, Walkden Barn Cottages. The path crosses Lottice Brook by a wooden bridge. Turn right at the end of the cottages on to a lane that leads you to Duckworth Hall Inn and again on to the main Blackburn/Haslingden Road. Look for a gateway opposite, just a little to the left and at the near end of a row of houses. This is the far end of Nook Lane, which we entered at the beginning of the walk. Now follow the lane, passing Bury Meadow Farm and Cocker Chemicals again to New Lane; Union Road and back to the Library.

Remember: Leave behind nothing except footprints. Take away nothing except photographs and happy memories.



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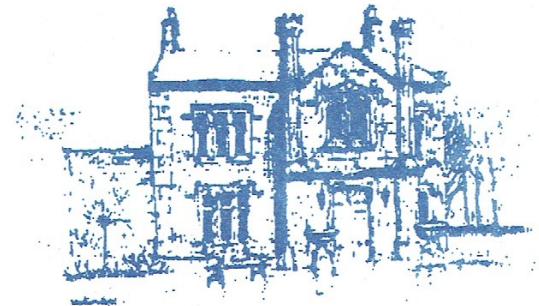
1. "Aspden Valley Fairy Caves",  
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## Number 4



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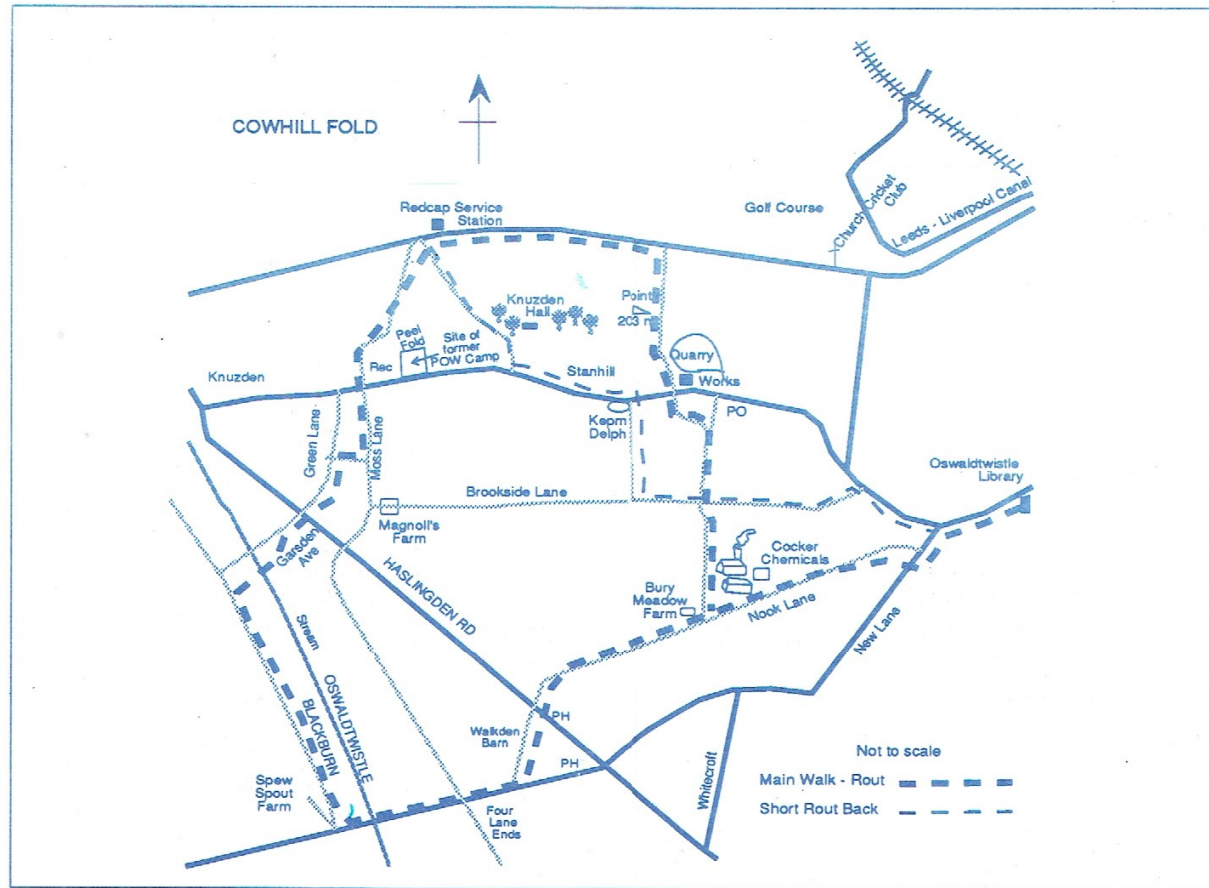
Stanhill Hall, Knuzden Hall, Peel Fold, Duckworth Hall.

This walk passes close to or actually through the yard/garden of the above four halls, all of which play an important part in the history of Oswaldtwistle. Each has a story to tell and we hope this walk will encourage you to delve into that story. Each has its own particular beauty and is worth individual study.

The walk starts at the Library, going up Union Road and turning left at the Black Dog Inn. After 100 yards turn right into Nook Lane, which is sign-posted to Cocker Chemicals. Pass the factory and when you come to Bury Meadow Farm turn right, in front of the house. You will notice, in the right hand corner of the yard, a stile with the path beyond leading alongside the lodge at the bottom.

Beyond the lodge the path crosses the lane to Brookside near a brick-built pump house. Take the path opposite keeping the fence and wall on your left. Just short of Rushes Farm go left through a stile in the wall and you will see another stile across the field. Go through this and turn right along the front of a short row of houses, ending with the Stanhill Methodist Chapel. This brings you to the Oswaldtwistle/Knuzden Road in Stanhill village. Look for the Working Men's Club on the other side, turn right by this and you will find a stile in the right hand corner of the open space, in front of a line of garages.

After crossing this stile go up alongside a former quarry, now landscaped at the rear of the factory, then turn left to walk along the near side of the wall. It is believed that much of the stone for the building of St Paul's Church and the original Mount Pleasant Methodist Church came from this quarry, which operated from early 19th century until after the Second World War. On arriving at the next wall in which there is a stile facing you, turn right through the gateway and carry straight on. You are then on the path to Wolfenden Farm. Between Stanhill Village and the farm there is an excellent view from the top. However, to the west the view is obscured by a high wall and some rising ground beyond. Nevertheless, if one looks south-west soon after leaving Stanhill, Darwen Tower can be clearly seen, five miles away.



\*At the main road turn left towards Blackburn. This is a very busy road and it is advisable to use the pavement on the far side. Look next for Redcap Service Station on the right. Almost opposite is a gateway with a double-fingered signpost. The finger pointing left to Knuzden Hall takes one back to Stanhill.

\*After crossing the stile go up alongside a former quarry now landscaped at the rear of the factory. (Should one desire to shorten the walk it can be done from here by following the path as directed to Knuzden Hall, turning right in the farm yard to the Stanhill./Knuzden Road. A short walk towards Stanhill will bring you to a

signpost marked Kemp Delph. Turn right here and you will descend to Brookside again and you can then retrace the early part of the walk or alternatively, continue down Brookside Lane until after turning left at the bottom you are brought back to the main road, about a quarter of a mile from the Library.)

\*The Hall Hike, however, continues by following the pointer to Peel Fold, which can be seen ahead and to the right. Make across the field looking for a gap in the fence, which is a little to the left of a direct line to the house. The

\* The M65 Link Road will pass through this area in 1994/5  
Watch out for footpath diversions.