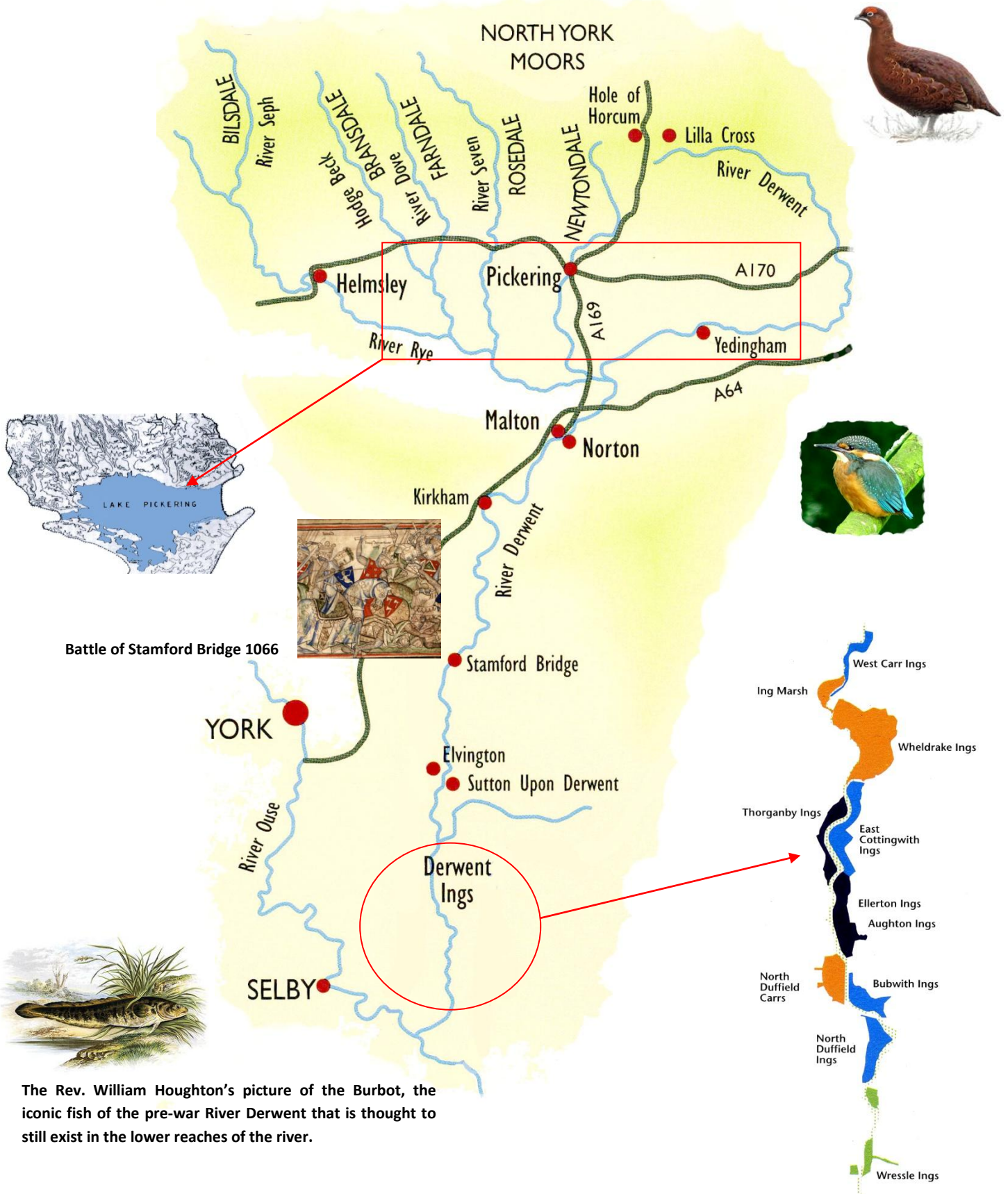


Yorkshire River Derwent

The Yorkshire River Derwent is regarded as being the finest example of classic river profile found in the UK with notable upper, middle and lower reaches. Rising on Fylingdales Moor, the River Derwent descends through heather clad uplands, passing conifer woodlands before being squeezed into tight valleys on the initial stages of its journey to the sea. The middle reaches start at the Vale of Pickering, dividing Malton and Norton, on through Kirkham Gorge, past the picturesque setting of Kirkham Abbey and onto Stamford Bridge, site of the 1066 battle between King Harold Godwinson of England and King Harald Hardrada of Norway. The lower reaches of the Derwent are characterised by the Derwent Ings, a working landscape of great antiquity and internationally recognised area of nature conservation. The river ends at the Barmby Tidal Barrage, commissioned in 1977.



The Rev. William Houghton's picture of the Burbot, the iconic fish of the pre-war River Derwent that is thought to still exist in the lower reaches of the river.