



Saddleworth White Rose Society

Newsletter 40

The 10th Saddleworth Yorkshire Day Celebrations, 2008

Autumn 2008

Yet another tremendous Yorkshire Day which even exceeded last years event both in the number of exhibitors and visitors which were independently estimated at 3500 and the weather was absolutely glorious. However it has to be said that this event is not about getting Saddleworth back into Yorkshire, this is not necessary, Saddleworth was not removed from Yorkshire in 1974 when the administrative areas, confusingly dubbed counties were created, solely for the purpose of local government administration.

Mr Michael Hall, Vice Chairman of Saddleworth White Rose Society opened the ceremonial proceedings at the Aamon Wrigley statue at Saddleworth Museum and introduced Cllr Mrs Pat Lord Chair of Saddleworth Council, who addressed the large crowd. This was followed by Ms Doreen Ainscough, Friends of Real Lancashire. Gilbert Symes of Delph read the Yorkshire Declaration of Integrity at 1133 a.m. to mark the 1133rd anniversary of the first recorded mention of the County of York. Gilbert also recited Saddleworth poems and led the singing of "Pratty Flowers".

The parade was then formed up behind the Yorkshire flag, carried by Mr Oliver Benson accompanied by two of his grandchildren. The parade was led by the dignitaries of Saddleworth Council and representatives of YRS, FORL and SWRS followed by Dobcross Band, and the stalwarts of the Saddleworth Branch, Royal British Legion, the smartly turned out newly re-formed Saddleworth Detached Flight 2200 Squadron ATC under the command of the immaculate Sqn. Ldr. Smith. The beautifully decorated Shire carthorse Captain pulled a four wheeled lorry and many people joined the procession carrying Yorkshire flags.

At the canal towpath across the stepping stones from the field Cllr Mrs Ann Parry, Kath Airey and Christine Barrow were kept at full stretch providing Yorkshire Tea and coffee from Christine's canal boat, as was the case on the SWRS stand where Norma Gregory, Liz Bardsley

and Michael Fielding tried to keep up with demand for Yorkshire Tea, coffee and soft drinks and equally busy on the SWRS Sales Stand where Angela Sykes and Judith Wood just managed to keep up with sales of society goods and the many enquiries. The men of the Dewsbury based "English Civil War (1642-1651) Re-enactment Society" in period costume demonstrated the art of weapon maintenance and lead bullet making whilst their ladies demonstrated cooking on an open fire, lace making with real silver thread, weaving and knitting. The elegant dancers of the "Brenda Goddard School of Dancing" in period costume gave a beautiful display of dancing as performed in 18th Century Country Manors. David Hirst farmer from Wood Farm, Delph and Albion Farm Shop on the A62, provided the Sheep Shearing display. Mrs Debra Tetlow had milking goats from her dairy goat herd at Slattocks, Royton, Anne Robinson's Riding Stables provided rides for small children on Shetland ponies and ferrets were on display from Ferret Rescue at Bank Cote Farm, Hebden Bridge. Brian Oddy of Dobcross displayed his Red Tailed Hawks and David Ford well known local artist painted Yorkshire Day scenes. The Rag Rug Makers displayed there skills, once common throughout Saddleworth. The Saddleworth Moor Action Group who have so far done an excellent job in protecting Saddleworth's moorland, Debbie Taylor-Payne Hypnotherapist, Jennifer Simpson cheese biscuits and preserves, Grandpa Green's luxury ice cream, the Samantha James Trust of Delph, Bridge Farm Landscapes plants and many others had stands. The high quality "Colne Valley Now", magazine also had a stand. This magazine has beautiful photographs taken in rural settings which could so easily have been in Saddleworth, as we are assured the next one will. If this magazine were to include Saddleworth regularly which we believe it should, then we feel it would be very acceptable to Saddleworth people.

Brenda Cockayne Leader of the Yorkshire Day Group once again excelled herself by providing an even more enjoyable Yorkshire Day event than ever before.

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Mr Oliver Benson carrying the Yorkshire flag and accompanied by his grandchildren prepares to lead the parade with the Chair of Saddleworth Council, Cllr Mrs Pat Lord and Cllr Mr Brian Lord and Cllr Mr Ken Hume.



The parade making its way to the King George V playing field. The "Yorkshire Forever" banner is carried by Cllr Chris Abbott, Chairman of the Yorkshire Ridings Society and Cllr Mrs Abbott, North Riding group



Dobcross Silver Prize Band.



Mrs Norma Gregory and Mr Michael Fielding had no let up in the demand for Yorkshire Tea, coffee and soft drinks.



The immaculate Squadron Leader Smith preparing the recently re-formed Saddleworth Detached Flight 2200 Squadron for the parade



American Red Tailed Hawk display from Mr Brian Oddy of Dobcross.



Molly Bardsley on one of the Shetland ponies provided by “Anne Robinson’s Riding Stables”.



Miss Marianne Hall at the Home Made Stall serves Mrs Kath Airey who put on a brilliant display of SWRS goods in her shop window at 48 High Street, Uppermill.



The Yorkshire Day stall displaying free range laying hens provided by Mrs Brenda Cockayne.



Mr Andrew Leyland and Mrs Christine Ward at their “Colne Valley Now” magazine stand. This magazine will in future probably cover Saddleworth. It currently displays beautiful scenes of the Colne Valley.



The elegant ladies of the “Brenda Goddard School of Dancing” put on a beautiful display of 8th Century dancing as performed in Country Manor houses and the Royal Court.



Mrs Debra Tetlow with British Saanen (white) and British Alpine (coloured) goats from her dairy goat herd at Royton.

Yorkshire Ridings Society

Brief history of Yorkshire Day activities

THE FACTS OF THE MATTER

Though many people are unaware of the fact, it is a fact that the Ridings of Yorkshire were *not* abolished by local government changes. Neither the Parliamentary Act of 1974 nor 1992 had any effect on them. Governments, legal experts and many other reputable bodies all agree. This is not an accident. Parliament has repeatedly decided over the last two centuries to separate local government and the traditional counties.

ORIGINS AND NAMES

The counties developed in different ways in different parts of Britain. The Ridings of Yorkshire are amongst the earliest. The first recorded reference to the Ridings appears in the Anglo Saxon Chronicles of 876, nine years after the Viking conquest of the area. But some parts of the boundaries can be traced to 735 and may go back to Roman times. Riding is probably derived from a Norse word meaning a third part. It may come from an Old English origin meaning a thirding. Actually, Yorkshire has four parts since the ancient City of York (within the walls) is in no Riding.

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2008 AGM



The AGM will be held at the Masonic Hall, Uppermill on 25 Nov 2008 commencing 7.00pm. The cost including potato pie supper and a talk by Mr Frank Woolrych about Alice Longstaff's photographic career. She was a well known local photographer in Hebden Bridge for 70 years. The charge including supper will be £5.00p per person. The 2008/09 subscription will be due from the beginning of November. Whilst several members have already paid in advance, a small number still

have not paid their 2006/07 subscription. We trust they will now do so on receipt of this reminder.

YORKSHIRE DAY

On 1st August 1975 the Society established Yorkshire Day to celebrate Yorkshire's identity and heritage.

August 1st was chosen as it has special significance in the County's history. On this date in 1759, soldiers in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (KOYLI's) who had fought in the battle of Minden in Germany, picked roses from the nearby fields as a tribute to their fallen comrades. Since then a number of Yorkshire regiments wear white roses on August 1st to commemorate the events of the day and the heroic deeds of their Yorkshire ancestors.

PROTECTING A UNIQUE HERITAGE

The Lindsey part of Lincolnshire had Ridings but they were forgotten and lost around the 1600's after local government changes. The Yorkshire Ridings Society was founded in 1974 to prevent this happening to the traditional county of Yorkshire and its, now unique, Ridings threatened by local government changes then and since. The Society has gradually grown stronger over the years with local groups working in all parts of the county, particularly where local government changes have caused confusion.

Yorkshire Country Women's Association



Who are we?

We number over 4000 Ladies of all ages from all walks of life who live in Yorkshire but were not necessarily born in Yorkshire.

Your local branch is: Saddleworth Branch Yorkshire Country Women's Assoc. where we arrange entertainment, talks and visits to other branches. Membership is £6.00 pa. Contact: Mrs Mary Clay, Chairperson at 01457 873 555