



Saddleworth White Rose Society

in the County of York

Newsletter 47

A Real Yorkshire/Lancashire Event



At long last we have acquired recognition of the continued existence of our real counties, Yorkshire on the east side of the Borough and Lancashire on the west side with the real County Boundary running almost exactly through the middle.

On 24th April 2010 our first two real county boundary signs were unveiled. The Lancashire one was unveiled by the Chair of Shaw & Crompton Council Cllr. Mrs Mari Wiswell and the Yorkshire one by the Leader of Saddleworth Council Cllr. Brian Lord. People came from various parts of the country to witness this long overdue event and as the signs were unveiled there was loud applause and cheering from the people of both counties. This was a truly Lancashire/Yorkshire day.

The Merseyside, Greater Manchester and West Yorkshire counties were formed solely for the purpose of local government administration and did not otherwise affect the real Counties, Ridings or their Boundaries. The Councils of the administrative counties were abolished in 1986 after only twelve years.

Fittingly, it was also a beautiful day weather-wise. Representatives of The Association of British Counties, The Yorkshire Ridings Society, Friends of Real Lancashire, Unite Craven, Saddleworth Council, Shaw & Crompton Council, The Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council and Saddleworth Police were there

These are the first two of several real County Boundary signs to be erected at all major crossing points of the boundary. The recent appearance of the Borough Council boundary and inter village boundary signs and the decision by the Borough Council to fly the appropriate county flags from the Borough Civic Centre on Yorkshire Day, 1st



Mr Geoff Hoyle of Unite Craven left and the late Mr Colin Holt, Yorkshire Ridings Society. Geoff was a prime mover in founding SWRS and Colin gave us a lot of help and advice.



August and Lancashire Day, 27th November should help to convince the doubters and those who have previously been unsure as to where they actually live.

We are extremely grateful to the Borough Council for their full co-operation, understanding, advice and general help throughout this operation and attending meetings and site visits with SWRS committee members Geoff Bayley, Michael Hall and Cllr Mike Buckley. .

This report however cannot be complete without mention of two people we owe a debt of gratitude to They are the late Mr Colin Holt, Yorkshire Ridings Society and Mr Geoff Hoyle, Unite Craven Group, Skipton. Who helped with advice and encouragement in the past also Association of British Counties, Yorkshire Ridings Society and Friends of Real Lancashire.

The signs to be erected to identify our true county boundary will cost a considerable amount of money. We have had guarantees from several sources of considerable financial help and we are to apply for a grant which we shall need to match financially. And so we have decided to start a fund to which anyone may contribute. We have already had some generous donations from individuals. Anyone wishing to donate should contact The Treasurer, Mrs Norma Gregory, 10 Court Street, Uppermill, Saddleworth, Yorkshire OL3 6HD

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Chair of Shaw & Crompton Council, Mrs Mari Wiswell unveiling the Lancashire sign assisted by Mr Michael Hall vice Chairman SWRS and Mr Oliver Benson SWRS looking on.



Mr Andrew Powell, Cllr Brian Lord, Leader of Saddleworth Council, about to unveil the Yorkshire boundary sign and Cllr. Mrs Pat Lord.



Chair of Shaw & Crompton Council, Cllr Mrs Mari Wiswell. Mr Oliver Benson SWRS in bowler.



Cllr. Jim McArdel, OMBC Mayor, Cllrs Brian & Pat Lord, Saddleworth & Boro Cllrs., Mohammed Adill, OMBC Youth Mayor and Shaw & Crompton Town Cryer Mr Andrew Powell.



Chair of Shaw & Crompton Council Cllr Mrs Mari Wiswell and on her left Cllr Philip Bennet.



Mrs Joan Bradbury and Mrs Brenda Cockayne SWRS with guests.



Cllr. Mike Buckley in deep conversation with the Town Cryer of Shaw and Crompton Mr Andrew Powell



From left Cllr. Alan Roughley SWRS, Mr Emlyn Watkins prospective parliamentary candidate for Saddleworth and Cllr Ken Hume, Independent Councillor Saddleworth Council and SWRS member.



Mr Andrew Powell, Shaw & Crompton Town Cryer



Mr Roger Tanner MBE, patron of SWRS.



Awaiting lunch after the unveiling ceremony from left Cllrs Mrs Pat and Mr Brian Lord, Cllr Chris Abbott YRS Chairman and granddaughter, Mr Michael Bradford ABC and opposite him Mr Chris Dronsfield former SWRS Chairman.



Mr Matt Sheekey, Mr Mike Reynolds, Mrs Brenda Cockayne Yorkshire Day Group, Mr Steven Dronsfield, Mrs Judith Wood and Mr Alan Roughley SWRS committee members..

Yorkshire Day 2010

This years Saddleworth, Yorkshire Day event lands by coincidence on Sunday 1st August, the correct date. This coincides with the unveiling of the real County Boundary signs, the first to appear for 36 years, the Borough Council's boundary and inter village signs all of which display our real county identity and the Borough Council's decision to fly the Yorkshire flag from the Borough Civic Centre on Yorkshire Day and the Lancashire flag on 27th November, Lancashire Day. So we trust that all SWRS members will try to be involved in some way in celebrating our Real County Day this year and if possible try to attend the Yorkshire Day event and make it an extra special occasion. Everyone is welcome.

The Yorkshire Day celebrations begin in Saddleworth at the Museum at 11.00 am when Mr Geoff Bayley SWRS Chairman introduces the Chairman of Saddleworth Council, Cllr Keith Begley and the dignitaries from other associated organisations. This will be followed by Mr Gilbert Symes reading the Yorkshire Declaration of Integrity at 11.35 am and keeping everyone amused and entertained with his special kind of humour. The parade then forms up and makes it's way to the King George V playing field led by Delph Band the dignitaries and Saddleworth Branch Royal British Legion.

As usual there will be much of interest for all age groups at the playing field, a Duck Race a Pig Race and a bouncy castle, face painting and a cocoanut shy etc. for the younger people.

For animal lovers and people with an interest in rural activities there are poultry, goats, llamas, alpacas, demonstrations of sheep shearing and dry stone walling plus a Pet Show, The Pennine Edge Barn Owl Rescue will give advice on how to encourage Barn Owls to nest in your garden. The appropriately named Mr Jon Bird of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds will have a stall displaying and explaining what RSPB are planning to carry out at Dovestone and Chew Valley to encourage native wildlife into our Peak District National Park and the Bee Lady Mrs Barbara Davies will explain and demonstrate the

peculiarities of Honey Bees and the benefits of pure honey, propolis, Royal Jelly and Bees Wax.

For food lovers there is a hog roast from Wood Farm, Delph, a cheese stall, a home made stall, Grandpa Green's Ice Cream, made from delicious Saddleworth farm produced milk, a strawberry and cream stall from Roundhill Farm, Dobcross and numerous other food stalls. Plus Yorkshire Tea and biscuits from the Saddleworth Rose canal boat by the towpath, across the stepping stones.

Gardeners are well catered for with a plant stall from Marsden Moor National Trust.

Several small Saddleworth firms have stands displaying their products, a Craft stall, Card stall, Rag Rugging, Quilting, Basket weaving and a Pot stall etc. A local artist and several charities will be present including Saddleworth White Rose Society offering Yorkshire County flags, Saddleworth sweat shirts, tee shirts, polo shirts, ties, badges, white roses, wall plaques, stationary, greeting cards with Saddleworth views and Yorkshire Tea and biscuits.

For those who like a wander over the moors or rock climbing it might be reassuring to know that the Saddleworth based Mountain Rescue Team are on hand for over ambitious climbers and others. They will be displaying one of their ambulances and some of their rescue equipment

Saddleworth Branch Yorkshire Country Women's Association, who are always willing to welcome new members will run a Tombola stall..

From deepest Marsden there are Belly Dancers and African jewellery for anyone with a taste for the exotic.

Fiddle & Feet and also the Brenda Goddard School of Dancing will be displaying their dancing skills and Mrs Angela Sykes will demonstrate Yorkshire dialects.

Anyone willing to give a little of their time to help on Yorkshire Day, setting up, helping to man stalls or tidying up afterwards will be very much appreciated.

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I wish to make a donation towards the 'Real County Boundary' signs which SWRS are planning to erect at several locations along the Saddleworth, Yorkshire/Lancashire, Real County Boundary.

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Date

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