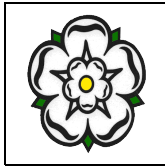


# Saddleshworth White Rose Society

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## YORKSHIRE DAY

**Country Fair,  
King George V Playing Field,  
Saddleshworth,**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2009**

Each year the Yorkshire Day event in Saddleshworth has got better and better with more and more visitors and this year looks like it will be no exception.. However, it was with great sadness that we heard that Mr Brian Oddy, the Red Tailed Hawk demonstrator had passed away earlier this year.

The event will commence as usual at Saddleshworth Museum at 11.00 am. The Chairman of SWRS Mr Geoff Bayley will introduce the Chair of Saddleshworth Council Cllr Mrs Alma McInnes the Chairman of the Yorkshire Ridings Society, Cllr Chris Abbott and Ms Doreen Ainscough of Friends of Real Lancashire. Mr Gilbert Symes will read the Yorkshire Declaration at 11.34 am.

The parade from the museum to King George V playing field will begin approximately 12.00 noon, headed by Mr Oliver Benson carrying the Yorkshire flag then the Councillors and other dignitaries, the Saddleshworth Branch RBL, Diggle Band and Saddleshworth Detached Flight 2200 Squadron ATC and "Captain" the beautifully decorated Shire horse.

The playing field will be set up for the event by about 10.00am and cups of Yorkshire tea etc. will be available on the SWRS stand and at the Canal boat.

The Agricultural/livestock section will include sheep shearing, dry stone walling, llamas, domestic poultry, goat milking display, childrens pet show, Ferret Rescue and pony rides. The National Trust and Janette will have plant stalls.

There will be food available from Mann's Wharf Catering, Home Bake, the Cheese stall, Grandpa Green's Ice Cream stall and the Chocolate stall.

Entertainment will be provided by Fiddle and Feet with Kayan, Irish and Spanish dancing, The Brenda Goddard School of Dancing, Marsden Belly Dancers, giant bubble blowing clowns, Barbers Shop Quartet with hair cutting available if required, the Bouncy Castle, a pea-shooting competition and a shove halfpenny competition, Pig Racing, Duck Racing, Face Painting and Tombola.

Stalls and displays will be by Saddleshworth Council's, Chairman's Charity, Samantha Jones Trust, the Quilters, African jewellery, YCW second hand book stall, Bri-a-Brac, Pause a Second, Rag Ruggers, hand made cards, Yorkshire flags, caps, Saddleshworth tee shirts etc. on the SWRS stand and much more.

Anyone who would like a craft stall at the event should contact Brenda Cockayne on 872 529

We hope as many members as possible will attend and support their County Day and if anyone would like to help with the event in any way this would be very much appreciated.

### **An Eventful First Year for Saddleshworth's Air Cadets**

The last twelve months have proved eventful for Saddleshworth's new Air Cadet unit. Formed as a Detached Flight of 2200 (Oldham) Squadron of The Air Training Corps in May 2008, the unit started with a dozen Cadets parading at Diggle Band Club. These cadets have taken part in some of the wide variety of activities that the Air Training Corps can offer. Cadets have been sailing and power-boating at TS Palatine, the Sea Cadet training centre at Hollingworth Lane; visited The Defence College of Aeronautical Engineering at Cosford; been flying at the Royal Air Force Station at Woodvale; taken part in a weekend field-craft exercise; and are preparing to go on their first week long annual camps at Royal Air Force Stations this summer. Special mention must go to Cadet Sergeant Arron Frost, of Springhead, who completed his Gliding

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Scholarship and was presented with Silver Glider Pilot's Wings for flying solo; and to Cadet Warrant Officer Michael Kostecky of Diggle, who successfully completed his Staff Cadet examinations, earning him a BTEC Certificate in Aviation Studies - equivalent to 2 GCSEs A-C grades. The Detached Flight has competed against Squadrons in the East Lancashire Wing of The Air Training Corps, in sport and other events, finishing 16<sup>th</sup> of 23 in their first Wing Training Day competition.

The Detached Flight now has over 30 cadets, and extra accommodation, in the form of a Porta-cabin is being provided by the Reserve Forces and Cadet Association. The Flight is applying to become a Squadron in its own right, and will hopefully be resurrecting the old Saddleworth Squadron number of 1848 which was last used in the 1940s. There are vacancies for both new cadets and adult volunteers, and anybody interested should contact Flying Officer Paddy Diamond, the Detached Flight's Commanding Officer on 07881 622286 or [oc.2200df@aircadets.org](mailto:oc.2200df@aircadets.org).

### **Yorkshire Country Women Visit York Minster**

Saddleworth Yorkshire Country Women were again invited to decorate York Minster with floral arrangements. I was lucky enough to be asked on behalf of the West Riding. We were joined by representatives from the East Riding and North Ridings of Yorkshire.

We needed to be at the Minster by 9.00am as the streets were closed to traffic after this time. On arrival there is a great buzz as lots of familiar faces are recognised with everyone going this way and that carrying great armfuls of flowers and buckets of water. Each person is given an allotted area and mine was the entrance, which I love. The many visitors both young and old and many from overseas were all very interested in the flowers and several stopped to chat. We had plenty of tea-breaks where we took the opportunity to "catch up". Tea and coffee were provided by Yvonne along with her home made biscuits, from a secret recipe, which she has decided will be revealed after she passes away. She is going to have it put on her remembrance cards!!! This year's theme at the Minster was 'Spring' with lots of yellows and whites and lots and lots of foliage.

The Minster is a very special place, there are prayers every hour when everyone is asked to be

silent. There was a funeral and a memorial service at lunchtime and Mass was held in St John's Chapel and was attended by some of the Yorkshire Country Women which was lovely.



*Photo Brenda Cockayne*

*Part of the display of flowers by Brenda Cockayne at the entrance to York Minster. These included anthuriums, calla lilies, oriental lilies, yellow roses, white roses and orchids.*

On these visits I never want the day to end it is such a lovely, lovely place. We finally say our goodbyes and there is usually time for a quick look around York before a lovely scenic drive home, tired but happy. *Brenda Cockayne Saddleworth Branch Yorkshire Country Women's Association.*

### **The Yorkshire Foundation**

The Yorkshire Foundation is presenting a major fund raising concert on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 2009 7.30pm at York Minster. This will include the world famous King Singers alongside Brighthouse & Rastrick Band and guest soloist David Childs (euphonium). The concert will be hosted by Mr Frank Renton presenter of BBC Radio 2 "Listen to the Band"

Seats are £25, £20, £15 and £10 (all £10 seats unreserved and restricted view. Concessions: 10% off any ticket. Available from Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June from:



York Minster Box Office, Church House,  
Ogleforth, York YO1 7JN tel1904 557 208.

### **Yorkshire Country Women's Association**

Saddleworth Branch meetings 3rd quarter 2009

29<sup>th</sup> July Classique Clothes Party

Aug No Meeting

30<sup>th</sup> Sep Co-op Singers

Meetings commence 7.30 pm at the Methodist Hall,  
Uppermill.

### **Memorial to Colin Holt**

The late Colin Holt was instrumental in forming the Yorkshire Ridings Society following local government re-organisation in 1974. He continued to promote the identity of Yorkshire and his beloved Ridings until his death in 2006

There was a period when Collin allowed his telephone to be 'cut off' rather than accept accounts which were 'incorrectly addressed'.

Recently I attended the unveiling of a plaque and the planting of three white rose bushes in memory of Collin. The event took place in Collin's home village of Fenwick which is a small remote village yet only a few miles north of Doncaster. One of the two roads into the village is so quiet that to cross the main railway level crossing involves ringing a bell to summon an attendant to open the gates!

Those arriving for the ceremony met for refreshments in the local pub, before walking several hundred yards to the 'Pinfold' where the ceremony was to be held. The Pinfold is now the name of the memorial garden owned by the people of the village of Fenwick. Fenwick is one of the few remaining villages in England to have 'Village Meetings' and elects two representatives (members) to Moss & District Parish Council of which Collin had been a member. The Pinfold was originally an enclosed area of land in which the Village Pinder used to impound stray animals in days gone by, until redeemed by their owner on payment of a penalty. It is also the home of the local war memorial.

Present at the Pinfold were Collin's Widow Hilary, Members of the Parish Council, Members of YRS and Friends of Real Lancashire who were led by Dave Russell carrying the new Lancashire flag. There were plenty of Yorkshire flags too!

A commemorative plaque was attached to the wall of the Pinfold by Roger Sewell, and three white rose bushes were planted, each representing one of the three Ridings. The West Riding was represented by a Saddleworth rose.

*Geoff Bayley Chairman SWRS*



*photo Geoff Bayley*

*The Yorkshire flag hangs at Colin's memorial. He displayed it at each event that he and Hilary attended.*



*photo Geoff Bayley*

*Mrs Hilary Holt, Colin's widow. She always accompanied him to meetings, giving her full support.*

### **Home Town Identity**

It was reported in the local media that a Councillor from one of the towns in the borough wanted to include his home town 'cote of arms' on the Metropolitan Borough notepaper. Unfortunately he was denied permission to do this.

It is quite understandable that many people wish to recognise their home town identity, after all they

are part of the borough and not part of Oldham, regardless of the name given to the Borough.

Whatever the Borough Council and Council executives wish to call themselves the council is a joint council. It is a council shared between the seven townships of the Borough.

The Borough is simply an administrative area like Tameside and Kirklees, it is not a town. The towns are Chadderton, Failsworth, Lees, Oldham, Royton, Saddleworth and Shaw & Crompton and they have their own boundaries within the Borough.

The town of Oldham has its own boundaries and makes up less than three sixteenths of the Borough. Each town, including Oldham has its own proud heritage and none of them should be treated as a suburb or satellite of another town.

To use the name of one of the townships as the name of the Borough is both misleading and confusing. The only real way forward is to use a title or prefix for the Borough which is properly acceptable to all seven towns such as for example "Medlock", the name of the river which runs almost through the centre of the Borough, or some other generic title. An effort has to be made to respect the identity of all the townships in an equal manner. *Roy Bardsley sec SWRS*

### **Saddleworth's Churches and their County Rose**

At the turn of the Millenium "Churches Together" in Saddleworth decided that they would like a banner to show the unity of Churches in Saddleworth.

The first idea was to have a large banner and that each church would have its turn in using it. This they decided was impractical Two ladies Mrs Jo Johnson and Mrs Joan Holt came up with a design of a smaller banner for each church so that when assembled together they would give the appearance of a large banner.



*A lady member of the Sandy Lane, Dobcross congregation displays their church banner with the white rose*



*Similar styled banners representing Saddleworth's other churches. Whit Friday 2009.*

The two ladies idea was that each banner would depict the outline of the church it represented with the title "Churches together in Saddleworth" and the name of the church. Mr Chris Dronsfield then of Diggle came up with the idea of a symbol that represented Saddleworth and the White Rose of our County was the obvious choice.

*Michael Hall SWRS*

### **A Yorkshire Day Prayer.**

*Yorkshire Day 1<sup>st</sup> August*

*Lammas-tide is our Lady of Saddleworth's Feast Day.*

*She watches over us in every way.*

*Our moors, our rivers, our hills and canals.*

*She watches over our loved ones in hillside graveyards resting.*

*Our farms and farmers, our sheep and shepherds.*

*Our weavers, warpers, dyers, carders.*

*Hail lovely Lady of Saddleworth.*

*Bluebells, windberrys, blackberrys, oak, ash, beech and birch, sycamore, hawthorn our native trees.*

*The monks at Grange of long ago, our Roman ancestors of Castleshaw.*

*Primrose, Paradise, Pots and Pans, Lower Stones, Stoneswood, Thurstons, Shaws, Wall Hill, Roundhill, Running Hill, Pob Green.*

*Hail Lovely Lady of Saddleworth.*

*Swallow, Wagtail, Thrush, Blackbird, Owl, Goose, Swan, Duck.*

*Our Lady so gentle in her woollen shawl, guiding the boy Jesus, guide us all, in our beautiful Pennine parish in this tiny corner of Yorkshire.*

*Lovely Lady of Saddleworth, our mother, our love.*

*Help us to understand this changing world.*

*Help us never to forget our wonderful heritage.*

*Look after our hillside parish and Father Joe, our Good Shepherd.*

*Our Lady of Saddleworth, pray for us all.*

*Amen.*

*Brenda Cockayne*