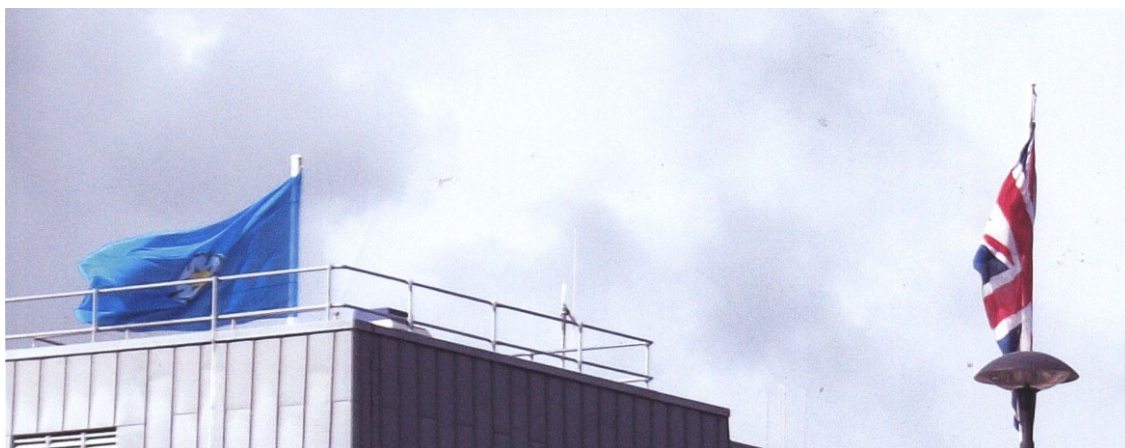


# Saddleshorth White Rose Society

in the County of York

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**The Yorkshire flag flies alongside the Union flag over the Borough Civic Centre, at last recognising the fact that more than half the Borough is in Yorkshire.**

## Yorkshire Day 2010

This year for the first time the Yorkshire flag flew from the Borough Civic Centre on Yorkshire Day 1<sup>st</sup> August. On the 27<sup>th</sup> November the Lancashire flag will be flown. This is quite correct because the Borough spans part of Yorkshire and part of Lancashire in almost equal proportions (53% Yorkshire 47 % Lancashire). This has at last been acknowledged by the Borough Council. The area known as Greater Manchester was formed solely for the purpose of local government administration and not to replace the traditional counties. In 1988 Greater Manchester, although not officially abolished, ceased to be an administrative authority and is now known as a ceremonial county.

This year's Yorkshire Day can only be said to be a tremendous success. There has been an increase in the number of stalls at the playing field each year the event has been held. This year there were over 30. Many stallholders reported a successful day. Unfortunately the bouncy castle could not be used due to a fault with the generator which had been hired for the weekend.

There were too many people involved to mention everyone, but special mention should go to Delph Youth Band leading the parade and providing music at both the Museum gardens and the playing field. Also the Church Inn for bringing their portable bar and donating a barrel of their "St George" beer, and Taylors of

Harrogate who once again kindly donated their Yorkshire Tea. With exception of a three day event at Harewood House which is organised by the Yorkshire Society, I believe that the Saddleshorth event may be the biggest in the county..

This year SWRS had plenty to celebrate. With the Borough, village signs stating "In the Historic West Riding", flying the Real County flag from the Borough Civic Centre and the erecting of the first pair of Real County boundary signs at Grains Bar



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*"The Little Shop" Uppermill, like many others showing County loyalty along the route of the procession.*



*Delph Junior Band played at the Aamon Wrigley statue and at the playing field.*



*SWRS Chairman Geoff Bayley opened the ceremony and introduced the guests. He then read a letter of good wishes from Friends of Real Lancashire.*



*Cllr Keith Begley Chairman of Saddleworth Council accompanied by Mrs Begley places the White Rose garland on the Aamon Wrigley statue.*



*Gilbert Symes of Delph read the Yorkshire Declaration of Integrity.*



*Mr Oliver Benson and Sian Brogden carrying our County flags, accompanied by Mr Gilbert Symes, lead the parade through Uppermill to the King George V playing field*





*Mr Arthur Hinchliffe of Greenfield carried the British Legion (Saddleworth Branch, West Riding) standard.*



*The Barber Shop Band played beautiful relaxing music and were indeed a real pleasure to listen to.*

*Ms Bridgett Tibbot, local artist, sold prints of her excellent paintings.*



*Better than Wimbledon! Jennie Lancashire, from Roundhill Farm, Dobcross, sold strawberry's and cream.*



*Mrs Angela Sykes stall portrayed Mrs Sutherland's Music Festival and Yorkshire dialects from the Ridings*



*The Brenda Goddard Dancers performing on the field.*



*Christine Barrow handed out cups of Yorkshire Tea. Courtesy of Taylors of Harrogaet.*

Yorkshire Ridings Society

## Brief history

**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 1972 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.*

**PROTECTING A UNIQUE HERITAGE** The Lindsey part of Lincolnshire had Ridings but these 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. 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.

## The Declaration of Integrity

The Declaration is read every year in York proclaiming the continued existence of the Ridings and York. It is read at Micklegate Bar (West Riding), Bootham Bar (North Riding), Walmgate Bar (East Riding), and inside Monk Bar City of

York. It is normally read in the four languages spoken in Yorkshire since 876, Old Norse, Old English, Modern English and Latin. The readings commence at the time that coincides with the number of years since the first recorded reference to the Ridings in 876. This year that was 11.35

## Quadhurst Maps

The White Rose Society will be presenting a modern up to date map, produced by Quadhurst the map makers, of the True Historic Counties of Great Britain & Northern Ireland, to the Borough Central Library based in Oldham. A similar map will be presented to Uppermill Library and it is intended to do the same for Delph and Greenfield Libraries so that people will be aware of the true county boundaries. The only boundaries shown on Ordnance Survey maps at the moment are those of the administrative areas.

## Confusion over White Rose signs

The County Boundary signs at Grains Bar quite correctly state "The Historic West Riding of Yorkshire" a Riding being an approximate third of the county, taken from the old Norse thridding.

The Borough signs on the Borough boundary (not to be mistaken for the county boundary) welcome people to the Yorkshire district of Saddleworth whilst the inter-village signs welcome people to particular Saddleworth villages.

The Historic County of York is referring to the county of that city, Yorkshire. Just as Oldham for example, is in the Historic County Palatine of Lancaster which is known as Lancashire.

Local government of both Saddleworth, Oldham and the other five townships of the Borough are administered by the Oldham Metropolitan Borough, a joint administrative unit under the control of councillors from all seven townships.

## County Boundary Sign Fund

Although having received a good response so far, the White Rose Society is still requiring funds, from members and other interested parties, for the purchase of several more pairs of signs to mark our county boundary. Donations should be sent to Mrs Normah Gregory, 10 Court Street, Uppermill, Saddleworth, Yorkshire OL3 6HD

Saddleworth Branch YCWA meetings at the Methodist Hall, Uppermill 7.30pm

27 Oct 2010 Salt Dough Modelling Dianne Hepworth.

24 Nov 2010 Wedding Basket Chandra Law.

Dec 2010 No Meeting.

### **SWRS AGM**

**The SWRS AGM will be held at the Masonic Lodge, High Street, Uppermill on Thursday 16 November commencing 8.00pm. SWRS**

**Membership Subscriptions will be due then. An interesting talk will be given by Mrs Glynis Atherton and a Mapping Saddleworth talk, by Mike Buckley. Potato pie supper will be available**



NEW PUBLICATION

# MAPPING SADDLEWORTH II



Saddleworth Historical Society



# MAPPING SADDLEWORTH VOLUME II

This new publication features a selection of manuscript maps of the Pennine Township of Saddleworth dating from 1625 to 1822. Over twenty maps are reproduced in facsimile, all in full colour and many at full size. Not only do they reveal a wealth of detail about Saddleworth itself but also illustrate many aspects of the development of cartography in England.

For those with an interest in local and family history *Mapping Saddleworth Volume II* will prove indispensable. Charting the development of Saddleworth's hamlets and villages over a period of two hundred years, it sheds light on the history of individual buildings, their owners and occupiers. The maps also tell a tale of moorland enclosure, the dramatic impact of which is still evident in the Saddleworth landscape of today.

The earliest map results from the division of Quick Moor in 1625. Covering the areas of Lydgate, Scouthead, Austerlands, High Moor and Strinesdale, it shows how the wild moorland was colonised for the first time and how the present settlements originated.

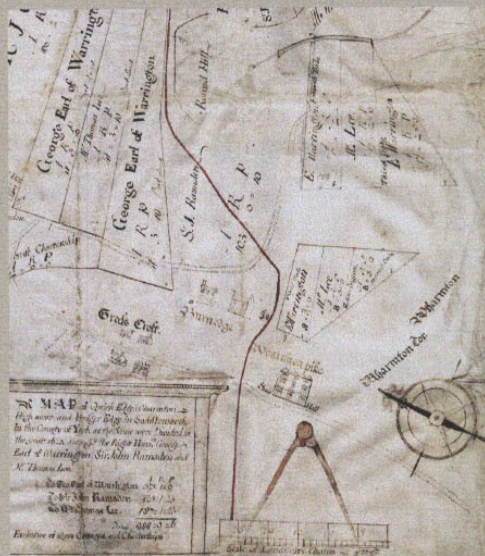
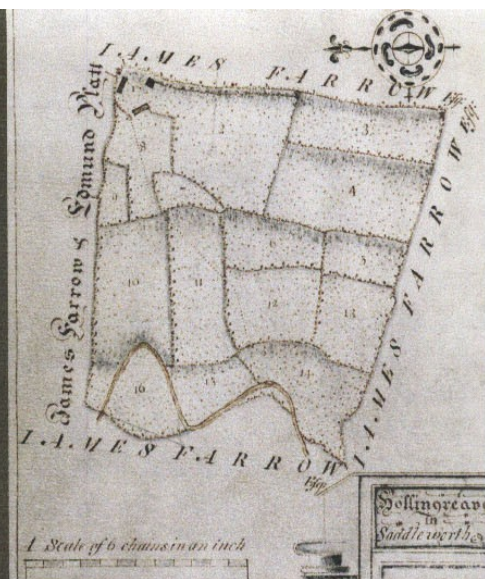
A series of eighteenth century estate maps celebrate the proud ownership of places such as Grotton, Thornley, Coverhill, Hollingreave and Uppermill. The last of these provides a fascinating insight into the modest beginnings of what was to become the most important village in the district.

By far the most extensive of the early maps is that created for James Farrar in 1770. The beautifully executed map and its accompanying key describe in detail every farmstead on the Manor of Saddleworth. Beyond this, the key also lists the occupiers of each estate.

Parliamentary Enclosure reshaped much of Saddleworth and many of the maps illustrating this are reproduced here. Significant are the five maps of the Denshaw Enclosure dating from 1808 to 1812. Beyond the details of the enclosure process itself, interesting features, now lost, emerge. Ancient boundaries, medieval packhorse routes, abandoned cock fighting pits and a hermit's well are all revealed.

The final map is a meticulous historical reconstruction of the first complete survey of Saddleworth. Primarily based on an original of 1822 and supplemented by a recently discovered copy, this map records every building in Saddleworth. Such is the detail that every field wall is shown, all acreages are given and the ownership of the farms and other properties are comprehensively listed in the key. For the purposes of comparison it has been reproduced at precisely the same scale as the 1849-51 six inch Ordnance Survey Map reproduced in *Mapping Saddleworth Volume I*.

A general introduction sets the maps in the context of contemporary cartography and each is accompanied by an explanatory text which gives an account of the circumstances of their creation and their historical significance.





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