

FRIENDS OF SOWERBY BRIDGE RAILWAY STATION

BREATHING NEW LIFE INTO SOWERBY BRIDGE RAILWAY STATION

Newsletter 21 (OCTOBER 2016)



During the production of the 'friends' July newsletter, the 'Yorkshire in Bloom' judge came a calling. The 'friends' gardening and literary work was being viewed. At the presentation in mid September the results were announced.

The 'Friends of Sowerby Bridge Railway Station' were awarded a Gold award.

Additionally to this Gold award, the group were awarded a discretionary citation, the Yorkshire Rose Tourism Award. This was awarded in recognition of the 36 information boards around the station, that the group have researched and produced for public interest.

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There's no more fitting way to bring the Olympic year to a close than 'Team Friends' efforts at Yorkshire in Bloom judgment day awards held at York Racecourse .

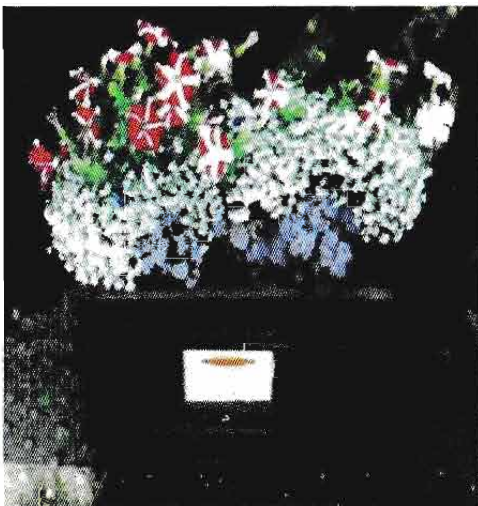
We struck Gold in the Open Space category and 'Team Friends' were back up on the podium to receive the 'Yorkshire in Bloom Rose' discretionary 'Tourism'award. This was awarded for the 38 information boards put up around the station by the group.

My congratulations and deepest thanks go to all the 'coaching staff' at Team Friends for planting, watering and deadheading our temperamental floral superstars to perform at their highest level.

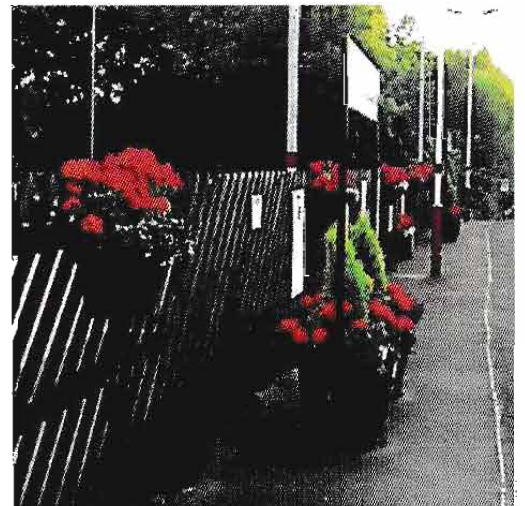
Chris Wright, Convenor FofSBRS



Sponsor a planter at Sowerby Bridge Railway Station.



Various size planters for sponsorship. Why not highlight your local business. Or commemorate a lost one.

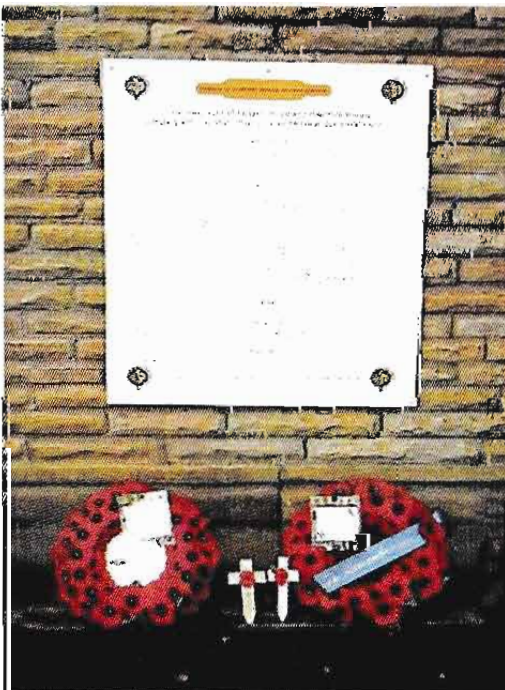
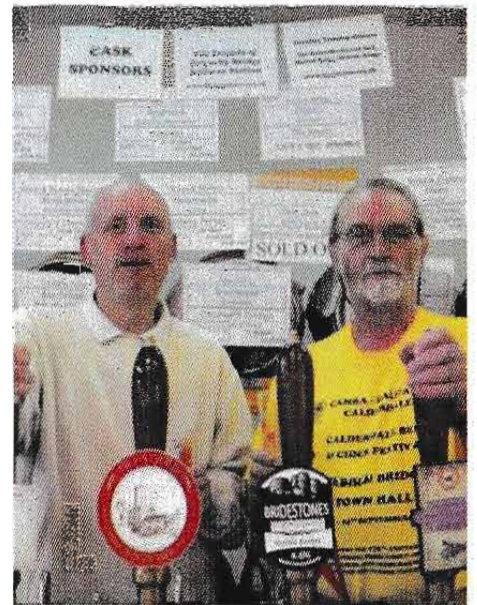


How to sponsor a planter
Simply email John Hartley of the Friends' Group
at jhagardener@googlemail.com

Trip to Llangollen Steam Railway

It was almost a full coach for the 'Friends' trip to Llangollen Steam Railway on Sunday 4th September. Organised by Jim Milner with his usual efficiency, the trip was arranged to coincide with the Llangollen Railway's Autumn Steam Gala weekend. The party enjoyed trips on the 10 mile restored line that threads through the Dee Valley, with stops at 3 superbly restored Victorian stations and the new terminus at Corwen. Real ale fans were catered for at some good pubs on the line, the Chainbridge Hotel in Berwyn supplying best pint of the day. Canal enthusiasts could take a narrow boat trip on the Llangollen Canal, crossing the world famous Pontcysyllite Aqueduct. Further trips are planned for 2017, every one welcome. Look out for details and book early to avoid disappointment. Enquiries by email to jim.milner@tiscali.co.uk

Two members of the group sponsored a cask of ale, on behalf of the 'Friends of Sowerby Bridge Railway Station, at the recent Calderdale Beer and Cider Festival, which was held in the Waterfront Room at Hebden Bridge Town Hall. Pictured right are Richard Adams (guest) and John Hartley (co-sponsor) behind the bar at the festival on Saturday 24th September. A good time was had by all.



War Memorial Board Relocated

The First World War Memorial Board, which commemorates 38 men who worked for the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company, at Sowerby Bridge and nearby stations, and who lost their lives in the Great War, has been relocated from platform 2 to the Bronte Garden. The quieter and more picturesque Bronte Garden is a much more appropriate location for the Memorial Board and will enable a larger number of people to commemorate the men at the Remembrance Day Service on the first Sunday in November every year.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Sat 15 Oct	Work Together Session. 9.30am onwards. Meet at JRR*
Mon 31 Oct	Book Sale. All day event at JRR*
Tue 8 Nov	Annual General Meeting. 7.30-8.30pm. Meet at JRR*
Sun 13 Nov	Remembrance Sunday Service. 10.45am Bronte Garden
Sat 19 Nov	Work Together Session. 9.30am onwards. Meet at JRR*
Tue 13 Dec	Open 'Committee' Meeting. 7.30-8.30pm. Meet at JRR*
Sat 17 Dec 2016	Work Together session. 6.30pm onwards. Meet at JRR*
Tue 10 Jan 2017	Open 'Committee' Meeting. 7.30-8.30pm. Meet at JRR*
Sat 21 Jan	Work Together Session. 9.30am onwards. Meet at JRR*

*Venue: JRR = Jubilee Refreshment Rooms at Sowerby Bridge Railway Station

Work Together Days vary and may involve weeding, tidying up the station, planting or watering the flower boxes etc. If you enjoy a bit of cultivating and have a few hours to spare, please join us. Just ask for Chris at the Jubilee Rooms on the station.

Open 'Committee' Meetings are held monthly and the group discusses general updates on its activities and progress. Why not come and see what we're all about. You'll receive a warm welcome. Just ask for Chris.

Acknowledgements ...

THANKS .. Go to Angela Viney, Breakaway Brass and Angela Viney Conveyancing Services for joining our group of plant sponsors. We also thank Reece-Jones Consulting and the Jubilee Refreshment Rooms for their continuing support.

We would also like to thank Stuart Gledhill for the donation of books which will be part of the Book Sale on 31st October 2016.

Christmas Hamper Raffle. We will again be holding a Christmas Hamper Raffle, tickets will shortly be on sale at the Jubilee Refreshment Rooms.

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