

PROUD WINNERS

2013



"Communities Growing Together"



Yorkshire Rose Gold Award and Best in Category



Yorkshire Rose Award for Environmental Quality



Yorkshire Rose Award for Community

2013 Yorkshire in Bloom Success...

We are delighted and extremely proud of our success in this year's 'In Bloom' competition. Following on from our Gold Award in 2012, we were presented with an amazing **THREE** awards at this year's award ceremony, held at York Racecourse on 17 September .

Award 1 – Yorkshire Rose Gold Award AND Best in Category Winner (Large Business Category)

The judging panel commented that the station surroundings were 'charming' and 'colourful' and 'a delight to visit'. Our volunteers' dedication and commitment was described as exceptional.



Friends Volunteers



Water Compound

Award 2– Yorkshire Rose Award for Environmental Quality

The Group's work on environmental issues was described as 'excellent' – from our organic composting to the water collection (installed by 'Friends' volunteers) using recycled materials, in keeping with the architecture of the building.

Award 3 – Yorkshire Rose Award for Community

Our engagement with the Bronte Society to research our Bronte Garden so that we could identify plants that were mentioned in the Bronte novels was credited, along with the involvement of Bolton Brow Primary Academy for their paintings of the flowers that will be grown in the Bronte Garden.



Bronte Garden

And it wouldn't have been possible without....

- All the '**Friends**' volunteers who dedicate their time every other weekend to maintain and improve the station surroundings.
- Our **Community Partners** who have provided continued support through grants and donations which have enabled us to implement the Bronte Garden feature.
- The growing number of **local businesses** who support us by sponsoring the station's planters and flower boxes.
- The enthusiasm of the **students of Bolton Brow Primary Academy** who rose to the challenge in the poster painting competition. Congratulations to Eloise Stone who won 1st prize; Emily Madden for 2nd and Elle-May Sheilds who took 3rd place.

A big THANK YOU to you all.

If you are a local business or local resident who would like to get involved with the Group, please contact Christopher Wright on 07850 822590.

Contact us: Tel: 07850 822590 or email: fofsbrs@gmail.com

Annual General Meeting...

The Group's third AGM will be held in the Jubilee Refreshment Rooms from 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th November. Once the usual formalities have been completed (submission of annual reports, consideration of audited financial accounts and election of the Management Committee), an address will be given by our Guest Speaker, Mr Stephen Waring, Chairman of the Halifax and District Rail Action Group (HADRAG). **This is an Open Meeting and everyone is welcome to attend.**

Former Sowerby Bridge Railway Station Workers

Lancelot George Clark (1877-1947)

Lancelot George Clarke (known to his friends as George Clarke) lived in East Parade, Sowerby Bridge for most of his life and was based at Sowerby Bridge Railway Station for 43 years. He was employed by the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company in 1904 and on the 1911 Census appears as a Foreman Engine Driver. From 1913 to 1941 he was a Goods Guard.



He was entitled to retire at the age of 65 years but in response to an LMS appeal during World War 2, for personnel who were due to retire to remain on duty, he continued to serve on the platforms of Sowerby Bridge as a Railway Porter.

As a member of the platform staff, George always had a cheery greeting for regular passengers and was well-known as a man who was rarely seen without his overcoat. In mid-1947, George eventually retired due to ill-health and he died three weeks later at the age of 70 years. His funeral was well-attended by railway employees and he was buried in Sowerby Bridge Cemetery.

Thanks to Susan Lowe of Cranwell Village, Lincolnshire for information provided on her Grandfather, Lancelot George Clarke

This is the first of a proposed series of short articles featuring former Sowerby Bridge station workers. If you have details of a family member who worked at the station and would like to share their stories in our newsletter, please contact John (jhagardener@googlemail.com)

Donation of flat hand cart



Thank you to First Trans Pennine for their recent donation of a 'Slingsby' 4-wheeled flat hand cart/trolley which we collected from Huddersfield Railway Station earlier this month. After some restoration work has been carried out, we are planning to display the cart as a special feature in the station area. This would have been used to transport parcels and luggage.

Vintage Bus Trip to Embsay & Bolton Abbey Steam Railway (1940s weekend)

56 members and non-members braved the wind and rain on 15th September and enjoyed a trip to Bolton Abbey Steam Railway on a vintage 1961 London Routemaster double-decker bus, followed by a steam train ride from Bolton Abbey to Embsay. Despite the poor weather conditions, everyone showed great British spirit. Thanks to member Jim Milner for organising this. Watch out for details of the next trip which will take place in May 2014.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Wed 18 Sept	Work Together session. 6.30pm. Meet at JRR*
Tues 8 Oct	Open 'Committee' Meeting. 7.30-8.30pm. Meet at JRR*
Sat 19 Oct	Work Together session. 9.00am-12 noon. Meet at JRR*
Tues 12 Nov	Annual General Meeting. 7.30pm. Meet at JRR*
Sat 16 Nov	Work Together session. 9.00am-12 noon. Meet at JRR*
Tue 10 Dec	Open 'Committee' Meeting. 7.30-8.30pm at JRR*
Sat 14 Dec	Work Together session. 9.00am-12 noon. 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 once per month and the agenda includes general updates on the Group's activities and progress. Why not come and see what we're all about. You'll receive a warm welcome. Just ask for Chris.



Website help...

We really want to set up a website for the Group but desperately need help to do this. If you think you can help us please drop an email to wendyriordan@btinternet.com to arrange an initial chat.

Contact us: Tel: 07850 822590 or email: fofsbrs@gmail.com