

40th SADDLEWORTH RUSHCART 2014

Who's coming so far?

Full Sides:- Adlington, Anker, Bedford, Belchamp, Blackheath, Britannia Coconutters, Chanctonbury Ring, Dartington, Earlsdon, Gloucestershire, Harthill, Jockey, Kennet, King John's, Leicester, Lord Conyers, Monkseaton, Mossley, Moulton, North British, Ravensbourne, Red Leicester, Ripley, Rose & Castle, Shakespeare, Thaxted, Wrigley Head

Reps:- Datchet Border, Green Oak, Royal Preston, White Hart

Where you need to be and when

Friday 22nd August.

Registration and general get together in the Commercial Hotel on High Street, Uppermill (in the Square <https://en-gb.facebook.com/commercial.uppermill> High Street, OL3 6AX Oldham, United Kingdom) from 8.00pm. This is also your opportunity to buy Rushcart badges and other souvenirs. **Please note, this is a change of venue from recent years**

Saturday 23rd August.

Assemble outside the Commercial Hotel, Uppermill by ***no later than 09:45am***. The Rushcart leaves for Greenfield at 10.15am, returning to Uppermill for noon. It leaves again at 1.30pm for Delph and Dobcross, returning to Uppermill for 6.45pm.

Sunday 24th August.

Assemble outside the Commercial Hotel, Uppermill ***by 10.00am***. The Rushcart is pulled up the hill for the 11.00am Church service, followed by dancing and competitions between noon and 5.00pm.

Details of your dance spots will be sent to you in advance of the weekend. A

further copy will be given to you on Friday night or Saturday morning. It is important that you dance when asked to.

However if, additionally, you want to dance at any time or place other than your spot, you are free to do so provided you don't disrupt the scheduled dancing.

Where are you stopping?

2014 is likely to be the busiest Rushcart ever. Even if you are a regular attendee, please make sure you and your side read the following and return the accommodation sheet at the end of this info sheet. Accommodation at our facilities cannot be arranged for you unless your side returns this form to me as Rushcart Secretary by 30th April 2014

Camp Site.

There is only limited space at the Church Inn (The Church Inn and Saddleworth Brewery, Church Lane, Uppermill OL3 6LW <http://www.churchinnsaddleworth.co.uk>) and maybe an overspill into a nearby field. There will be toilets and washbasins but no showers. The costs are £5.00 per pitch for Caravans/Campervans/Tents for the weekend, payable upon arrival to the steward.

If you are wanting to enquire about a pitch, **YOU MUST** return the enclosed sheet to indicate the number and type of pitches your side is likely to require by . This will help us assess the space available. **Team requirements only please.**

An alternative site has newly opened at the Carriage House pub on the A62 going towards Huddersfield from Uppermill (under the viaduct, straight on past the Navigation, at the T junction at the top of the road turn right and follow the road for c.1 ½ miles, pub is on the right). This is c. 5 mins in a car/taxi from Uppermill, NOT within walking distance though. Bed and Breakfast is also available at the Carriage House.

Full address details:-

The Carriage House, Manchester Road, Standedge, Marsden, Huddersfield,

West Yorkshire, HD7 6NL

This is the pub next to where we cut the rushes, and has a site for camping and caravans (Caravan club listed). 24 hour toilets are on site, showers and other facilities. Follow the link below for more details. If you do book direct with them, ask for Simon and mention Saddleworth MM/Saddleworth Rushcart.

Carriage House Tel No: 01484 844419 <http://www.carriage-house.co.uk/>

Other local camp sites are:-

Well-i-hole Caravan/camp site in Greenfield :- www.well-i-holefarm.co.uk/

Moorlands Caravan site in Denshaw :- <http://www.moorlandscp.co.uk/>

Or try :- <http://www.saddleworthonline.co.uk/> or this <http://www.saddleworthparishcouncil.org.uk/tourist-information/accomodation.shtml> site for more info on local accommodation options

Indoor camping.

This is in Lee Street School, near the centre of Uppermill (Lee Street, Uppermill, Oldham OL3 6AE). The charge is £5.00 per man for the weekend, from Friday through until Monday morning.

You must complete and return the attached form by 30th April 2014 to indicate how many of your side will require this for planning purposes.

The fee will be collected using the honesty pot. If the school is not open the key will be available on Friday at the Commercial Hotel. We expect to have the Hall open from about 6.00pm.

On the Monday, there should be a Saddleworth Man to take the key, the last man should pass the key to him. If for any reason you cannot find him as the last man leaving, details will be attached to the key for who to ring.

DO NOT POST THE KEY THROUGH THE DOOR AS THIS WILL NOT LEAVE THE BUILDING SECURE.

What you need to remember

SAFETY

Safety is **everyone's** responsibility.

The Cart weighs over two tons and is dangerous if not treated with respect. We know how to do this and will tell you on the day, it is not difficult but you MUST listen. Many of our guests are experienced Rushcart pullers and know what to do.

If you are new to this, take note of any instructions on the day. Please also see the additional information put together by our Foreman Dave Biggs. This gives you an idea of the way pulling the 'Cart works, please take time to read this before the weekend.

The Rushcart route is on public roads and will have traffic directed around it by a private traffic contractor (Amberon). For everyone's safety it is important that you listen to and obey official instructions particularly as we enter and leave the villages along the route. Running with the cart, except when accelerating and told to do so, is dangerous for you, the public and the 'Cart. We are covered by JMO insurance and participation is on the understanding of the limits of this policy. St John Ambulance and the Police will be on duty during both days.

We need all the manpower we can on the ropes (Locally, the wooden poles put through the ropes are called 'stangs'). This is particularly important on the Sunday morning.

Please do not stay up at the Church Inn on Sunday and wait for us. We may not get there without you.

Please note that the 'Cart cannot be used to carry stick bags, instruments etc, as this will affect the balance of the 'Cart while moving.

THIS IS DANGEROUS AND ANY ITEMS LEFT ON THE 'CART WILL BE REMOVED AND LEFT BEHIND.

COMPETITIONS

On Sunday afternoon the competitions will be held around the Church Inn and Cross Keys (<http://www.crosskeysinn.co.uk/>). Clog Stepping, Gurning and Worst Singer are open to all comers. The Wrestling is open to Morris

Men only.

Entries to the competitions are made on the day, or in advance if you prefer for clog stepping; they are a key element of the Rushcart weekend. Winners are published in the local press and we urge you to take part, we do!

The Clog stepping is an competition open to all, men, women or children. It is based on Traditional Lancashire clog steps, 6 steps are required off each toe, with a double shuffle as well. There is a belt engraved with former winners, you will go on it if you are the best! This returned as a competition in 2013 after many years absence, we expect competition to be even more fierce in 2014...

FOOD

There is no food provided.

Breakfasts are on sale at The Church Inn (as understood at time of going to press), and at cafes in Uppermill. There is a kitchen in Lee Street School for those who are indoor camping to use.

There are plenty of take-aways, cake shops, cafes, pubs and restaurants around the route to meet your needs for lunch and evening meals.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

The Church Inn, Cross Keys, Hare & Hounds and The Waggon are welcoming of singers and musicians and will no doubt be frequented by Morris Men on each evening.

RUSHCART 2015

Next year's celebrations, will be on the weekend of Friday 21st August to Sunday 23rd August, this will **NOT** be the Bank Holiday.

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**NOTE THIS IS NOT A PRE-BOOKING FORM AND IS TO HELP
US ASSESS THE DEMAND FOR SPACES AND PLAN
ACCORDINGLY.**

**SIDES WHO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FORM BY 30TH
APRIL 2014 WILL BE CONTACTED FURTHER. IF YOU DO
NOT RETURN THIS, WE WILL ASSUME YOU HAVE MADE
OTHER PLANS!**

**Arrival by 8:00pm on the Friday of Rushcart weekend
please.**

Camp Site/Indoor Camping Form

**If replying by post, this form should be returned to Eddie
Worrall, 8 Bankside Avenue, Uppermill, Saddleworth, OL3 6JU.**

**If replying by e-mail, please forward information to
edworrall@gmail.com**

**Please confirm the information as soon as possible but no later
than 30TH April 2014.**

Tents:

Caravans:

Campervans:

Number of Men requiring indoor camping:

Name of Side.....