

**PRESENTATION TO LEEDS CITY COUNCIL. 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2007**

**My Lord Mayor ,Councillors.**

**I am Councillor Joe Tetley. Chairman of The Leeds Branch of The Royal Society of St George. I am accompanied by 2 Committee**

**Members and a Knight of St George, and a fair ~~Damsel~~ Bowman**

**On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April we are to stage our 4<sup>th</sup> St George's Day**

**Parade and Festival. This is now recognised as the Premier**

**Event of its kind in the North of England.**

**The Day will start with a Parade from Morley Town Hall where**

**Guests from our neighbouring Towns will gather. I may add that**

**The Lord Mayor has already received an invitation to this years**

**Event.**

**The Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, Dr Ingrid Roscoe will again be with us on this Day.**

**This Event takes place on 5 local rugby and cricket fields. The**

**Parade will be led by The Knight that you see here. He will be on horseback carrying The St George's flag.**

**The 168 City of Leeds Squadron Air Cadet Band are to lead the**

**Parade of Naval, Army and Air Cadets. All Morley's Guides,**

**Brownies and Rainbows are to take part in the Parade.**

**Unfortunately this year there will be no Scouts this year, they will be**

**here in Leeds celebrating 150 years of Scouting.**

**The Standards of The Royal British Legion, The Leeds Rifles and The Nuclear Test Veterans will be paraded. The Sealed Knot and the Earl of Manchester's Regiment together with Roman Legionaires, Saxon and Victorian Military Societies are to march in the Parade. A 7Ft long sweet filled Dragon is to be Paraded to the fields where children will be given the opportunity of attempting to slay it , no blood will come from it but any sweets that are dislodged by a young Knight will become the property of that Knight.**

**Vintage cars from The Skopos Motor Museum are to also take part. 4 Years ago The Leeds Royal Armouries gave The Royal Society of St George a Golden Arrow for a Longbow Archery Shoot. In conjunction with The Bowmen of Adel an Archery competition will take place on this day when over 100 Archers from all parts of this country compete for this prestigious Prize .The Winner is allowed to retain this arrow for two weeks. It is then on display at the Royal Armouries for the remaining 50 weeks of the year before coming up for competition at our next St George's Day Event**

**A strong man competition of an unusual nature is to take place, come and see it. We are to have a Punch and Judy show, Maypole and Morris Dancing and Charity and craft stalls around the fields. A**

**small fair will be in attendance. A Falconry Display will take place and a Civil War Re-enactment with muskets and cannon will take place in the Arena. A living Camp is on the fields with the Roman, Saxon and Victorian Soldiers.**

**There will also be a World War 2 Camp with displays of that era.**

**. The total cost that we endeavour to raise by Grants, Donations and offers in kind is in excess of £5000.**

**This Free Event is not just open to the residents of Morley indeed its open to all who wish to come and celebrate St George's Day.**

**It is only possible to hold this 4th St George's Day Event because we have received financial help from a number of you in this chamber with contributions from your Mice Funds, Morley Town Council.**

**South Leeds Area Management Committee, Arise Initiative and The Celebration Leeds Fund.**

**We are grateful to all these donors for their contributions.**

**Our appearance before you today is to seek help for next years and indeed followings years Events to enable the Society too continue to stage this what as I have stated earlier is now the Premier Event of this kind in The North of England.**

**We also ask for your support in the campaign to have St George's Day designated as A National Holiday, If this is successful our Event could then be held on that Day, not as now when we hold it on the**

**nearest Sunday .**

**Today we wish to invite you all to Morley to our Festival we have even brought you a Programme of the day`s events.**

**We do hope that you will be able to be with us to celebrate what is Englands National Day.**

**On behalf of The Leeds Branch of The Royal Society of St George I thank you for allowing us to come before you today and we look forward to your support.**

**We wish you well.**

# **The Royal Society of Saint George City of Leeds Branch**

Acknowledges the support and participation of the  
following in making this event Possible

*Amicus the Union,  
Arise Awards,*

*168 Squadron City of Leeds ATC*

*The Bowmen of Adel,*

*The Leeds City Morris Men,*

*Morley Cricket and Sports Club,*

*Morley Rugby Football Club,*

*Morley Town Council,*

*Royal British Legion,*

*St John's Ambulance Brigade,*

*22 Promotions Historic Events,*

*West Riding Small Locomotive Society*

*Kendal Davison and the Maypole Dancers from Morley*

*Stagecoach,*

*The Editor and Staff Morley Observer and Advertiser,*

*Batley Army Cadets,*

*TS Ark Royal Cadets,*

*Steve Bathy Esq.*

*South Leeds Scouts and Guides,*

*Outer South Area Management Committee Leeds City Council,*

*West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service,*

*West Yorkshire Police,*

If you wish to express an opinion regarding this event please contact

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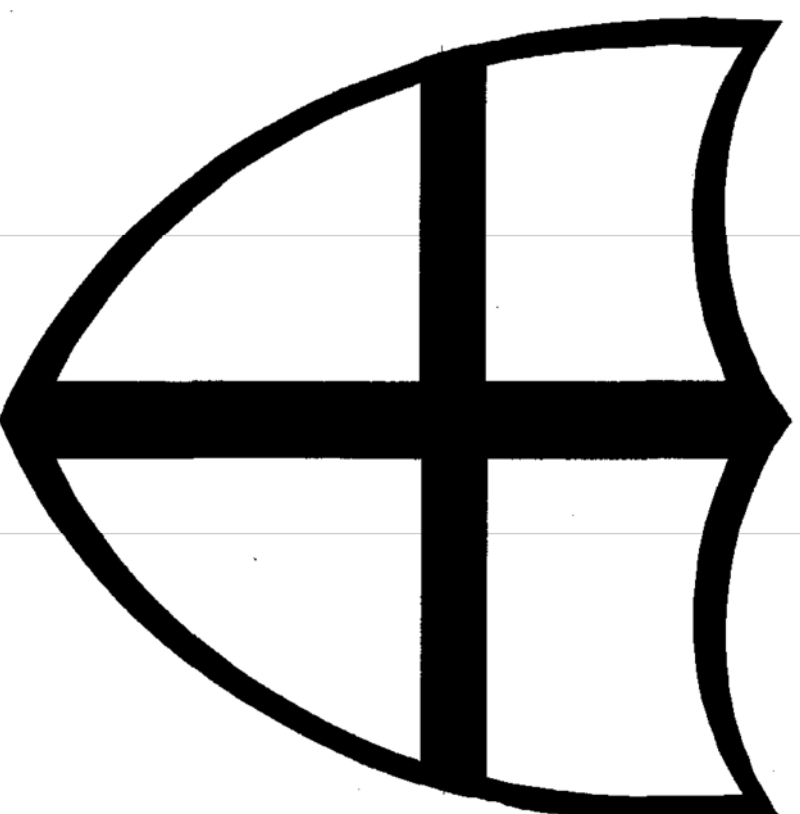
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**An Invitation to attend  
The Royal Society of Saint George  
City of Leeds Branch  
Annual Parade and Festival**



**Morley Town Hall Sunday 22nd April**

**Parade with Marching Band Leaves Morley Town Hall  
at 12.30 leading to the Rugby and Cricket Fields at  
Scatherd Lane Morley, for a Fun Afternoon**

**of Free Entertainment  
Everyone Welcome**

## ***Saint George Family Fun Day 2007 Programme of Events***

- 10.45 Archery Competition begins at MRFC
- 12.15 Parade forms up
- 12.30 Parade Leaves Morley Town Hall  
led by Marching Band and St George on Horseback
- 13.00 Affirmations and Blessing of the Event
- 13.15 Themed Fancy Dress Competition  
Knights Princesses Dragons and others
- 13.30 Morris Dancing in MRFC Car Park
- 13.40 Punch and Judy Show (Main Arena)
- 14.10 Maypole Dancing on the Cricket Field
- 14.25 Sweetie Filled Dragon  
Jousting Tournament
- 14.40 Falconry Display (Main Arena)
- 15.10 Morris Dancing in the Cricket Club Car Park
- 15.10 The Sword and the Stone Strongman Competition  
(Main Arena)
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- 15.30 Special Event
- The Earl of Manchester's Regiment in association with the Sealed Knot re-enactment Society will provide a Military display of Soldiers and Artillery from the English Civil War Period.



### ***Also Featuring***

- Hot Food Stalls • Fairground Rides • Craft Stalls  
Cider Tasting • Have a go Archery •  
Community Group Displays  
Army Recruitment Team  
Miniature Steam Railway • Vintage Cars  
Ice Creams • Hog Roast • Licensed Bar**
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- Historic Living Camps  
From the  
Saxon, Medieval, Victorian  
and 1940's WWII periods**

**Our Leeds Community Group would like to see St George's Day recognised as a Public Holiday here in England. If you Support this view then please log onto our Website  
[www.rssgleads.org.uk](http://www.rssgleads.org.uk) and register your support.**