

The Lancashire Society at Cuerden Valley Farmers' Market



Chairman Sid at the Lancashire Society stall

One of our members, Janet Jones, is also a member of the Cuerden Valley Park Trust and she arranged for the Lancashire Society to have a stall at the inaugural monthly Farmers' Market in the park on Sunday 28th March 2010.

Sid and Mark set off early to arrange the stall which was conveniently placed in the hallway to the Exhibition Barn which meant that everyone coming in to the hall to look at the Arts and Crafts stalls had to pass by our stall. Mark brought his banjo along and every so often he and Sid would entertain the people walking by with a few songs.

Occasionally a few people would show more than a passing interest in the stall which contained some of Sid's Victorian source books, Mark's record sleeves of Lancashire singers and groups from the sixties and seventies and CDs of Sid and Mark from the present day. One lady saw an LP sleeve of The Fivepenny Piece on display and remarked that she used to work with Linda and John Meeks in the family chain of shoe-shops!

A number of people were interested enough in what the Society is doing to take a membership form and hopefully we shall be seeing them at future meetings.

Janet has told us that we can have the stall every month which will give the Society a profile at what turned out to be a popular event. It is envisaged that different members of the society can go each month to run the stall and give a demonstration of their different skills be it singing, recitation or dancing. There is a flagged area outside the entrance hall which would be ideal for a clog dancing demonstration and there is a power point to plug a CD player into if necessary.

The Society would encourage members to take an active part in this monthly activity so if you are interested in running the stall one month then please contact Sid who will give you further details. The market is open from 10am to 3pm approximately and there is no obligation to stay the full time. We would suggest getting there for 9-30 to set the stall up and get a parking place as it did get busy as time went on.

Mark Dowding