

1757: John Wesley rides into Huddersfield in the Wild West Riding

John Wesley. 1827. *The Journal of the Rev. John Wesley*, Vol. 2.

I rode over the mountains to Huddersfield. A wilder people I never saw in England: the men, women, and children, filled the street as we rode along, and appeared just ready to devour us. They were however tolerably quiet while I preached; only a few pieces of dirt were thrown; and the bell-man came in the middle of the sermon, but was stopped by a gentleman of the town. I had almost done, when they began to ring the bells; so that it did us small disservice. How intolerable a thing is the Gospel of Christ to them who are resolved to serve the Devil!

Day 130: Sunday 10 May

SUN at Sheepwash: rise 04:06, zenith 12:01, set 19:56. MOON at Skipton: rise 03:05, set 12:35, waning crescent. RELIGION: Rogation Sunday – God is asked to bless crops and farmers, and the Headingley Gallimaufrians and others beat their parish bounds.

1784: The punishment regime at the waged spinning school for young factory girls launched today at York by the philanthropist Catharine Harrison

Catharine Cappe. 1800. *An Account of Two Charity Schools for the Educations of Girls*.

Among the lower classes, a child is beaten by the parents for every little offence, and sometimes, if the parents happen to be in a bad humour or anything goes wrong, for no offence at all. Corporal punishment, therefore, if it could be resorted to (which I am persuaded in such institutions it never ought to be) would want much of its effect from this very circumstance. No means of punishment therefore seemed to remain but little privations on the one hand and marks of disgrace to be inflicted on the other. In respect of the first, as in general these privations cannot take place immediately, their effect is considerably weakened. As to the second, if not administered with great prudence and with a sparing hand, they will not only cease to be felt as any punishment at all, but may do much mischief by early destroying that acute sense of shame and disgrace which, among persons decently educated, is the most powerful