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26th May

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THE FRIENDS OF SADDLEWORTH MUSEUM AND GALLERY

Newsletter



SPRING/SUMMER 2024



Spring Buffet Luncheon

Sunday 7th April 1.00pm for 1.30pm
£15.00 per person

Book in advance on-line at
www.saddleworthmuseum.co.uk/shops/shop-online/
Or from the Museum Reception 1pm-4pm daily




Welcome to another news letter with dates for the diary and opportunities to support our wonderful museum. We would love to see you at our Spring buffet luncheon on Sunday 7th April at 1.00pm for 1.30pm. It will be a perfect opportunity for leisurely socialising with friends and family. Tickets at £15.00 per person are available in advance from the museum reception or online at www.saddleworthmuseum.co.uk/shops/shop-online/

You'll see that, enclosed with this news letter, are details about the Friends' AGM on Thursday 25th April at 7.15pm in the Gallery. Calling all those with energy and enthusiasm to sign up to being a committee member and helping to raise valuable funds. Also enclosed are details on

how to renew your membership. Your subscriptions are a vital source of income for us, so please make sure that you renew them this year and encourage friends and family to join. It would be marvellous if each Friend found a new Friend to join us! Coffee mornings continue to take place on the 2nd Wednesday of the month with the popular toasted teacakes making way for seasonal hot cross buns. Don't miss our popular plant sale on the 26th May. Details about our grow and donate scheme are below. Please do support us—the sale is a key fund raiser and a great opportunity to visit our lovely garden! With Easter approaching here's a reminder that there's plenty for little ones to do, from engaging with interactive

displays, dressing up (in our fabulous new area), making the most of our activity table to following our seasonal family trail finding the bunnies. A future, fun, event is the ever popular model railway exhibition which will be held on the 4th and 5th May. We'll be running our pop up café with bacon sandwiches for the early birds. The Museum holds an extensive collection of old photographs, so, if you're curious to see an image of your house, street or area from days gone by, (50+ years), then fill in a **'find a picture'** form at reception and we'll do a search. Once again, a big thank you to all the volunteers who give so much time and energy to keeping our Saddleworth Museum welcoming visitors throughout the year.



Grow and Donate!

Calling all green fingered Friends—we would love you to grow some extra seeds, rooted cuttings or plant divisions to donate to our Plant Sale which will be held on Sunday 26th May. Please label them up and either drop them off at the museum steps the week before, or contact Charlie a couple of



Charlie Middlewood
"Friends" membership secretary

"Heartfelt thanks to all those who hand delivered this newsletter."



AGM

Annual General Meeting

THURSDAY 25th APRIL
7.15 pm

Find a Picture

Have you ever wanted to find a photograph of the area you live in, your house, or street. The Museum has an extensive collection of photographs and this is your opportunity.

Fill in the form below and we will search the collection and send you an email with "thumbnail" images of any photos we have found - if any!

You will then have the opportunity to order prints

Name _____
Email address _____

Description of what you are interested in _____



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A message from Charlie—our membership secretary

Dear Friend/s,

Your joining form should be enclosed. On behalf of your committee could I thank you in advance for your support in re-joining the "Friends" of Saddleworth Museum and Gallery? We have tried to make it easier to join or re-join. 1) Make a standing order, or annual transfer of funds, (with your surname & postcode as the reference) from your bank to Saddleworth Museum, bank account sort code 01-08-99 and bank account number 84183497. 2) Send cash or cheque with your completed form in the pre-addressed envelope provided. 3) Online using any debit or credit card or your PayPal account at <https://www.saddleworthmuseum.co.uk/friends/membership-renewal/>

If you could ask a friend to join they can pick up a form at the museum or you/they could write to me at the museum or email me at friends@saddleworthmuseum.co.uk with the address to which I should send a joining form. Hoping to hear from you, or see you, soon.

All the best, *Charlie Middlewood*



Friends' Coffee Mornings & 200+ Club Draw

The 2nd Wednesday of the Month from the 13th March

10am—12pm £2.50

A message from Oliver—Chair of our Friends' Committee

Dear Friend/s,

Your agenda and nomination form should be enclosed. Your "Friends" membership is the most important way you can support the museum. Your committee invite you to attend the AGM on Thursday 25th April. Your committee works as hard as they can to arrange memberships, events, and projects we hope you enjoy and of value to the museum. In 2023/2024 we raised thousands for the museum and alongside other purchases we also bought some additional outdoor garden furniture which can be found in the "secret garden" at the museum.

If you would like to provide additional support for the 'Friends' of this valuable local community resource or would just like a new challenge for 2024 please offer to help your committee. I hope you can attend on the 25th but if not please email me at friends@saddleworthmuseum.co.uk

Many Thanks,

Oliver Benson

Dates for Diaries!

John Sutcliffe Retrospective "Centenary Water Colours"	17th February—17th March
Spring Buffet in the Gallery. £15.00 per person	7th April 1.00pm-4.00pm
Yorkshire Monochrome Group "Photographic Exhibition"	23rd March—21st April
Friends of the Museum AGM	Thursday 25th April 7.15pm
Textile Art Group "Textile Exhibition"	27th April—26th May
Model Railway Exhibition	4th—5th May
Plant Sale	26th May 11am-3.00pm
Saddleworth Group of Artists "Summer Exhibition"	6th—30th June
Linda Evans + Holmfirth Arts Week (first week) "Art Exhibition"	6th July—4th August

See <https://www.saddleworthmuseum.co.uk/events> or ring 01457 874093 1-4pm for details