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Newsletter



Autumn/Winter 2025

Friends Plaque

At this year's Friends Annual General Meeting, Peter Fox, (the museum curator), reminded us that over the years since the Friends had been established (c1970), their contribution had been essential and significant. In monetary terms around £250,000, at least around £500,000 - half a million in today's value allowing for inflation. The non-monetary contributions have been just as significant. This is an amazing achievement and yet nowhere in the museum

is there any acknowledgement of this. Peter proposed that a plaque should be erected somewhere in the museum to acknowledge the support that the Friends have given to the museum over the years. A plaque was designed by Peter, and laser engraved by Steve Reed. It is similar to the one marking Roger Tanner's support of the museum that Steve had also made. The plaque has been put at the bottom of the main stairs where



people who are Friends, can rightly feel proud that they have contributed to the ongoing success of the museum. It will also remind people that the museum is independent and run as a registered charity.

200+ Club Appeal

Since 2009, another essential fund-raiser for the museum has been the 200+ Club. The final draw of the current year will be held at the August coffee morning and **thank you to all who joined last year!** With this newsletter you should re-

ceive a new 200+ Club joining form. The first of the new year's draw will be held at the coffee morning on the 10th September. Eileen, the organiser, will need to process your application and let you know your number/s before Sept.

200 + club
From September 2025 to August 2026

The first monthly prize was around £35 last year but with 200+ members it could be around £45. **The more of us join, the more numbers we buy, the bigger all the prizes.**

Autumn Luncheon Sunday 5th Oct.



Details of menus and prices and how to book should be available toward the end of August. We will email details to those who have email. Those without email can telephone the museum on 01457 874093 for more details, or visit reception (between 1 and 4 pm) to book and pay. Tickets will also be available online at

<https://www.saddleshworthmuseum.co.uk/shops/shop-online/>

For those who do book please arrive at 1 pm for a 1.30 start.



Charlie Middlewood

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All art exhibitions in the community gallery are normally free to view 1 to 4 pm and some have a meet the artist event. Please check our other events in this gallery before your visit

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A message from Charlie

Dear Friend/s, during the first half of 2025 we raised funds through coffee mornings and offering refreshments at the model railway exhibition. The Friends also raised around £800 through the buffet lunch and £700 from the plant sale. **We are grateful to all the volunteers who helped.**

A big THANK YOU to all who have re-joined since the last newsletter. As you will also see from the article on page 1, your continued support is essential and most appreciated.

If you did not rejoin you will find a gentle reminder with this newsletter. You can re-join by :- sending cash or a cheque made out to Saddleworth Museum : a direct payment from your bank to the Saddleworth Museum bank account, sort code 01-08-99 and account number 84183497 or : online at <https://www.saddleworthmuseum.co.uk/friends/>

200+ Club
Bonus Draw

Please note that both the monthly draw and the **annual bonus draw** for the 200+ Club will take place at our Christmas coffee morning on Wed.10th Dec.!



Friends Coffee Mornings and 200+ Club Draw


The 2nd Wednesday of the Month 10 am - 12 pm

Pay at the door **£2.50** until further notice



2025 Dates for your Diaries!

SADDLEWORTH
Museum and Gallery

Art exhibition "The Art of Robert Lees"	19th July to 17th Aug.
Art exhibition by Rachel Fish	23rd Aug. to 21st Sept.
Art exhibition by Alan J Thompson	27th Sept. to 26th Oct.
Autumn Luncheon (book mid August onward)	5th Oct.
Launch of Christmas Raffle at reception	1st Nov.
Launch of 2026 calendar and gift selections	1st Nov.
Art Exhibition by Springhead Group of Artists	1st Nov. to 30th Nov.
Craft Fair Weekend (free entry)	15th & 16th Nov.
Art Exhibition Saddleworth Group of Artists	6th Dec. to Jan. 2026
Christmas Coffee Morning + Bonus Draw 	10th Dec.
Santa at the Museum (book in November)	13th & 14th Dec.
Christmas raffle draw in the gallery	14th Dec.

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