

North Staffordshire Association
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Programme



Snowdrops at Holme Pierrepont Hall

ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRIPS AND MEETINGS

Coaches depart promptly from SCHOOL STREET, Newcastle, behind the Swimming Baths. Nearby long-stay parking. Should a member cancel their booking it is regretted that reimbursement is only possible if there is a waiting list. There will be a £2 per cheque handling charge. Members are requested not to find their own replacement. Non-members taking part in coach outings pay an additional £1. The committee has agreed that with rising numbers it is only fair that members should have priority when booking trips and holidays.

Members are asked to note that it is not possible for the coach to stop at places other than School Street to pick people up or drop them off on the outward or return journeys. The coach will not wait for members who are late, either at School Street or at other pick up points. Members are advised to take careful note of when or where they will be picked up. Anyone missing a coach will have no claim on the Association.

Cheques to be made payable to the “**N. Staffs. Association of NT Members**”. Due to current banking procedure, please note that cheques are not cleared until after an event. Members are asked to write a separate cheque for each event they book.

Note: The committee does not consider it proper that an event should incur a loss and therefore reserves the right to cancel should there be insufficient support.

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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR:

I hope the spring sunshine is favouring you as you read this and that you will find the programme of outings attractive - do book early!

The sub-committee which plans and organises the programme is currently smaller than in the past but we have worked hard to maintain our high standards and arrange a schedule with plenty of variety. However, we are always keen to have suggestions for events or places to visit and if you have any good ideas, do pass them on to us. We would also like opinions on the question of a Christmas lunch. Should we continue as before, look for another venue, have an evening meal rather than a lunch or even move the event to the New Year or the Spring? Do let us know what you think. Finding a suitable lunchtime venue with good food at a reasonable price is difficult but you may know of a gem of a place we have never considered Tell us!

We are also keen to know if members would like other sorts of events, particularly walks, which we have not offered for many years. A recent letter from NT HQ gave a list of suggested events for Associations; they range from aroma-therapy evenings through bridge tournaments, French evenings and promise auctions to yoga sessions! Which of these would you enjoy and would you organise one of them? If the answers are 'None' and 'No', do you have any alternative suggestions?

I hope this 'Note' will provoke some of you to contact me or any other committee member with ideas and offers of help!

Very best wishes - Anne Anderton

EWART OKEY

Many members will already be aware of the sudden death of Ewart Okey on December 23rd, 2005. Ewart was a most valued and hard-working member of the committee for many years. He masterminded over 30 editions of the Newsletter single-handed and used his computer skills to great effect; he also gave invaluable help to John Beaumont when he took over recently as the new Editor. People frequently enjoyed his company on outings and holidays and knew of his varied interests in birds, gardens and travel, which he enjoyed with Myra. He also organised and ran several holidays which provided great interest and pleasure. We shall miss him very much and we extend our sympathy to Myra and the family.

Several members of the committee and the Association attended the funeral in January.

Little Moreton Hall - 'Embroidery in Trust' Exhibition

You may have seen in the North West News that The Embroiderers' Guild are celebrating their centenary in 2006. To mark this they are including in their programme an exhibition of embroidery inspired by the house and gardens at Little Moreton Hall. The exhibition will be held in the Great Hall at Little Moreton Hall from 24th May to 25th June 2006.

Biddulph Grange Garden - Major Floral Art Exhibition 'To Gild the Lily' designed by Barry Grey

Members may also be interested in this exhibition described as a profusion of contemporary and traditional displays set in the magnificent surroundings of a unique Victorian Garden. Open from 17th to 21st May 2006 10.00am to 6.00pm.

Further to the visit to Attingham Park

The committee passed on the criticism of the tea-room service (see last Newsletter). We have had a detailed reply in which they thank us for the opportunity to respond. In summary they will by now have redesigned their servery to enable swifter service (similar to improvements at Charlecote Park in 2005) and they will also open a second facility - the Carriage House Kiosk - when they are busy. They are confident that these measures will address the criticism.

REVIEW OF TALKS

Monday January 23rd Medical Institute, 8.00 p.m.

Ron Scholes: Around Switzerland

It was a truly magical evening enjoyed by everyone. Having braved the arctic weather, the hall was packed for the first meeting of the New Year.

We were transported to Switzerland listening to Ron Scholes and looking at his magnificent slides. His entertaining talk made us think we were actually with him looking at the Matterhorn and range of twelve peaks, some 1200 feet high before dropping down to the capital city of Berne which remains unspoilt. The city's emblem is the bear and live bears can still be seen in the bear pit.

From there by chair lift it was possible to view hidden hanging valleys and visit mountain cabins, the most impressive being 'the cathedral' with wonderful panoramic views.

Later Ron and his family boarded the 'Glacier Express' from Zermatt, an impressive ride over viaducts, through tunnels, and along ridges. Several days were spent using the rail network. From Wengen they saw clear views of the Jungfrau and walked on a glacier. Visiting several exclusive lakeside resorts we were finally brought down to earth. An unforgettable evening.

Margaret Hemmings

Wednesday February 22nd Medical Institute, 8.00 p.m.

Mr. Stevenson: From Quarry to Quoins - the work of a stonemason.

Mr Basil Stevenson, who spent most of his life working at the Hollington quarries, gave us a very interesting and informative account of all the kinds of work done in order to produce dressed stone for buildings, decorative details for repairs to churches, etc., and free-standing pieces to commemorate certain people or events.

We learned how the great blocks of stone are prised from their beds and we were shown examples of the sorts of saws now used to cut the stone. The modern computer-controlled saws are a far cry from the old hand-saws and the work of cutting can be done in hours rather than days.

It was obvious that Mr Stevenson could see beauty in both the stone itself and the machines, but for most of us the real beauty came when he showed examples of the

detailed work done by hand when the artistry and skill of the stonemason is shown to best effect. We saw slides of capitals on buildings in the Euston area of London which his firm had restored, an amazing curved exterior of a shopping mall in Harrogate, restoration work in many churches and a demonstration of how to cut a perfect ball from a cube of stone. He told us of the different kinds of stone, such as Portland, Red Hollington and Strine (I'm not sure of the spelling!) and their various qualities; it was interesting to see the very white stone which was used recently to restore some of the pinnacles at Capesthorpe Hall.

Over 50 years ago the firm provided much of the stone for the rebuilding of Coventry Cathedral and though it does less work these days it was good to learn that there is still stone available to provide us with enduring beauty in some of our great buildings.

Tuesday 14th March Medical Institute, 7.30 pm

Richard Tuffrey: The Heritage-led Regeneration of Buxton

Joint Meeting with the Historic Buildings Trust

There can be no doubt that members welcomed this talk, as many have observed with sadness the decline and decay of our smaller neighbour over the years.

The speaker described in detail the 'Buxton Crescent and Thermal Spa Project' on the way giving us insights into the history of Buxton and glimpses of parts that have been unseen by the public for many years.

The thermal springs were used by the Romans who established *Aquae Armentinae*, and then progressed through the elegance of a Georgian spa promoted by the fifth Duke of Devonshire, to a more robust Victorian resort town. The restoration some twenty years ago of the Opera House, perhaps the crowning glory of the last phase and its subsequent success, together with minor improvements such as the Slopes, gave hope for regeneration on a larger scale.

The scheme that has been put forward is immensely complex and involves many bodies, both in operating and financing capacities. It is surprising to learn that the Crescent, the main object of the plans, has one end which belongs to the High Peak Borough Council and one end to Derbyshire County Council. Both of these authorities are major participants and fund providers in the plans, along with many other public and private organisations.

Happenstance played a part in the story, for instance the buildings and site of the Devonshire Hospital, containing what was once the largest unsupported dome in the world, became available as the University of Derby was looking for premises suitable for its expansion. Other buildings coming within the range of the plans are the Pump Room and the Thermal Baths.

Mr Tuffrey asked us to cross our collective fingers for the submission for approval of the scheme a few days after our talk, and members whole-heartedly supported the vision for the re-establishment of Buxton as a 21st Century Spa.

REVIEW OF TRIPS

The Bridgewater Hall, Manchester, Sunday December 11th, 2005. An Evening with The Hallé

Arriving at the Bridgewater Hall with its prow-like elevation outlined in sparkling lights, we were welcomed by a member of the Hallé Management Team and given our complimentary programmes, which Penny had arranged, and immediately felt we were about to enjoy a special evening.

Under the elegant baton of Paul Daniel, the Halle treated us to the music of three composers who all expressed their northern characters and environments in their compositions. Sibelius's Lemminkainen returned from the dark, sombre underground to ride joyfully back to earth, and we rode with him on a sweep of energetic and exciting music. John Lill then gave a masterly interpretation of Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No.2. From the familiar opening piano chords, through the sweet melodies of the second movement, to the high emotion and drama of the bravura passages of the final movement, we felt a range of emotions, all given clear expression by a pianist of great experience.

After the interval, Tchaikovsky's Pathétique Symphony provided another opportunity for the orchestra to demonstrate their command of many moods, tones and volumes. The resounding brass and woodwind at the climax of the 3rd movement gave way to the almost anguished sounds of the opening of the final movement, which ended as though the music had returned to the depths of the earth, from where the whole concert had begun.

This was an exciting programme and we are grateful to Penny for the arrangements which made our visit so easy and pleasant.

Anne Anderton

Saturday February 25th 2006 NOTTINGHAM and HOLME PIERREPONT HALL

On a bright but bitterly cold day we were glad to hurry into the warmth of the Castle Museum at Nottingham, though hardier souls walked to the town centre. The museum has varied and interesting collections, including art, ceramics, costumes and a Regimental museum.

In the afternoon we moved on to Holme Pierrepont Hall where Mr. Brackenbury, the owner, took us first into the 17th century church and told us a little of its history. He pointed out some of the alabaster monuments for which it is famous and we compared the effigies of two Pierrepont knights before going into the Hall, at whose door clumps of winter-flowering iris were in bloom. The brick-built Jacobean house was originally a 'lodging' behind a much larger Great Hall, now long gone, but is noted for its construction which demonstrated the wealth of the original family by the number and size of the oak beams. The rooms contain fine examples of English and Dutch oak furniture and are handsomely decorated with family portraits from the 17th century to very recent times.

After tea and biscuits we looked round the knot garden with its crisp box hedges and the east garden where there were snowdrops, hellebores and winter cyclamen in bloom. We felt we had been warmly welcomed into a much-loved family home and the visit was enjoyed by all.

Our thanks to Anne for organising a cheerful day out in the winter.

M Hopley



A PIERREPONT KNIGHT TO REMEMBER

BOOKING FOR OUTINGS

The committee would like to urge all members to look carefully at what is involved in booking for an outing or a holiday. Consider the starting time, the length of the day, the amount of walking and stair-climbing involved, the number of times of getting on and off a coach, etc.

Please be sure you can manage all these independently and without help so that you can enjoy the day to the full by being able to participate in all aspects of the outing.

If you have not received acknowledgement of a booking within 2 weeks, please enquire as we believe that some bookings have recently gone astray in the post.

SPRING PROGRAMME

TALKS

Tuesday 16th May 26th AGM 7.00 pm Medical Institute Hartshill

The AGM will start promptly at 7.00 pm. This will be followed by

TALK: RICHARD KEMP: THE RESTORATION OF THE WALLED GARDEN AT SHUGBOROUGH

Many members will be aware of this extensive project to return the historic walled garden at **Shugborough** to how it was in 1805. The work will be done using the tools and equipment of the period and will be based on

historical records as well as knowledge of gardening techniques in Regency times. This garden, designed by Samuel Wyatt, produced pineapples and vines as well as more traditional English flowers, fruit and vegetables but it has been derelict for almost a century so the team will have to work hard to achieve the state of perfection which would have been the case when the garden flourished.

Richard Kemp will tell us about the project, the gardening team and the plans to open the gardens and have costumed gardeners telling visitors about the garden and their work. It should be an interesting evening for all of us, as we shall be near enough to visit the gardens and see the work in its various stages.

The talk will be followed by a savoury buffet supper with tea or coffee. Wine may be purchased from the bar.

Time: AGM 7.00 pm Talk: 7.30 pm Buffet: 8.30 pm

The bar will be open from 6.30 pm

NB Please submit nominations for the committee to the Hon. Secretary, Audrey Aubrey by April 25th, 2006 (See Note at the end of the enclosed AGM Agenda).

For the £6.75 Supper Ticket please apply on the form provided at the end of the booking Forms before May 8th to:-

Audrey Aubrey, 10 Paris Avenue. Newcastle. ST5 2RQ Tel: 01782 623214, enclosing SAE.

VISITS

**Wednesday 24th May Car Outing to Henbury Hall,
Henbury, Nr Macclesfield & Adlington Hall, Nr Macclesfield.
Max 30**

Mr. Sebastian de Ferranti has invited members to his home at **Henbury Hall** when he will give members a personal tour of the house. This will be an unusual visit for members as the new Henbury Hall was built by Mr de Ferranti on the site of its predecessor and is of Palladian design following closely the pattern of Palladio's Villa Capra or Villa Rotonda of 1552, near Vicenza in Northern Italy.

Henbury Hall is a small house, smaller than its Palladian ancestors, and smaller than most country houses; but it is an ambitious and cultivated country house faced with stone with a dome and statuary, standing as a centre piece in a landscaped park, with vistas to open countryside.



HENBURY HALL

The gardens are spectacular, having been improved notably by the late Naomi de Ferranti (d. 2001) There is a well preserved ice house (probably early 19th century) close to the middle lake.

There is also an unusual design of tennis court, a fernery and a grotto.

Members should arrive at Henbury Hall not later than 10.30 am and it is anticipated that the tour of the house will finish at 12 30 p.m.

After leaving Henbury Hall members should make their own way to **Adlington Hall** arriving not later than 2.30 p.m. picking up lunch on their way or enjoying their own picnic en route .

Members will be met by Mrs. Camilla Legh, the owner of the Hall and be given a guided tour in two parties. Adlington Hall, the home of the Leghs of Adlington from 1315 to the present day, was built on the site of a hunting lodge which stood in the Forest of Macclesfield in 1040. The Hall is a manor house quadrangular in shape once surrounded by a moat. Part of the manor was built in 1581 in typical black and white Cheshire style with additions to the South and West in 1749 and 1757. Members may also enjoy the great Cheshire garden with ha ha, herbaceous borders, laburnum arcade, rose garden, the ancient Lime Avenue dating from 1688 and the Wilderness. Members will be offered tea and cakes before leaving.

Directions to Henbury Hall and Adlington Hall together with lunch suggestions with acceptance of booking.

Cost £15.25 to include tea and cakes.

Apply enclosing SAE to Peter Moxon, Millstone House, Butterton, Newcastle under Lyme, Staffordshire ST5 4EB Tel. 01782 616337

Closing date: 8th May 2006.

Tuesday 6th June 2006 Car Outing to Barlaston Hall (maximum 30 people) 7.00pm

We have all seen this elegant building, whether from the A34 or when driving to the Wedgwood factory, and wondered about its transformation from a derelict semi-ruin to a handsome private home. Now we have the opportunity for a private tour with Mrs Carol Hall, the owner, as our guide. We shall see the restored ground floor rooms and hear about the mystery of the portrait, which someone in our group may be able to solve. After the tour there will be a glass of wine.

Cost £5.00 per person. Details of the venue will be sent with acceptance of the booking.

Please apply to Mrs A Anderton, 14 Berne Avenue, Newcastle ST5 2QJ Tel 01782 613024 enclosing SAE.

Closing date for applications Friday 26th May 2006

Thursday 15th June Coach Outing to Oundle & Elton Hall, Northamptonshire

Oundle is one of the oldest towns in England with a market having been held every Thursday since 972AD. It has a time warp collection of cobbled streets full of interesting speciality shops, galleries and a museum. The Talbot Hotel dating from 1626 has a splendid oak staircase reputed to have come from Fotheringhay Castle. After coffee (included) on arrival, we will have a 1½ hour (approx) walking tour of the town with two experienced Blue badge Guides to include an interior visit of the famous public school. There will be free time to explore some of the town on your own.

After lunch (at own cost), we will travel the short distance to **Elton Hall**, the family home for over 350 years of Sir William Proby, Chairman of the National Trust. We will have a guided tour of the Hall and its magnificent collection of furniture and fine paintings ranging from 15th century Old Masters to the pre-Raphaelites. A highlight of the tour is the library which contains Henry VIII's prayer book. The gardens have been extensively restored in recent years with the addition of a gothic orangery to celebrate

the millennium. The afternoon concludes with a cream tea (included) at the nearby Walled Garden Centre.

Please note: this is a long day which inevitably includes a lot of standing and walking, much of it over uneven ground.

Depart 8.30am from School Street Return approx 18.30hrs.

Cost: £27.50 (non-members £28.50) includes coach, gratuities, all admission fees and guiding charges, coffee and tea.

Apply to Mrs P Moore, 26 Parkway Trentham ST4 8AG Tel 657645 enclosing SAE.

Booking Closes Tuesday 6th June.

Friday 30th June Car Outing to Clifton Hall, Clifton Campville, Nr. Tamworth

(Optional visit to National Memorial Arboretum) Max 30

Mr. Richard Blount has invited members to visit his home, **Clifton Hall** which is listed in Simon Jenkin's "England's 1000 Best Houses" and Mr. & Mrs. Blount are therein described as two of the Country House saints who devote themselves to bringing hope to the hopeless houses. (Mr. Blount is also rescuing Staunton Harold in Leicestershire). The house was designed by Francis Smith of Warwickshire for the Pye family in 1705. The great house was intended to fill the centre of the composition with wings for the stables and kitchen, but the main house was never built, and one wing was altered to provide a family house.

Members will be offered tea and biscuits at the conclusion of the visit.

It is suggested that members may wish to visit the National Memorial Arboretum in the morning under their own steam. **The Arboretum** is open from 10.00 am. and entrance is free. Guide books cost £2.50 each. the Arboretum provides a very interesting and moving experience. The Arboretum offers light lunches and snacks; otherwise please bring a picnic or seek out a local inn .

Members should arrive at Clifton Hall not later than 2.30 pm.

Directions to National Memorial Arboretum and Clifton Hall on application.

Cost £5.50 including tea and biscuits.

Apply: Peter Moxon, Millstone House, Butterton, Newcastle, Staffordshire, ST5 4EB. Tel: 01782 616337

Closing date: 14th June 2006

Thursday 13th July 2006 Car Outing to Trentham Gardens (maximum 25 people) 2.00pm

The restoration of the **Italian Gardens at Trentham** has attracted attention and admiration both nationally and internationally and the work done so far has been to a very high standard. We have arranged for a guided tour, led by one of the expert gardeners, followed by an afternoon tea of scones + cream, cake and tea in the garden tea room. There will be an introductory talk then a tour of about 1½ hours involving standing and walking, mostly on gravel paths. During the tour we will learn about the designers and their plans for further development of the gardens.

Meet at the Visitor Information Centre at 2.00pm. Footwear suitable for walking on gravel paths is needed.

Cost £13.50 per person to include entry to gardens, tour and tea. Further details will be sent with acceptance of the booking.

Please apply to Mrs A Anderton, 14 Berne Avenue, Newcastle ST5 2QJ
Tel: 01782 613024 enclosing SAE.

Closing date for applications Monday 3rd July 2006

Thursday 20 July Car Outing to Pradoc, West Felton, Oswestry, Shropshire (Maximum 40 people)

Colonel John Kenyon OBE MC will be delighted personally to welcome members to his family home at **Pradoc** built in 1785, the home of the Kenyons since 1803. The house is Grade 2 * listed. The furniture and artifacts are the original placed there in 1803. Colonel Kenyon has lived at Pradoc

since 1932 when he was 7 years old. He has spent the last ten years restoring the outhouses, the brewery, carpenter's shop and the dairy which have now been listed. The parkland and garden were planned by John Webb of the school of Capability Brown.

Members should arrive not later than 10.15am with coffee on arrival. Half the party will tour the house with Colonel Kenyon whilst the other half tour the garden parkland and extensive outbuildings. There will be a half hour break for members to enjoy their own picnic lunch. At 1.00pm the parties will swap over concluding their respective tours at 3.00pm.

Upon leaving Pradoe members are encouraged to visit the most delightful **Pradoe Church** approx one mile away which was built by Colonel Kenyon's Great Great Grandmother in 1860. Although the churchyard is consecrated, the church has never been consecrated. However in 1988 the Privy Council at the behest of the then Bishop of Lichfield, Keith Sutton, and goaded on by Colonel Kenyon approved the granting of "extra parochial" status for the church, believed to be unique in the country. Services are held regularly in the church.

Members should note that there are no facilities at Pradoe for their use except for coffee on arrival and separate toilet facilities for ladies and gents (don't all go at once!). Please bring a picnic and your own drinks.

Arrive not later than 10.15am.

Directions on application.

Cost £8.00 to include coffee on arrival.

Apply enclosing SAE to Peter Moxon, Millstone House, Butterton, Newcastle under Lyme, Staffordshire ST5 4EB Tel: 01782 616337

Closing date: Monday 3rd July 2006.

Tuesday 25th July Eastnor Castle

Coach Outing to Ledbury and

Ledbury is a picturesque and thriving Herefordshire Market town with a wealth of historic black and white architecture set in one of England's most beautiful landscapes. After coffee and biscuits (included) in the **16th Century Feathers' Hotel**, explore the town at your own pace with the help

of a Town guide leaflet (included). Tuesday is **Market Day** so the town should be bustling.

After lunch (at own cost) in one of the many cafes and pubs in the town, it is a short drive to **Eastnor Castle**. Built in the early 19th Century, the Castle is a fine example of Norman/Gothic revival in architecture of that time. Inside, a vast 60 foot high Hall leads to a series of State Rooms, some designed by Pugin with original furniture and decoration and a Library in the style of the Italian Renaissance. Recently restored by the Hervey-Bathurst family, it contains a fine collection of early Italian art, medieval armour, Flemish tapestries, paintings by Van Dyck and Reynolds and early photographs by Margaret Cameron. Tea (at own cost) available in the old Castle Kitchen.



EASTNOR CASTLE

Depart 8.30am from School Street. Return approx 6.00 pm.

Cost: £21 (non-members £22) includes coach, gratuities, coffee, town guide leaflet and admission to Eastnor Castle.

Apply to Mrs P Moore 26 Parkway Trentham ST4 8AG Tel 657645 enclosing SAE

Booking Closes Tuesday 18th July.

Thursday 10th August Coach Outing to Heelis - New NT Headquarters and Railway Museum at Swindon

We have arranged a very special day out to visit the new **award-winning HQ** at Swindon, combined with a visit to the superb **STEAM Museum** next door, all in a former railway complex. See page 58 of the National Trust Spring 2006 magazine

We shall arrive at **Heelis** at approximately 11.00 am where we shall have coffee and biscuits then a tour of this very interesting building named in honour of Beatrix Potter, a founder-member of the NT, and furnished with carpets woven of wool from the Trust's own Herdwick sheep.

It will be possible to have lunch in the restaurant at Heelis or go next door to a large Outlet shopping Mall where there is a food court serving a variety of food. We may be able to have discount cards for shopping there.

At 2.30pm we shall go to the railway museum on the same site. This is a very extensive museum which will interest everyone who has ever travelled by train as it portrays the whole life of the railway system of this country from its pioneers and early engineers through the towns which rose to provide workers, stations and services, to the social history of railways right up to the present day. There are films, videos, models, actual engines, carriages, interactive displays, etc.....it is not just for the railway 'buffs'!

As the journey is long, an early start is necessary and we shall not stop en route; there will also be a good deal of standing and walking so comfortable shoes are needed.

Depart Newcastle 8.30 am; Return approx. 7.30pm

Cost: £19.50 (non-members £20.50) includes coach, coffee, entry to museum, gratuities but no lunch; or £30.00 (non-members £31.00): as above but also including pre-booked lunch at £10.50 pp

If booking lunch, please indicate menu choice on the booking form.

Please apply to: Mrs. A. Anderton, 14, Berne Avenue, Newcastle, Staffs, ST5 2QJ Tel: 01782 613024 enclosing SAE and appropriate cheque.

Closing date for applications – July 27th.

Thursday 24th August Car Outing to Quarry Bank Mill, Apprentice House and Styal Village, Styal, Cheshire. (A National Trust Property) Max 40.

Quarry Bank Mill is a working mill as well as a museum. From the simple wheel to the Spinning Jenny and Crompton's famous Mule, visitors can watch the process and history of the development of the cotton spinning process.

Quarry Bank Mill is one of the last working water powered mills in the world. Visitors can see the Beam Engine, the horizontal steam engine and the impressive turbines.

Members should arrive and park in the car park at the Mill no later than 10.30 am where they will be met by guides. Coffee will be offered on arrival.

Two groups of 20 each will tour the Mill from 11.00 am until 1.00 pm. Lunch can be obtained in the restaurant or members may take a picnic.

After lunch members will tour the **Apprentice House** and thereafter members are encouraged to stroll through the fields to **Styal Village** to absorb the atmosphere of the workers' lives and community spirit.

Directions on application

Cost £4.50 to include coffee on arrival and guides.

PLEASE BRING NATIONAL TRUST MEMBERSHIP CARDS

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Closing date 14 August 2006



VIEW OF QUARRY BANK MILL

Schools Visits

In 2005 we donated £250 each to Moseley Old Hall and Little Moreton Hall to subsidise transport for local primary schools' visits. We are pleased to hear that Talke Pits school will visit Little Moreton Hall on May 12th, and Friarwood Primary on May 25th while Crescent Primary from Meir will be at Moseley Old Hall on May 16th. All the schools are delighted to receive these subsidies:- any member attending either property on one of these dates would be very welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2006

TBASTOCKPORT, The STAIRCASE HOUSE &
TOWN HALL Coach Outing (Autumn 2006 or Spring 2007)

TBABolsover and Hardwick

Wednesday, October 11th.....Talk at Medical Institute

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