



VOICES OF WORTLEY HALL

The Story of "Labour's Home", 1951-2011

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"THE VOICES OF WORTLEY HALL"

The 60th Anniversary History of Labour's Home

1951-2011

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This History of Wortley Hall will be launched at the South Yorkshire Festival

On Saturday, 2nd July 2011.

The book tells the story, in some detail, of the early volunteers who got Wortley Hall up and running, then follows the chronological narrative through to the present day. In part it is formal record of six decades of change and progress at Labour's Home set within the political context of its times, and interspersed with personal reminiscences – the actual "Voices of Wortley Hall".

Included in the narrative are descriptions of the evolution of the buildings, the 26 acres of award winning gardens and the recent transformation of the walled kitchen garden. The book attempts to evaluate the contribution of leading personalities, the unions' national and regional schools and the joyous week-long holidays relished by pensioners over the years. Running through the book is an appreciation of the mechanics of running a Grade II* listed building, that is both an educational centre and "Four Star" guest accommodation.

The book will be on sale from 2nd July from Reception at Wortley Hall.

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