

# ROGERTHORPE MANOR HOTEL

## A BRIEF HISTORY

- 1 *The earliest known owner of the Rogerthorpe Estate was a Samuel Saltonstal who in 1610 started to build the house, which later was to become known as Rogerthorpe Manor, and eventually Rogerthorpe Manor Hotel. It is unclear how Saltonstal came to own the Manor of Rogerthorpe, but it is known that he married the daughter of William Rudston of Hayton*
- 2 *Upon Saltonstal's death, the ownership of the Manor passed to his son, Samuel (jnr), who married the daughter of John Flower of Methley.*
- 3 *After the death of Samuel (jnr), the estate passed onto his son also Samuel, who married the daughter of John Shann also of Methley. This Samuel was recorded as living at Rogerthorpe in 1666*

*(the year of the great fire of London). The Samuel family were also resident at Rogerthorpe throughout the English Civil war and their assets were seized by the County Commissioners in 1648 but appear to have been returned intact.*

4 *In 1709 Susan Saltonstal married into the Sunderland family and records reveal a Sunderland family living at Rogerthorpe from 1709 to 1720.*

5 *By the late 1700's a Colonel Edward Rawstorne resided at Rogerthorpe Manor and his daughter, Elizabeth Jane Rawstorne has a memorial in St Anne's Chapel at Badsworth church.*

6 *The next owner of Rogerthorpe Manor appears to be a Mrs Kitchingham who is recorded as being the owner in 1816. The Kitchinghams came from Carlton Husthwaite and Leeds. Rogerthorpe (and half the manor at Upton) was then later inherited by Charles Oxley of Ripon.*

7 *Oxley became the Landlord of the manor and the tenancy of Rogerthorpe Manor was taken up by Roger and Mary Mason. Roger died in 1793 (age 60) and Mary in 1831 (age 82). Both are buried in Badsworth church. Their only child, Sarah Mason married Joshua Hepworth and they in turn resided at the Manor House. They had two sons, John and Joshua (jnr). After the deaths of Joshua and Mary Mason, John left Rogerthorpe, but Joshua (jnr) continued to live in the Manor. Joshua (jnr) married Sarah Cope Allott, the daughter of the vicar of South Kirby and by 1861 he was farming 300 acres of land and employed thirteen people. Joshua died childless in 1879.*

8 The successor to Rogerthorpe Manor after the death of Joshua Mason (jnr) in 1879 was William Brackenridge, but he only stayed for a few years and the tenancy passed to Lt Col Ramsden. Later in 1891, Ramsden bought Rogerthorpe Manor from his Landlord, Oxley of Ripon. The purchase price was £12,000 for the house and 214 acres of land. Ramsden had been with the Coldstream Guards until he retired in 1883 and was decorated with the Egypt medal with the Tel-el-Kebir clasp and the Khedive's Bronze Star. In his retirement he became Master of the Badsworth Hunt in 1892 and was a Church Warden at Badsworth and a local magistrate. He died in 1927 (age 81)

9 Rogerthorpe Manor, having been left by Lt Col Ramsden to his nephew, was sold at public auction on 1<sup>st</sup> October 1928. The Manor House was purchased by Joyce Ethelin, the wife of John R P Warde-Aldam of Frickley Hall. The Warde-Aldam family continued to live at Frickley Hall and the next resident at Rogerthorpe was Mrs P S Neville who stayed until circa 1936

10 In 1943 Rogerthorpe Manor and 3.5 acres of land was bought by Frank Bramley Jackson, a director of Jackson's Glassworks at Knottingley.

11 Rogerthorpe Manor changed hands again in 1955, being bought by Stanley Tinsdale. This proved to be a major turning point in the history of the manor as it was turned into a somewhat exclusive members only Country Club. One such member being Lord King of British Airways fame who also stabled his horses at the manor. The Tinsdale family owned Rogerthorpe Manor until 1972.

12 In 1972 Kenneth Buchanan took the Manor and stayed for eleven years, and opened the country club to the general public.

13 In 1983 Rogerthorpe Manor was bought by a company called Minsterchoice Limited who attempted to change the Manor from being a Country Club to a Country House Inn with “live music”

14 In 1987 the Manor was bought by Melvyn Wallis and his wife from London. Their stay was short however, as the Manor went into receivership in 1989.

15 The Wharfe family from Sharlston were the next owners in 1990, but once again the Receivers were called in and the Manor was back on the market in 1992.

16 Parkside Inne and leisure (Isle of Man) acquired Rogerthorpe Manor in 1992 and carried out a series of extensions with some redevelopment works. By 2000, the Manor had become a twenty four bedroom hotel with a Jacobean style pub added.

17 In 2004 Rogerthorpe Manor was bought by the Metcalfe family. The Metcalfe's come from a farming background and from the 1930's five Metcalfe brothers farmed over a thousand acres of land at Wentbridge, Darrington, Womersley and Knottingley. The eldest, Arthur was a Master of Badsworth Hunt and was a leading Point to Point jockey in the 1930's winning the Badsworth Point

*to Point trophy three years in succession on Birdspring a much revered horse at the time. Arthur married Freda Lawson and by coincidence the Lawsons farmed the Rogerthorpe Manor Farm.*

*Another of the Metcalfe Brothers was Reginald who was the father of Roger Metcalfe. In the 1960's Roger broke away from the farming fraternity to carve out a successful career as a leading Consulting Engineer before turning to property management. When his property company purchased Rogerthorpe Manor the hotel management was taken up by Churchill House Securities Ltd, a next generation company. Managing Director Richard J Metcalfe has extensive hotel experience having trained with Trusthouse Forte. This, together with a continuous upgrading and improvement programme of works has now established Rogerthorpe Manor as one of the leading venues in Yorkshire for Weddings, Conferences, Private Parties and Business use. Overseas travellers are frequently seen at the Manor from as far afield as America, Australia, Japan and New Zealand.*

*Many household names have also been seen at Rogerthorpe since 2004, some of which are:-*

*Showaddywaddy, (Pop Group), Dave Lee Travis, (DJ), Slade, (Pop Group), Keane, (Pop Group) Kevin Keegan, (ex Liverpool FC), Ronnie Whelan, (ex Liverpool FC), Neil Ruddock, (ex Liverpool FC), Nobby Stiles, (ex Man Utd FC), Jack Charlton, (ex Leeds Utd FC), Paul Merson, (ex Arsenal FC), Norman Whiteside, (ex Man Utd FC), Norman Hunter, (ex Leeds Utd FC), Mike Tyson, (ex World Heavyweight Boxing Champion), Frank Bruno, (ex Boxer), Steve Collins, (ex Boxer), Richard Dunn, (ex Boxer), Jake LaMotta, (ex Boxer, The Raging Bull), Alan Bean, (astronaut Apollo 12, fourth man on moon), Charles Duke, (astronaut Apollo 16, tenth man on moon), Ian McCaskill, (ex TV Weather Presenter).*