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Welcome to our latest edition, being our first property based magazine production of 2011.

Originally we named our magazine "a different view" on the basis that we would always try and show interesting photograph's of Calderdale together with a brief insight into our thoughts on what is presently happening in Calderdale from the perspective of property and location.

On this occasion in the magazine I have decided to focus our interest on property through the ages in Calderdale. For many years now I have considered myself to be extremely fortunate to travel the length and breadth of West Yorkshire, mainly Calderdale, visiting many beautiful homes in outstanding locations. To this day I still look forward to visiting these properties and seeing them in different conditions both unmodernised and modernised and appreciating how people put their own personal stamp upon their own homes. My appetite for this today is no less than it was many years ago when I qualified as a Chartered Surveyor and it was at that time that I discovered a huge interest in period properties over a variety of different centuries. It is this interest that has stimulated me to look at just some of our properties that we have on the market for sale at the moment over different periods of time and then I have looked at how these properties have evolved throughout Calderdale over the centuries. I very much hope that you find my article interesting.

I would very much like to bring to your attention an article within our magazine, written about a very special Calderdale family, Jane and Malcom Sykes of Barkisland and their son Ben and their work in connection with raising money for epilepsy. I have the upmost respect for them as I know Jane and Malcom work tirelessly in aid of this very good cause. Their support to myself has been invaluable over the years for which I thank them.

Finally, many thanks to the number of local businesses for their support in compiling this magazine and the written contributions which all make interesting reading.

I very much hope that you enjoy our magazine and should you wish to be included within our next edition, which is distributed throughout Calderdale, then please do not hesitate to contact Kerry Pearce on 01422 380100.

Also do not forget that this issue is also available as an "E book" on our website www.charnockbates.co.uk.

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From left to right- Amanda Hopkinson, Leanne Elliott, Jean Keech, Lydia Baldwin, Beverly Charnock-Bates, Stewart Charnock-Bates, Carolyn Harris and Kerry Pearce.

ere at Charnock Bates we offer a more contemporary approach to selling property, with a fresh vibrant team of enthusiastic staff, the majority of whom have been with us for over 8 years! Combining years of experience and the tried and tested methods of selling with new exciting ideas relating to web and brochure design, marketing and photography to keep the company moving forward and to make the buying and selling process easier for you!

Below is an introduction to our team.

Amanda and Jean undertake many of our property viewings and are both keen and approachable they also deal with telephone enquiries and help out with reception duties. Amanda keeps our website looking up to date by adding the slideshows to each property. There other duties include entertaining the team, cleaning and tea making (much to their dismay!!)

Kerry has been with us now for 8 years and is definitely one of the most sociable members of our team. She has supported Charnock Bates in her role as Advertising Manager in an efficient and competent manner and as I'm sure for those of you whom have seen our press advertising and this magazine you will agree a pat on the back is well deserved! Other duties include accompanying Leanne on brochures, sales negotiating, sales progression, viewings and various other duties.

Lydia has been with us now for 18 months and has firmly established her place within the team. She is our youngest member of the team at only 20 but certainly enjoys bossing us oldies around! Lydia deals with all aspects of reception and accounts, so when a bill lands on your doorstep you have her to thank! As I'm sure you will have noticed if you are a client- she is very efficient!!

Sarah is one of our longest standing members of staff at over 10 years and is currently on maternity leave after the birth of her son Max. So our congratulations go out to her and her family. Sarah is very flexible in her duties here and will turn her hand to whatever is necessary to help the rest of the team, whether that be photography, brochures, viewings etc we can always rely on Sarah not to let us down. Thankfully, she is one of our most level headed members of staff and is always there if I need a shoulder to cry on.

Leanne has been with us now for 9 years, she is a valuer along with myself and is also responsible for all photography. Other duties include the designing and production of all glossy brochures, sales progression and the management of our website. She never fails to push me to the limit in respect of patience but ultimately her greater technical ability over mine will always help her progress within Charnock Bates.

Carolyn undertakes viewings for us on a weekend. She is very experienced and friendly and has a passion and enthusiasm for property. She has an equestrian background and is therefore especially knowledgeable in this field. Nothing is too much trouble for Carolyn and she will do anything to help you.

Rachel also works weekends for us whilst attending university during the working week. She deals with all aspects of running the office on a weekend when we are all recovering from working all week!

Now we come to the end I hear you all ask what is left for me to do? Well very little it seems, but for those of you who are familiar with the girls here I'm sure you will understand it's not easy for me being the only man amongst all those hormones! I mainly spend my time these days concentrating on valuations of our larger country houses and dealing with clients and buyers as much as possible in order to offer a personal touch, which is something that I feel is very important in our business.

Additionally somebody has to control the girls, run the business and make the arithmetic add up. In recent years this has become an important role for me ensuring that we remain a successful company but one at the same time that always offers a first class service with a competitive edge.

I hope you agree that in many ways we all have achieved this.

Stewart Charnock-Bates MRICS

# REAKING NEWS - BREAKING NEWS - BREAKING NEWS - BR WS - Breaking News - Breaking News - Breaking Nev Reaking News - Breaking News - Breaking News Ews

# 2011....Is this the year to buy?

A fter a cautious and slow start to 2010, mainly due to the wintry conditions in January, the year economically picked up as did property sales. Generally 2010 was seen as the year where we were emerging out of economic doom and gloom from what were poor trading conditions in 2009. This was very much the case with the market place having to contend with many distractions during the year including budgets, change of government, world cup and finally the cuts in October.

But we at Charnock Bates managed to secure the sale of many properties during this year. For example Soaper House, Coley (pictured opposite) was advertised at an asking price of £695,000 and a sale was achieved relatively quickly close to the asking price. There was a similar story with regards to Thunnerly, The Deer Park, Holywell Green (pictured below) and again the outcome was successful. These properties showed in 2010 that where a property was marketed correctly at an asking price representative of 2010 values then one always has a good chance of realising a sale even in difficult trading conditions. What will 2011 bring us? Well, after listening to our economic experts on the news I don't think they will ever get a position in sales. All we hear at the moment is that 2011 is going to be difficult due to VAT increases, public sector job cuts and its impact upon unemployment, high fuel prices and how the bad winter weather so far will affect the economy. It would be foolish of me to say that the property market would be unaffected by these things but everything that I have just mentioned are ways in which an economy can be affected over a short term. When one is involved in the property sector one tends to look at the bigger picture as property for the vast majority of people is a medium to long term investment. Therefore, what is presently affecting our pockets at the moment won't necessarily affect the property market over a long period of time.

There are many reasons why people



move home, most of which are natural causes such as a growing family or quite simply getting older and of course one must not forget that financial institutions make money by lending money. Therefore, it is my firm opinion that what we are experiencing at the moment is a short term blip before the economy recovers. As the private sector proves to be resilient by eventually reducing unemployment. The impact of the increased costs I have mentioned will lessen as time elapses and eventually a more stable economy will enable growth in the property sector.

In Calderdale I expect that houses will continue to sell throughout 2011 at a price not dissimilar to 2010 due to the benefits that it receives from being very close to Leeds and Manchester. These external factors cannot be ignored and this will provide the people of Calderdale with a constant influx of people wanting to live in a particularly desirable location whilst at the same time being able to access two of the biggest cities within the country within 40 minutes travelling distance.

So overall I am quietly confident that Calderdale as a location will enter this apparent economic tunnel of doom and gloom but will find that the light at the end of the tunnel is well within our reach to move forward sooner for us than for many others. Admittedly we may have to wait until 2012 to see any positive signs of local economic growth but because of our overall location I do believe that we are at the very least in a good position to hold our own in 2011. Therefore I see no justification why one should not buy within the area within the next year.



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# The Importance Of Asset Allocation When Investing In Pensions And Investment Portfolio's

By Robert Brear BSc(Hons) Dip PFS IFA



Understanding a clients risk tolerance and then recommending a range of funds covering different asset classes and geographical regions is one of the most important factors for a professional adviser when constructing a portfolio.

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have enormous admiration and support for Calderdale family, Jane and Malcolm Sykes of Barkisland and their son Ben, who set up and registered the charity, Charles Sykes Epilepsy Research Trust (CSERT) following the tragic loss of their beloved son and brother Charles. As trustees, they personally cover all the administration costs of the charity and receive no renumeration, there are no staff costs whatsoever, ensuring all donations and funding raised goes directly to funding important research in support of excellence for Epilepsy at the Academic Institute of Epileptology at Kings College London. With their tireless work and the help and support of many wonderful and generous supporters they have managed to raise both awareness and many thousands of pounds in funding for much needed research and treatment of Epilepsy which affects almost half a million people and claims the lives of an incredible 1,000 people a year in the UK. We asked Jane, Malcolm and Ben to tell us a little about Charles, their inspiration, and about their work and the charity.

On a holiday in Portugal in 1971, our three year old son, Charles, had his first seizure. We didn't recognise it as such but that event was the beginning of a long hard road our family has had to travel.

Charles was a beautiful, happy and clever little boy and until his teens his seizures were controlled by medication. At primary school he won an enormous silver trophy as 'the most promising 8 year old'; years later he commented that he had 'peaked early'! He did well at Sedbergh, passing three "A" levels' followed by a Business Studies qualification from Oxford Poly. Around this time, his seizures became intractable despite every known medication and three operations, one of which was successful for 18 months during

which time he worked at Camp America for two summers. Back home he began a degree course at the University of Bolton but shortly afterwards, the seizures returned. Showing immense determination, in 1996 he gained a BSc Honours (2.1) in Psychology and Community Studies, his Dissertation "Epilepsy and Depression". It was whilst interviewing over seventy other people with Epilepsy that he finally accepted his own. Charles resolved to gain more qualifications in order to help others affected but tragically only six months later he died, aged 28, another victim of SUDEP (Sudden Unexpected Death from Epilepsy).

It is difficult to imagine how Charles coped. Every day he would be afflicted by symptoms. He never knew how manv seizures he might have, when or where they might occur, how bad they might be. Perhaps would feel he unwell for days with auras or headaches.

Amongst his papers, Charles had written "Epilepsy does not affect my capabilities or my perception of a task's demands. It does not influence my way of thinking but sometimes Epilepsy invades and controls me."

We had tried everything we could to help Charles but in the 1970s, finding a Neurologist with any knowledge of Epilepsy seemed impossible. Eventually we located a Paediatric Neurologist in Liverpool and in 1986, he referred Charles to Dr Edward Reynolds, Consultant Neurologist specialising in Epilepsy at King's College Hospital London. Then, such was the low profile of Epilepsy, his 'Consulting Room' was once a week in the Fracture Clinic with a curtain for his patients' 'privacy'!

We had joined the British Epilepsy Association in Leeds and in 1987



I offered to set up two local Charity Christmas Card shops for them. Afterwards Cards for Good Causes employed me as their Northern Organiser and in the summer of 1989, CFGC ran the Secretariat for a Charity Fundraising Convention in Birmingham. Here I learnt the shocking fact that charitable giving to Epilepsy, affecting 456,000 adults and children, was 15p per person! Guide Dogs even then raised £20 million each year! Armed with this shocking fact, I attended the next BEA AGM asking naively why they didn't raise more, but no one was interested, except Dr Reynolds who, by chance, was the Guest Speaker. He suggested we should meet in London and discuss a plan he had in mind!

Ted Reynolds had a Vision to improve clinical services by setting up a Centre for Epilepsy and to establish the first academic Institute of Epileptology at King's College London for research and teaching. He asked for our help to apply for charitable status and in 1992, the Fund for Epilepsy was registered. Ted was Chairman with an ideal group of Trustees - a Barrister, Charted Accountant, Media expert (Charles's Godfather) and four medical Colleagues. I was Trust Fund Secretary and the office, our dining room!

Two donations of £100,000, were a great start and with goodwill and luck, we were on our way! Sir Donald Thompson MP for Calder Valley gave early political encouragement. Minister of Health, John Bowis, opened the Centre for Epilepsy in 1993 and Virginia Bottomley, Secretary of State for Health, launched the Institute of Epileptology at a Reception hosted by Sir Donald in the House of Commons. It was 19 November 1994, the same day the National



Lottery began. How ironic that the odds of winning the lottery are 1 in 16million yet only 1-in-131 of having Epilepsy!

I worked for FFE for 10 years and with the help of brilliant colleagues, friends and supporters we had a wonderful time and succeeded in raising c£3.5 million. I worked all day and every day and exhausted I retired in 2002, soon after more 'professional' staff was employed. The Office moved to London, Dr Reynolds resigned and soon FFE merged with Epilepsy Research UK. In 2003 Malcolm took early retirement and we agreed to coordinate an attempt to row the Atlantic. £46,000 remained in CSMF, donations sent when Charles died, and we agreed to underwrite this attempt (subsequently all the money went to Research at King's). Cllr Geraldine Carter, Mayor of Calderdale, adopted the Epic Challenge for Epilepsy, raising a fabulous £80,000! We drove hundreds of miles around England raising awareness of Epilepsy and fundraising with the 24' plywood rowing boat. Sufficient was raised to ensure the safety of the rowers and in 2004 Sally and Sarah Kettle set off from the Canaries to row 3,000 miles to Barbados! We paid our own expenses and finally raised £114k, sufficient for two training Fellowships at King's!

Dr Reynolds continues to support Epilepsy at King's. In 2007 he persuaded Paul Getty III to establish a Chair in Epilepsy, to which Professor Mark Richardson was appointed. Mark's goal is to develop a detailed computer model of how the brain works and to use this model to predict the best treatments. Last year, Professor Deb Pal arrived from Columbia University to take up the first Chair in Paediatric Epileptology at King's. Deb has already discovered two major genes causing childhood epilepsies and his aim is to understand better the causes and find treatments that don't just suppress symptoms but are free from side effects.

The future looks brighter as these dedicated and brilliant Doctors

and Scientists continue their efforts to find the causes and the cures of Epilepsy. Our lives have been enriched by the hundreds of wonderful people we have met through our fundraising and we will continue our efforts to support this important research. Epilepsy can be a cruel condition and we hope that soon no families will be devastated by its consequences. We just wish that Charles had never had Epilepsy!



Malcolm, Jane and Ben Sykes

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# a different view Through the ages in Calderdale

s a result of our heritage we are blessed in Calderdale with many examples of period homes throughout all ages. The way houses have been constructed over the years tells a story very much of the people that were born during that time.

During my article I have selected a number of properties that are presently on the market with Charnock Bates which tell their own story of the period, within which they were built.

The Stuart Period the 17th century saw a flourishing economy which was both dynamic and innovative. Which proved in many ways to be the technological foundations for the industrial revolution. Yet still during this period almost 70% of the total population were wholly or partially engaged in farming but it was during these times that social change developed with new people gaining money, power and influence. This was highlighted by an individual's approach and attitude to what they were living in and where during that period.

Firstly, we look at Great House in Great House Lane, Soyland,



## Wood Hall

which was built in 1624 within the Jacobean era of the Stuart Period. Pictured below, Great House is a Grade II \* Listed property and is typical of its type, with its ashlar stone slate roof to the main two stories and double chamfered mullioned windows. Many of the original fireplaces remain intact pictured below. Whilst Great House is not typical of The Jacobean Period, as properties during that

period tendered to be grander in design with columns and panelling, it is certainly representative of a typical 17th century rural home surrounded by fields in one of our pretty villages on the Manchester side of Calderdale.

Looking back through this century it is quite hard to believe that it was during this era that saw the gun powder plot to blow up Parliament, the great plague quickly followed by the Great Fire of London and the evolution of insurance companies and Stock Exchange together with the Bank of England.

A much more imposing property but with similar architectural detail built during the 17th Century in 1689 is Wood Hall on Woodhouse Lane in Halifax. This property is Grade II Listed and we presently have this property on the market for £875,000. Wood Hall is very much a traditional stone house with arguably the properties most outstanding feature being the two storied gabled porch with an arched entrance which has shields in spandrels bearing the initials IW to whom the property originally belonged. To the first floor either side of the entrance porch the windows are typical of the period where there is either side five light mullioned and transoned windows.







As with Great House, Wood Hall still retains today many of its original features internally such as fireplaces, beams which are exposed on the second floor, horse hair plaster work to one of the bedrooms and elaborate carved panelling to the main ground floor rooms, not all of which is original.

As we move on from the 17th Century into the 18th Century the agricultural revolution in Britain had begun and agricultural improvements were beginning to transform the countryside. Hence when we look at many of our houses that have been built in and around the villages of Calderdale we can see typical examples of the homes that were built during that time and one may occasionally see the Royalist home such as Wood Hall or more modest cottages which were for the farm workers.

After a time of lifestyle change during the Stuart period the country was very much in need of a period of stability. After suffering a ten year civil war and a transformation of London the country needed to move forward slowly but at the same time continue the agricultural techniques which were quickly beginning to revolutionise our economy. In many ways this is exactly what happened but the industrial revolution and the growth of towns reshaped large areas of the landscape. Yet much did not change- most people still lived and worked in the countryside. The Georgian and Regency period began in 1714 and ended in 1837 when the young Queen Victoria ascended to the throne. In Georgian England most towns were still small but new buildings were beginning to change the character of many. Holme House in Hebden Bridge (pictured above) is visually representative of a typical Georgian home. Whilst it was built during the first half of the 19th Century much of its constructural detail is Georgian to the eye as are many of its elaborate internal features. The Georgian house was built as a show piece for entertaining. With typical design



## Holme House

features to make the house feel airy with space and light. Interestingly quite the opposite of our designers of our 17th Century home, rooms were now being decorated with intricate mouldings, decorative objects, elegant fireplaces and stunning chandeliers. One can fully appreciate this when one compares Great House with Holme House and how the styles are in complete contrast of each other. became the wealthiest nation the world had yet seen.

In many respects I think that could be seen within the buildings that were constructed at that time as methods improved as did the materials used to construct those properties. Unfortunately the industrial revolution, whilst making many people rich it made many more poor. The development and the wealth created by the industrial



revolution created houses for the workers in towns which in some cases then became the worst slums. It was at the end of the Georgian period that it was becoming quite evident that we were victims of our





own success and the masses wanted a say in the running of the country and in 1832 came The Great Reform Act. This Act did many things, one of which seems quite strange today which was to increase the number of people who could vote to 1 in 5 of the population.

It was only 5 years later that the Victorian era began in 1837 with Queen Victoria and a period of very rapid change was to follow.

People flocked to the cities to find work or take up new business opportunities. Some found wealth, others only poverty. During these times many of our Victorian terrace houses were built in towns for the mill workers to live. With the beginning of the railways and the new manufacturing processes, previously locally produced building material became available all over the country but in Calderdale stone was still the main ingredient of our Victorian homes. As can be seen opposite within the property that we are currently selling which is number 1 Stansfield Hall. Constructed in 1855 and being Grade II listed the property is built of coursed rock faced stone. Typical features of this property are elaborate architraves, finally carved surrounds to fireplaces,

intricate cornices and high ceilings within the rooms to give a feeling of space and grandeur. Stansfield Hall (pictured left) is representative of a mill owner's house of that time and is presently on the market for sale at £575,000.

We had a lot to thank Queen Victoria for as our country developed as a result of the industrial revolution but sadly we were no longer the world's biggest industrial giant. The USA and Germany had now overtaken Britain with industrial output. The end of Oueen Victoria brought King Edward VII to the throne to mark the start of a new era as common labourers and women became increasingly politicised. The Edwardian period was known as the age of elegance. The Edwardian period began 22nd January 1901 and it was during this year that The Old Vicarage at Cragg Vale was built (pictured above). A Grade II Listed house, constructed of dressed stone with a slate roof incorporating a three bay front with matching gables and covings together with kneelers and ball finials. The Old Vicarage has recently come to the market with Charnock Bates at an Asking Price of £1,100,000 and whilst it is not a typical example of the Edwardian



period there are signs within it where one can see a transitional difference between the Victorians and the Edwardians. For example this type of Edwardian home was lighter and airier than the Victorian home and in many ways the internal became much more simpler and brighter by the use of softer colours which replaced the previously dark greens and heavy purples of the Victorians. Whilst this property was built as a vicarage in many ways it does possess a lot of the features of an Edwardian home, where people would open doors and windows to let the air in and enjoy being outside. Although King Edward VII died in 1910 some would say the Edwardian period extended beyond the First World War until 1919. The First World War seemed to bring an end to how we view property, built property and designed property and as such the Edwardian period is very much seen as the last period of the English country house.

We have a lot to thank our ancestors for and I think we should be very grateful that these opportunities still exist today which are very much in abundance within Calderdale. In many ways this is due to a vast amount of local materials and the willingness to work to provide for us our very own property antiques of the 21st Century.

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After



#### After

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#### After

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**Before** 



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An immaculately presented detached family home situated over 3 floors in a sought after location.

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Leeds approx 25 miles. Manchester approx 30 miles.

Guide Price £375,000







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A delightful detached family home situated within a popular village location.

Comprising, hall, 2 reception rooms, conservatory, kitchen, W.C, 5 beds, 2 en suites & bathroom. Garage & gardens. Leeds approx 20 miles. Manchester approx 25 miles.

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#### FERN LEA HOVE EDGE

A detached dormer bungalow situated within an elevated position set within approx 1/2 acre grounds.

Comprising, hall, 2 reception rooms, kitchen, conservatory, cellar/ utility, 3 beds, shower room & bathroom. Superb gardens, views & garage. Leeds approx 15 miles. Manchester approx 30 miles.

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#### LIGHTRIDGE ROAD FIXBY

A superb detached property enjoying spacious accommodation. Comprising, hall, lounge, sitting area, dining area & kitchen, utility, W.C, 3 beds & bathroom. Garage & gardens. Leeds approx 15 miles. Manchester approx 30 miles.

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#### WAKEFIELD ROAD LIGHTCLIFFE

A delightful Grade II Listed period home situated within a sought after location.

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