

The Saltaire Sentinel

Your Lion of **VIGILANCE** *Published monthly*

DEAR OLD DENYS REMEMBERED WITH AFFECTION

**THE PAPER
OF THE
PEOPLE OF
SALTAIRE**

CARE FOR CARERS

If you have ever been a carer for a relative or friend, the Patient Participation Group at Saltaire Medical Practice wants to hear your views. Come, if you can, to our meeting on Wed. **March 11th** at 6.30pm.

The guest speaker will be **Melanie Evans**, GP Liaison Officer with Carers Resource.

Details from the PPG chair, **Mark Edwards**: mark@edwardshirstmill.com or ring the practice: **01274 599263**



Our local community was well represented at a service last month in Cheltenham, where, according to his wishes, the ashes of Denys Salt (pictured, above), great-grandson of Sir Titus, were laid to rest in his family grave.

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The United Reformed church, built by Sir Titus and attended by Denys on his regular visits to the village, will welcome all who wish to pay their respects and celebrate his life to a special service on April 19th.

Watch this space for further details.

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NEW PLANS
THREATEN
MILNER FIELD
Plus
ALL OUR USUAL
UNUSUALS**

TRAM ROCK

A concert at the Caroline Social Club on **Friday, March 20th** (7.30pm) will help to raise funds for the famous Shipley Glen Tramway. "Rock the Glen Roll the Tram" will feature Rock DJ **Alex K** and solo artist **Hunkle Vinn**, both playing favourites from the fifties and sixties. Tickets on the door or from **Dina Plowes**:

0790500545
dinaplowes@gmail.com

WHATEVER IT IS - SAY IT IN THE *Sentinel* !

sentinel@saltairevillage.info OR c/o The Saltaire Bookshop, 1 Myrtle Place

The Deadline is always 20th of the month prior to publication.

FAREWELL TO DENYS

Hattie Townsend reports:

Following a funeral service and cremation at St Peter's Church, Graz, Austria on January 2nd, the ashes of **Denys Geoffrey Crossley Salt** were laid to rest in his family grave in Cheltenham cemetery on Friday, February 13th. The internment followed a beautiful service, meticulously planned by Denys himself. Included was the hymn "God moves in a mysterious way" with words by his ancestor, the poet William Cowper. An affectionate and amusing Eulogy by Jonathan Salt traced a rich and varied life, high in public service and achievement, enjoyed to the full (if dogged by driving disasters!).

It was led by Valerie Jenkins, Elder at Saltaire United Reformed Church. She was amongst a large group of Denys' friends from our village community who had travelled down to join Denys' friends and family in a packed chapel for this final ceremony. Afterwards, in the rain, the congregation gathered at the Crossley Salt graves where, after prayers, the ashes were buried.

Then there was a chance to enjoy the Salt family's excellent hospitality, offering the opportunity to share both refreshments and fond memories.

It is touching that members of the family are so keen on retaining links with the village that Denys established, as will be evident on the Heritage weekend, when Nick Salt will give a talk; and many family members will be at the memorial service at Saltaire United Reformed Church in April.

The Cheltenham ceremony was exactly the send-off Denys wanted and a fitting tribute to a well-loved and respected friend who will not be forgotten. Discussions have started about an appropriate memorial for Denys in the village. Many interesting ideas have already surfaced, but more are welcome via the *Sentinel*. Meanwhile,

Eddie Lawler tells us:

Roberts Park has been nicely restored and the Half Moon opened as a smart cafe. But outside that cafe is a granite water-fountain on a sandstone base which has not been restored. The proposal is to restore this fountain in memory of Denys and to say so on a plaque to be mounted in the obvious concave space behind the fountain. The letters TS are carved above it.

James Duncan (Editor) adds:

All things considered, the greatest testimonial to Denys is surely that he will be sincerely missed by so many of us as a dear **friend**.

He was one of the first people to express his encouragement to this little newspaper and always remained an interested, uncritical reader – as we like to think his great-grandfather would have done.

HISTORY CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

The next meeting of the Saltaire History Club is on 12th of this month, from 7pm at the Methodist Church on Saltaire Road, and will be in two halves: the first inviting the membership to adopt a new mode of working for the Club – putting it on a firmer foundation, with a written constitution which the meeting will be invited to adopt. Then, guest **Pauline Ford** will talk about Catherine Salt: Her families, educational work, and hospitality. As always, entrance is **free**, with donations appreciated to pay for refreshments. and **all are welcome**.

Stories from World War One

By Colin Coates

New Club Formed

A meeting was held in the Saltaire Institute on Saturday, March 20th 1915 to form a club for "Wives and Dependants of Soldiers and Sailors". An executive committee was formed which included Mrs Pringle, who was the wife of the Saltaire Congregational Church minister.

The Vicar of Shipley had offered the use, rent and coal free, of the Mission Room in Hargreaves Square. The club would be open on Monday and Thursday afternoons between 2.30 and 4.30, and on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9. All women with sons or husbands in the Army or Navy were welcomed.

Newspapers and periodicals were provided, as were toys for the children. A cup of tea, and a bun, cost the modest sum of one penny and free entertainment was provided fortnightly. In order to equip the club with the necessary comforts and carry on the work successfully the committee appealed to the Shipley public for their generous donations.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Two more names need to be added to the list, previously published in our pages, of men from Saltaire who gave their lives in the Great War and whose sacrifice must never be forgotten:

**Chaplin, Frederick Albert
Ickringill, Ellis**

**If you have queries, comments
or information on World War
One, please contact Colin on
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MARATHON MAN

Jonathan Wensley,
(pictured) who lives in
Titus Street, is training
hard for his first
marathon, in London, on
April 26th – and the
Sentinel hopes its
readers will 'get behind'
him.



Jonathan, who is aiming to raise £1650 for the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB), has a rare degenerative eye condition called Optic Disc Drusen, - not to mention a metal plate and four pins in his leg, following a recent accident. He tells us: "I also had a family friend who was affected by sight and RNIB helped him. It all sounds a bit doom and gloom but I I'm still very much able bodied and capable of doing something to help support a great charity who have been relied upon by a family friend in the past and I'm likely to rely on them in the future, so here was my chance to do something for them."

To support Jonathan with a donation, simply visit www.justgiving.com/Jonathan-Wensley or text RNIB63 then the amount (£1-5) to 70070

Molly Kenyon Asks: IS THE CONVERSAZIONE IN YOUR DIARY?

Skills of various kinds and uses of technology in daily life will be one focus of the *Conversazione* at Victoria Hall on April 18th.

We are gathering names of people who can spare some time to sit with others and do a bit of knitting, explain how you self-published, or learned to repair your bike, with other skills and experiences also welcome. Please contact:

01274 593585 or molkenyon@gmail.com

The day is for all ages, with free entry from 10am to 4pm. There will be displays of innovation from floristry to a 3-D printer and scanner, to the inner workings of the Wurlitzer. It's not an exhibition or a market, but a day for people to learn, in a relaxed way, what World Heritage Weekend is all about. *An Evening's Entertainment* follows in the main hall, tickets £14.50. There will be free outdoor activities on Sunday, 19th in Roberts Park and on the towpath. For further details: www.saltairevillage.info and Facebook Saltaire Stories: Past, Present & Future.

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www.saltairevillage.info

SALTAIRE BOOKSHOP

1 Myrtle Place

Tuesday- Saturday 10am - 5pm

Saltaire Bookshop will be hosting a talk by **Hugh Cornwell**, former lead singer with the **Stranglers**, who has written a novel called "Arnold Drive" about a vicar whose life changes dramatically when his church is closed due to low attendance. The event is on **Thursday, March 19th** at 7pm at **Saltaire Methodist Church** on Saltaire Road. **Tickets** at £3 from Saltaire Bookshop (with £3 off the novel).

The Book Club meets next at the shop on **March 4th** (7pm), to discuss **New Finnish Grammar** by **Diego Marani**.

For further information on these and other **regular events**, call **David** or **Vanessa** at the shop:

01274 589144

TREE DISAGREEMENT

The felling of trees in **Victoria Road** remains a subject of contention. **Dina Plowes** is one of many residents who feels that, "Anyone with mobility problems, limited sight or small children will affirm that the roots disrupting the pavements rendered them a virtual no-go area, as did the falling leaves." Readers who differ may visit:

http://epetition.bradford.public-tv/epetition_core/community/petition/3008

NEW PLANS THREATEN MILNER FIELD FARM

A Reader Writes:

Hartley Property Trust, who own various bits of the old Salt's estate, have revealed plans to "develop" **Milner Field Farm** (apparently without consulting the tenant farmer). Plans for a housing development have been withdrawn but the proposal to "scope" opinion on an **Innovation Centre** on the farm is live and is number **15/00623/SCO** on the **Bfd Planning Applications** website. These projects may well have implications for our **World Heritage** status. It is ironic to note the pious offer of tree-planting as part of the submission!

SHIPLEY COLLEGE

If you want to get sowing, hoeing or mowing, whether you are a complete novice, hobby gardener or green fingered expert, be inspired by the wide range of courses now available. The college will be holding another **Open Day** on **Wednesday, March 4th**, (4.30-7pm) at its building on **Exhibition Road**, offering more information on all the courses (full and part time) available – in **Horticulture** and many other subjects - with staff in attendance to provide guidance. See our part-time prospectus, *Ambitions*, or call **01274 327327** for more information.

WINTER BANDSTAND

Free music concerts at **Caroline Social Club** on the second Sunday of every month from 2pm (club opens at 12)

March 8th

Hot Aire
concert band

Saltaire Cricket Club TABLE TOP SALES

Victoria Hall

March 15th & 22nd

Doors open at 10 am.

01274 787908

Cuppacare

is a non-profit café and bookstall run by **Shipley Christians Together** in **New Kirkgate** and open to the public on **Mondays and Fridays from 10.am to 1.30pm.**

WORLD HERITAGE

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Does NOT talk rubbish



"The London Marathon?
[See p.3] I could do that, if I were really pushed!"

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will dispose of this copy of the **Sentinel**. Please do so with care for our **World Heritage Site** environment.