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THANK YOU

This month, as the *Sentinel* reaches its one hundred and fiftieth issue, it is time to say once again: **Thank You** to the many people whose efforts have contributed to its establishment as Saltaire's Community Newspaper.

Nevertheless, help is still always required in a number of areas, so **Please** - whatever you have to offer - be welcomed to 'the team'.

Two great books by local author Flinty Maguire are now available as paperbacks from a number of outlets, including the wonderful Salts Mill bookshop.

Trouble At The Crab Shack Café and *The Lighthouse Code*, the first two volumes of Ellie Booton's Journal, were originally made available on Kindle and have been downloaded in Europe and are particularly successful in America. As well as the Mill, where a chalkboard by renowned artist Nick

Tankard draws attention to them, copies are available from the Book Corner in Saltburn, where the author grew up, and (of course) Amazon.

Flinty is currently writing the third in the series of stories, which are suitable for readers aged nine to 90 plus! She tells us:

"After years of doodling on different projects, I finally settled down to write children's fiction which suits me and is an absolute joy. I am grateful to so many people for their encouragement and kindness."

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COLLEGE GUIDANCE

ShIPLEY College has an **Adult Guidance event on Tuesday, July 7th** 4.30-7.30pm (in the Salt Building), which offers the chance to find out more about part-time courses and also to enrol. If you would like to gain qualifications or take up a new hobby, you can also look out for the new part-time course guide which will be available later this month. **Stella Downs**

WYCLIFFE SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

Wycliffe School, on Saltaire Road, will be holding its annual Fair on July 11th, between 2 and 5pm, with games, Tombola and, of course, food and drink.

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

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

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

THE STICKS OF SALTAIRE ROCK

Continuing the recollections of Edward Stanners
as recorded by Roger Clarke

Edward Stanners was the Managing Director of Salts Mill 1979-84. A fuller account of his reflections can be found in the Saltaire Archive at the Learning Resource Centre of Shipley College, Exhibition Road, or online at:

www.saltairvillageexperience.co.uk

“One of the most interesting aspects of running a business is that decisions often have quite unintended consequences, often for the better. So, when Maria Glot approached me on behalf of Bradford Met, to see if we would support tourism in Saltaire, I had little idea of how useful it would prove to be. I was unsure whether it could benefit the Mill, but knew the shops on Victoria Road were seriously struggling and I thought they would benefit from having more visitors to the village. By then, there were too many empty shops and we needed to stop the rot. Maria was a great visionary – there must be no illusions about who did what, she was the architect of the tourist boom in Saltaire. It was her tenacity and enthusiasm which persuaded coach operators, barge owners, mill managers and hoteliers to create something from nothing. The initial request was for a quick mill tour every weekend; but showing people around a mill on a Saturday when you barely have enough work for a five day week was a tall order. So we decided that we could charge a pound per head in order to justify bringing in a guide or two. What we soon realised was that, if you gave Maria an inch she took a mile. It was not long before we were showing 200, or even 300 people around every day; with boats coming in with one load, buses taking them away, and vice versa. The right stock in the mill shop seriously increased turnover – useful because the margins were far better than those generated by selling cloth. However, I soon spotted another profit opportunity: souvenirs. We started to sell pens and key rings, where the formula was simple: buy for 10 pence, sell for 20. Yes, it was “bitty” turnover, but at 100% margin compared with 5%, if we were lucky, on our cloth, the pens seemed attractive. But we also needed confectionery. I decided that Saltaire rock may sell and discovered that Blackpool is full of rock makers. Nevertheless, we soon hit another problem: I wanted to buy a trial lot of 24 sticks, but rock is sold “by the boiling” – which was around 720 sticks – and payment had to be in cash. We risked it and sent our own van over to Blackpool when it was doing a Manchester run, to keep costs down. Rock was a winner. We bought a stick for 10 pence and sold it for 50. There was quickly so much profit that we kept the cash separate from the rest of the business, calling it the “Rock Fund”. It was used to replace broken windows facing the canal with Persplex. Rock brought us in around £200 a week. There were other dividends, though, from tourism. Pride in the Mill came back very soon after we started to show people around. People were happier to work in a mill which had a cachet in the area; and that made them nicer to work with. Maria Glot’s dream made the Mill a better place to manage. It was a very unexpected dividend.”

Stories from World War One

By Colin Coates

Shipley Volunteers (2)

Last month, Colin began to tell us about the meeting, at the Manor House on Oct.16th 1914, at which was formed the Shipley branch of the Athletes’ Volunteer Force.

At the onset, Mr. Lindow (Clerk to the Council) invited the meeting to appoint a Chairman. Cllr. F. Fearnley Rhodes was unanimously elected and, in accepting the post, said he did not think there was any doubt that the men eligible for membership would make a response worthy of Shipley. Mr. Haigh-Lumby then proposed that a Shipley branch of the Athletes’ Volunteer force be formed, emphasising that drill was quite as essential as rifle practice. Captain Crossley (Bradford Pals’ Battalion), who resided at Saltaire, seconded the motion. He pointed out the difference between this force and a Civic Guard was that the latter endangered the population in case of invasion, for the enemy would not recognise such a body. If called upon, the Volunteer Force would be recognised by the Army authorities, and then they would be on the same footing as other British soldiers. Referring to the importance of drill, he said men who could shoot were not worth much unless they were mobile. So long as they did not encroach on the recruiting for the Regular or Territorial Forces they would be doing good work. Mr. J. S. Kelley supported the motion. He said if there was an invasion of this country he did not want to be helpless and run the risk of being shot down like women and children had been in Belgium. He wanted to be able to “talk” with a rifle.

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TEA ROOMS TODAY

Dora Karczewski is passionate about her food, and determined to improve her already excellent service to customers in the **Victoria Tea Rooms at 8, Victoria Road, writes Roger Clarke.**

I had noticed that her café seemed more popular recently, and a brief enquiry revealed why – she has had a new kitchen installed, complete with electric induction cookers providing instant heat which speeds up the service. Dora insists that her food is not pre-prepared, and that everything is fresh. Despite the cost of the new and enlarged kitchen, prices remain the same as they were before the refurbishment. When the new kitchen opened in January her takings doubled those achieved during the Saltaire Festival in September, normally one of the busiest times of the year for local businesses, and the increased demand is continuing mid-week as well as at weekends. Wherever possible, food is locally sourced, with pies, vegetables, and cakes coming from suppliers in Shipley.

Polish food is available every day, and includes a Polish as well as a full English breakfast. On the menu when I visited was Pierogi – Polish dumplings with a potato, cheese and onion filling; a vegetarian delight. She also does Polish pancakes with cheese or apple fillings. She was delighted when chef Hestor Blumenthall ate at the Tea Rooms last year and returned for more of her excellent food for himself and his crew later. He joins an increasing number of customers who are regulars for Dora's food.

There is still a large range of teas, with Taylors providing many of the 15 varieties. Loose tea is available in addition to tea bags, and a range of organic peppermint, blackberry, raspberry and vanilla teas are supplied. The coffee is good too!

For the future, Dora hopes to increase her take-out service. She already provides tea and coffee to take out, and bacon, sausage and egg sandwiches are also on offer. Gluten free food is provided if requested.

As the Victoria Tea Rooms provided one of the very first outlets for the *Sentinel*, and the 'tradition' has been maintained despite more than one change of management over the years, it is nice to know that more copies now need to be made available there.

Saltaire Cricket Club
TABLE TOP SALE
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VILLAGE WEBSITE

The *Saltaire Sentinel* is available online, via the not for profit Saltaire Village Website, thanks to Pamela Reynolds, who manages the site at

www.saltairevillage.info

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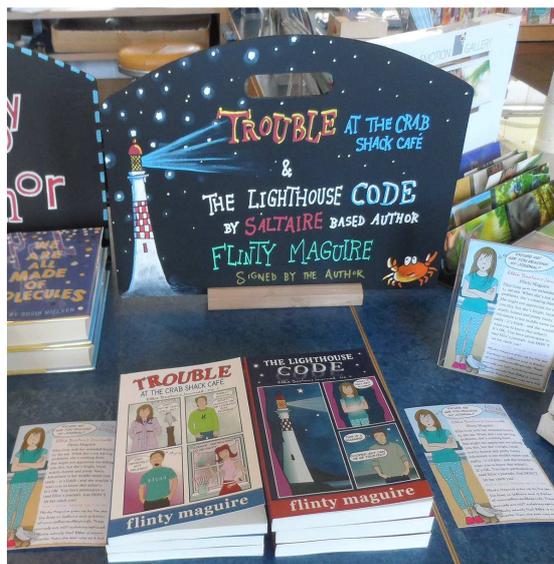
1 Myrtle Place
Tuesday- Saturday
10am - 5pm

The bookshop hosts a monthly book club; as well as regular events where readers and writers meet. On July 1st (7pm) the Book Club will be discussing Laline Paull's *The Bees*.

Next month (Aug 5th), the subject will be Ian McEwan's *The Children Act*. Meanwhile, we are planning Weekend Children's Events - and inviting ideas! Parents are welcome to volunteer their services as readers to children, either from a 'specific' book, or one chosen by the youngsters.

Please contact the bookshop with suggestions, for more details of what's going on, and/or to be added to the mailing list:

01274 589144



FLINTY MAGUIRE'S BOOKS

[From Page One:] "I'm grateful for good reviews of the books. Ancient Mariner, a top Amazon reviewer from Colorado, USA, described Ellie Booton as a 'cheerful, unflappable and genuine companion'. He also reviewed *The Lighthouse Code*, saying: 'Ellie Booton remains an engaging and sympathetic heroine. This book encourages one to think about bullying... in a convincing fashion that feels authentic and avoids false steps or exaggeration... This book is practical, pertinent, thought provoking, and engaging.' I try to make the stories warm and funny, and treat the worries and issues children encounter realistically. Life can be difficult for any child to negotiate and their resilience and courage is something to celebrate."

For more, see: www.burdockhouse.co.uk
Flinty Maguire is the pen name of Pamela Reynolds, editor of www.saltairevillage.info

Cuppacare

Cuppacare, in New Kirkgate, Shipley, is a non-profit enterprise, kept open from 10am until 1.30pm on Mondays and Fridays by Shipley Christians Together.

BANDSTAND PROGRAMME

FREE music in Roberts Park every Sunday from 2.30 pm. This month:

- 5th Hot Aire
- 12th Love to Boogie
- 19th Bella Gaffney Roger Davies
- 26th Bradford Voices Ukulele Band

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