

YET ANOTHER DATE MEETING ON MILNER IN MAY

**THIS IS NOT
 THE PAPER
 PEOPLE BUY,
 IT'S THE
 PAPER BY
 THE PEOPLE**

**ANNUAL
 FETE**
**Saturday
 June 3rd**
 in the grounds of
**Saltaire
 United
 Reformed
 Church**
 (at the bottom of
 Victoria Road)
from 12.30pm
 with a
**“Right Royal”
 theme this year**
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 for details >>

The future of the historic farm at Milner Field is *still* undecided, owing to a further postponement in the complicated process of discussion.

Les Brook

keeps us informed:

According to the Planning Case Officer, the current intention is for the application [to have the land farmed since 1872 become an “innovation centre”] to be considered at the Council’s Regulatory & Appeals Committee meeting on

May 15th at 10am in City Hall.

Please put this in your diary.

Objectors will have speaking rights. Those with experience of planning committees advise that it is wise, well before the meeting, for potential opposition speakers to agree on who says what and what issues require raising.

Please contact me on **01274 590537**

if you wish to be included in this process.

In this issue

EVERYTHING

you always wanted to know about Saltaire, but were afraid to ask.

Plus

**ALL OUR USUAL
 UNUSUALS**

**COLLEGE
 OPEN DAY**

**ShIPLEY College has an
 Open Day (4.30-7pm)
 on Wednesday,
 May 16th.**

Stella Downs

invites us all to:

“Come along and find out more” about the full and part time courses, and apprenticeships that the college has to offer.

This is a great chance to meet the staff, who will give guidance on future choices.

The event will be in the Exhibition Building on Exhibition Road and further details can be had by visiting

www.shIPLEY.ac.uk

**STOP PRESS
 PLANNING OFFICER
 RECOMMENDS REFUSAL**

The Planning Officer has issued a Summary Statement expressing the opinion that the proposed development is inappropriate within the Green Belt. Although it would be likely to result in significant benefits, it is considered that these clearly do not outweigh the cumulative harm that would be caused to the World Heritage Site, the historic landscape, and road safety at the canal bridge on Primrose Lane.

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

sentinel@saltairvillage.info

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

BANDS ON THE STAND

The Summer season of concerts at the Bandstand gets underway yet again this month, thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Friends of Roberts Park. It is no secret, though, that more volunteers are desperately needed. Anyone who feels they could help to keep this “magical event” alive is asked to visit

<http://roberts-park.org/get-involved/>

or e-mail forp@roberts-park.org

CONCERTS THIS MONTH:

21st Bradford Metropolitan Concert Band

28th Fairfax Singers

All Together Now

BRONTES BACK

Eddie Lawler's one-hour presentation with soprano Charissa Hutchins entitled "Tracking the Brontës" started last September at Saltaire Festival and has since travelled with much acclaim, to two Leeds venues, Ilkley Literature Festival and to Haworth itself.

The next performance is back home in Saltaire, this time at St Peter's Church at 7pm on Saturday May 13th, in aid of the Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice. Tickets are £8 and include tea and cakes, bookable via scghudson@blueyonder.co.uk, phone 07793 754218 or eddie@eddie-lawler.co.uk. Complimentary comments already received include, "Well constructed, the original music is great and it really made the Brontës come to life; along with the context of the history of the time. I wanted more." (This from a member of the audience at 'Seven Arts', Leeds - [Honestly! Either Eddie or the Editor would have wathered it up to even greater heights.])

BARD NOT BARRED

Although poetry does not feature in our pages as much as it once did, we welcome this contribution, from the Bard of Saltaire himself, written, we are assured, in complete darkness during a recent local loss of electricity:

From The Powerhouse

In the dark?
Smartphone a website
You'll be advised
You have a power-cut
And assured they're doing
All they can to fix it
(That takes the
Biscuit)

BIRDWATCHERS ON BUS

The Airedale and Bradford RSPB Local Group have a field trip, by coach, to Potteric Carr Wildlife Trust reserve on Saturday, May 13th. Booking is essential, as places are limited. Telephone 01274 582078 or e-mail

abrspb@blueyonder.co.uk

COLIN'S COLUMN

A SALTAIRE SALT

An interesting letter was published in the *Shipley Times* dated June 1st, 1917.

The opening paragraphs read:

“Quartermaster-Sergeant Harry Milner whose home address is 9 Albert Road, Saltaire, has favoured us with an interesting account of his first years’ service in the Navy.

Writing to the editor he says:-

“*The Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve movement around Bradford district is not well known, but around the coast it is a prominent movement. Why I joined the R.N.V.R. I could not say as I was a very bad sailor. I could just manage a trip on the steamer, “Rose of Saltaire,” which used to ply up the River Aire, without feeling the effects of the “voyage.”*

I joined the R.N.V.R. with the intention of being an admiral within six weeks training, but my hopes were shattered to the ground before very long.””

Please note 9 Albert Road is now No.17.

You can read the letter in full online from the beginning of June at www.saltairvillage.info/WW1_Saltaire_Diary

MYTH BUSTERS

A common myth that is often quoted in and around Saltaire is that Daisy Place, Fern Place and Myrtle Place were named after either Lady Caroline Salt’s maids and/or Sir Titus Salt’s lovers. There is not a shred of evidence to support this ridiculous myth. In the 1861 census Titus and his wife had 10 servants in their household but none with the names Daisy, Fern or Myrtle. In the 1861 census there were 9.5 million females living in England. Of this total, only 14 had the name Daisy, only six Fern, and a mere three were called Myrtle. So the chances of females working for the Salt family with these names is pretty remote. We have not found any records regarding the naming of these three “places”, but the likelihood is that they were named after plants. Daisy, Fern and Myrtle were all popular plants in Victorian times.

Colin Coates

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DINA PLOWES REPORTS:
HEDGEHOG WEEK

National Hedgehog Awareness Week this year
is from April 30th until May 6th.

For more information see:

www.Britishhedgehogsome.org.uk

NAME YOUR DRAGON

While the **Dragon Boats** are racing on **May 6th** in **Roberts Park**, there will be another Dragon Competition at the **Shipleigh Glen Tramway**, so pop up and name the dragon there! Then, take a dragon home with you to colour in as you want!

[A number of mother-in-law jokes may spring to mind under this heading, but none of them will be published by this newspaper (so I don't even know why I mentioned it) – *Ed*]

GLORIOUS GARDENS

Thanks to the diligence of local people, PCSOs (police) and the Highways Department, the Washhouse Gardens on Caroline Street have been restored to their former glory. And thanks to local volunteer gardeners, the best is yet to come!

ARTS INVITE

Marion Allinson of the Arts Society Saltaire (formerly known as the The Saltaire Decorative & Fine Arts Society) **tells us:** We are changing our name and upping our game! We may be one of the best kept secrets around, but we'd like to let you in on it. We offer a wide range of arts-related lectures which are held on the first Wednesday of the month in Victoria Hall, given by accredited, knowledgeable speakers. This year, so far, we've been to Buckingham Palace, learned about its history, been introduced to the people who lived there and ogled at its treasures – all without leaving the comfort of our seats! And then a month later our speaker, a member of the Magic Circle, spell-bound us all on his talk on the *Art of Illusion* with some real magic thrown in!

We also organise outings to exhibitions and theatres. This Spring we have a sightseeing trip planned in the Cotswolds for a few days.

We are really quite a sociable group of like-minded men and women who are keen to promote and enjoy the arts in all their forms. Next year we reach our 25th birthday and we are looking for 25 more members to hit the 200 membership mark to celebrate it with us. **You are invited!**

To learn more, contact the Programme Secretary:
01535 636894 smithhallinson@btopenworld.com

Next meetings: May 3rd, June 7th at 2pm.

FETE
FOR US ALL

The annual Summer Fete, hosted by the local United Reformed Church has a royalist theme this year to celebrate the Queen and Prince Philip's Platinum Anniversary.

Joyce Poot tells us:

It would be great if everyone could come dressed up, even if only with some Union Jack trimmings.

As always, everyone is welcome (admission costs only £1, with children admitted free) and there will be lots of great entertainment, including music from the Bradford Met Concert Band, Spanish dancers, Children's Peace

Dancers and the amazing Ukelele Henry. Donkey rides, racing and face painting will keep the children happy while the café serves cream teas; in addition to the ice cream, cake and chocolate stalls. What more could anyone ask? Well, there will be a tombola, bric-a-brac – and chance to have a go at Sumo wrestling! "Sit in the sun," says Joyce, with typical optimism, "and let's make this the best Summer Fete ever!"

Saturday, June 3rd,
from 12.30 pm.

HELP!

Your assistance, in any form, to support the *Sentinel's* claim to be "The Paper of the People of Saltaire" is always needed - and appreciated.

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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

The SPA

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Saltaire Cricket Club

TABLE TOP SALE

Victoria Hall
Sunday, May 21st
Doors open at 10 am.
For further details or to book a table, contact
Simon Hicks: 01274 787908

A SPECIAL APPEAL

By Flinty Maguire

(Also known as Pamela Reynolds [See left])

PLEASE HELP DORSEN AND OTHERS LIKE HIM

Take a minute to go to

cobaltchildren.org

and watch the Sky News film clip.

You'll understand why I put this website online. It's unbelievable that small children work twelve hour shifts, for as little as 8p a day, mining cobalt which ends up in our smartphones, laptops and cameras. But it's true and it's been going on for years.

I watched this news report in February. Journalist Alex Crawford, said, "This is what hopeless looks like." I will never forget that child's face. Dorsen, eight years old, exhausted, depressed, hungry and in pain. He has sacks of earth dumped on his head and shoulders. He is threatened with a beating. This is the ugly backstory of our beautiful technology. Last year, Amnesty International asked corporates, including Samsung, Sony and Microsoft, some awkward questions. Companies offered sound bites of "zero tolerance" to child labour but they couldn't be sure the cobalt in their products was not mined by children. Most cobalt is mined in DR Congo; 20% of Congolese cobalt is mined by children.

We must confront reality: the cobalt in our smartphones may have been mined by Dorsen or a child like him. Corporates have profited from the suffering, death and exploitation of Congolese people. It's not enough to cease and desist. There must be reparation. Hopefully, soon, your smartphone will cost a little extra. Don't grumble. This may mean Dorsen has eaten. He may be in school. If things go really well, he may have shoes. People are campaigning for an end to child labour and safe practice in artisanal cobalt mines. We need your voice too. Follow the link: What you can do to help.

Keep the issue alive with #Dorsen. Thank you.

CUPPACARE

CUPPACARE is a popular café and bookstall, open to the public on most Mondays and Fridays, from 10am to 1.30pm in New Kirkgate, Shipley.

We are a non-profit service provided by Shipley Christians Together.

AD HOC BAROQUE

will present a programme of diary excerpts from the likes of Samuel Pepys and Roger North, with chamber music from the period from Purcell to Corelli, at **St. Paul's Church**, Kirkgate, on **Friday, May 5th**

(7.30pm)

Tickets: £10 on the door, £8 in advance from Saturday Café (at the church) or

Tel: 01274 595416

(Proceeds to Roof Appeal.)

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"I look forward to your support when I am 'feted' at church on June 3rd!"

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