

The
Saltaire Sentinel
Your Lion of  *Published monthly*
 VIGILANCE

FIGHT ON FOR FARM MILNER FIELD NOT FINISHED

**THE PAPER
 OF
 THE PEOPLE
 OF
 SALTAIRE**

**NEW READERS
 START HERE**
 Milner Field (officially in Gilstead but within the 'buffer zone' that surrounds our World Heritage site) was established by Titus Salt Junior in 1872 and has been a farm ever since. Hartley Property Group wants to stop this and build a business "innovation centre" on the land. Local people, with the support of descendants of the Salts and Roberts families, Saltaire History Club, Green Party councilors, – and, of course, this newspaper – continue to protest vigorously.

As the historic Milner Field Farm remains under threat from a plot by the Hartley Property Group to "redevelop" the site, Les Brook informs us of the latest news from the front:

It emerged last month that the two planning applications which would see the end of farming at Milner Field are to be re-submitted as one. This is a victory of sorts. The Hartley Property Group has acknowledged that they were not going to get the old proposals through; but whilst a battle has been won, the war has not.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER OBJECTION
 Go to <https://planning.bradford.gov.uk/online-applications/> and search for applications with the postcode BD16 4QU. Reasons to object can be found at <http://www.milnerfieldaction.co.uk/index.php/reasons-to-object/>

It is expected that Hartley and their agents will submit new documents this month.

A key issue will be the involvement of Bradford University, which was originally cited as a co-applicant; a role it has subsequently denied. Campaigners argue that this means the original applications are "compromised", and many believe this is a significant reason for the re-submission. They are urging the university to distance itself from what they see as a "wrong headed proposal"

**In this issue
 EGGS
 Plus
 POTATOES
 Plus
 ALL OUR USUAL
 UNUSUALS**

HERITAGE FORUM
Monday, Feb.27th
7pm.
Saltaire Methodist Church Hall
Agenda to include:
 Introduction by Cllr. Slater, Chair of the Saltaire World Heritage Site Steering Group.
 'Do's and Don'ts' for listed buildings.
 Visitor Survey 2016 (results and discussion.)
 Updates from local groups and event organisers.
Open Forum
 (A chance to raise items of interest and concern.)
Everyone welcome

WHATEVER IT IS - SAY IT IN THE *Sentinel* !
sentinel@saltairvillage.info
The Deadline is always 20th of the month prior to publication.

RENUMBERING VICTORIA ROAD

As previously promised, Colin Coates unravels another local mystery: Victoria Road when built, between 1853 and 1868, was actually named Victoria Street and it comprised of 36 properties running from Albert Terrace to what is now Saltaire Road. The properties on the west side of Victoria Street ran from no. 1 on the corner with Albert Terrace to no. 23 at the junction with Saltaire Road. Then crossing the road the numbers ran from 24 to 36, finishing at the junction with Caroline Street.

The **1861** census shows us that it was named Victoria Street and nos. 1 to 11 were built and in use; no. 11 being at the junction with Caroline Street. In the **1871** census we can see that it had been re-named Victoria Road and that all 36 properties were built and in use.

In **1868** to the south of Victoria Road between Saltaire Road and Bingley Road 45 alms houses and an infirmary were built. Properties nos. 1 to 19 and the infirmary were on the east side, with nos. 20 to 45 on the west side.

In **1880** Victoria Road was extended to include the alms houses on the east side, i.e. nos. 1 to 19. So the properties were re-numbered as follows:-

Nos. 1 to 23 Victoria Road remained the same.

Nos. 1 to 17 Alms Houses became 24 to 40 Victoria Road.

Nos. 18 & 19 Alms Houses were taken by the extension of the hospital.

Nos. 24 to 36 Victoria Road became 41 to 53 Victoria Road.

Nos. 20 to 45 Alms Houses became 1 to 26 Alms Houses.

In **1900** Victoria Road was extended again to include the alms houses on the west side. So the properties were re-numbered as follows:-

Nos. 1 to 23 Victoria Road remained the same.

Nos. 1 to 26 Alms Houses became 24 to 49 Victoria Road.

Nos. 24 to 40 Alms Houses became 50 to 66 Victoria Road.

Nos. 41 to 53 Victoria Road became 67 to 79 Victoria Road.

In **1926** nos. 65 & 66 Victoria Road were taken by the hospital being extended again. The hospital closed in 1979 and was converted to a nursing home at first and then later to twenty-two private apartments.

In summary, the properties on the west side of Victoria Road up to Saltaire Road have always had the same number. All the other properties in Victoria Road have been re-numbered twice.

For example, Saltaire Canteen, which serves excellent food, situated on the corner of Victoria Road and Caroline Street was built in 1868 as 36 Victoria Street. In 1871 it was 36 Victoria Road and from 1880 to 1900 it was 53 Victoria Road. From 1900 it was, and still is today, 79 Victoria Road.

BOLLYWOOD BESIDE THE CANAL

When wandering well beyond Saltaire, our Wild Rover correspondent sent us the following surprising tale: Drifting along the cobbled streets of the medieval hilltop town of Obidos, Portugal, with its brightly painted houses, craft shops, small restaurants, several churches and bougainvilleas in flower, we were surprised to encounter an Indian film crew and actors shooting scenes of a romantic Bollywood film with the castle and battlements as the backdrop. It left me wondering:

Has a Bollywood film ever been made in Saltaire?

Or could it be a possibility in the future? Compared to the romantic medieval backdrop we encountered in Portugal, what storylines would play out against the stone terraced houses, cobbled streets amidst the former textile mills and beside the canal, river, park, tramway and glen?

Any budding writers out there willing to begin writing the script and send it to the *Sentinel*?

COLIN'S COLUMN

EGG COLLECTIONS

Today we take eggs for granted and they are plentiful in supply.

In 1917, however, this was not the case and they were much sought after.

The Salvation Army, with their HQ in Rhodes Place, Shipley, from time to time organised egg collections and distributed them to local hospitals. On Sunday, January 21st they collected 48 eggs and delivered them to Saltaire Hospital, so they could be enjoyed by the wounded soldiers.

The Matron, Miss Mitchell, thanked them for this generous gift. A collection on Sunday, February 18th yielded another 77 eggs for the hospital. Since the outbreak of the war, the Salvation Army had collected and distributed over 3,000 eggs.

There was also a shortage of potatoes in 1917. In order to encourage the growing of potatoes the owners of the *Shipley Times* sponsored a competition with those who had the "heaviest crops of potatoes from twelve roots" winning cash prizes of up to 20s, (worth c£65 in 2017).

Colin Coates

More stories from the First World War, including details of all the men from Saltaire who served their country, are online at:

saltairevillage.info

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CONTINUATION OF CAMPAIGN FOR CONVENIENCES

MP TO BE PETITIONED ONLINE

Our lead story last month drew attention to the imminent closure of the public conveniences in Caroline Street car park.

Thanks to **Kristin Plowes**, a petition, to be submitted to local MP Philip Davies (Conservative) and to which interested parties are urged to add their name in objection to the proposals, is now online at:

<https://www.change.org/p/philip-davies-mp-closure-of-public-lavatories?>

Councillor Kevin Warnes (Green) has already signed, and expressed his appreciation of Kristin's efforts. Although not 'over optimistic', he comments on the importance of bearing witness to the dismantling of our vital local services.

[Let us hope yet that the *Sentinel* does not have to do that in this case.]

ARCHAEOLOGY OF HIRST WOOD RECORDED

On January 6th and 7th Chris Atkinson, Woodland Heritage Officer for the 'Celebrate Our Woodland Heritage' project led the first survey in Hirst Wood, Shipley. He reports:

Over the two days 17 volunteers explored the woodland and recorded 58 archaeological features some of which had not been identified or recorded previously. Working in small groups they were given guidance to accurately measure, record, photograph and 'locate' the features by GPS. Further analysis of the findings will now take place to produce a timely report. Those who were not able to take part may be interested in joining a survey at another woodland with over 40 sites to choose from during the course of the project.

Details can be found at

<http://www.celebrate-our-woodland.co.uk/>

or you can follow the project Facebook page: South Pennines Archaeology or phone me on 07582 101 691. Other woodlands in the Bradford district will feature in years 2 and 3 of the project thus offering other opportunities to get involved.

It was gratifying to get such good support from local people in the Hirst Wood survey so early in the new year! Thank you again to those who took part. What has been found and recorded will be important to the local community, now and in the future. [The *Sentinel* will aim to keep readers informed about future project developments.]

SNIPPETS FROM OUR 'SECRET AGENT'

VICTORIA

The Victoria pub has changed tenancy once again. There seem to be more landlords and ladies than months of the year. The owner is a 'pubco', so maybe they employ nomads as a matter of policy?

CALENDAR

The Advent Calendar had so many takers that there were ten openings on Dec 1st and one per day thereafter. The carol-singing at the windows on Christmas Eve was attended by no less than 200 people.

CAUGHT ON CAMERA

Dina Plowes reports:

Local residents are not the only people who are bothered by the traffic on Caroline Street.

During recent filming in the area, there was a perceived need to stop the traffic for a 'take'. One driver objected to this and attempted to carry on, despite the fact that a member of the film crew was in the way. The driver managed to pass. The crew member, shaken but unhurt, called for the police. When asked if they had any visual clues to the driver's identity, it was pointed out that they were actually a film crew!

Police went off to 'have a chat' with a suspect.

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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

Saltaire Cricket Club
TABLE TOP SALE
Victoria Hall
Sunday, Feb.19th
Doors open at 10 am.

For further details, or to book a table, contact
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FESTIVAL TO KEEP ON IMPROVING - WITH HELP

Saltaire Festival was started in 2003 to celebrate the 200th birthday of the village's founder and the 150th birthday of the Mill, and it's most exciting and surprising that it's still going strong. So long as folk get behind it. A meeting at the Hop on January 5th attracted a couple of dozen people including some Saltaire newcomers, to discuss Saltaire Festival 2017 (September 8th to 17th) - which if it happens will be the 15th consecutive festival and is now the biggest public event in the Bradford Calendar. In 2016 over 35,000 people attended, and the intention, according to Chair Ros Garside, is to "keep going, keep on improving". But it won't keep going without the commitment of sponsors and above all, of Saltaire and Shipley residents. There is room on the Board of Directors and on the various teams, especially Fundraising and general Volunteers. There's a Just Giving page attached to the Saltaire Festival website for any donations, and if you wish to get involved then email info@saltairefestival.co.uk If you are new to the area this is a good way to get to know good folk and share some of the buzz of your surroundings.

THE SHEPHERD ON THE ROCK

Recital for soprano, clarinet and piano performing pieces from the early 19th Century masters of Romantic music, featuring Schubert, Donizetti and more.

Sally Leeming soprano
Deborah Pennington clarinet
Timothy Raymond piano

Friday, February 10th 7.30pm

St.Paul's Church, Kirkgate

Tickets: £10 on the door,
£8 in advance from Saturday Café
(at the church) or **Tel: 01274 595416**
Proceeds: St. Paul's Church Roof Appeal.

WINTER BANDSTAND

Free concerts at
Caroline Social Club
on the second Sunday of every month. Club opens at 12pm with live music from 2pm. For more details, visit www.carolineclub.co.uk

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.

RSPB

Friday, Feb 3rd. 7.30pm.
Kirkgate Centre.
Filey International
illustrated talk by
Mark Pearson.
Admission £3

WORLD HERITAGE WHEELIE

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"I always volunteer to help with the Festival - and I always end up doing the same old job!"

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