



# *The* *Saltaire* History Club



**The Club meets quarterly (7 – 9pm) at the Resource Centre of  
ShIPLEY College, Exhibition Rd, Saltaire (Post Code BD18 3JW)**

Meetings are free & open to all, and typically include two talks relating to Saltaire history, news of recent research findings, acquisitions, etc. Refreshments served.

## **Dates of Meetings in 2017 (all on Thursday evenings)**

9 Mar; 8 Jun; 7 Sep; 7 Dec

**In addition to its quarterly meetings, Saltaire History Club, its Committee & its Members are involved in Saltaire history research and publishing; archival studies and acquisitions; and community issues. It also acts as a forum for those wanting to learn more of their family histories.**

### **1. Research and Publishing**

Several activists within the Club are pursuing a variety of researches; all find it beneficial to be sharing their knowledge & ideas with fellow activists. The most important new book on Saltaire history for many years was published in 2016: "Salts Mill: The Owners and Managers 1853—1986" by Club officers Maggie Smith and Colin Coates. It fills an important gap in our knowledge of the Mill's history.

### **2. Acquisitions for Saltaire Archives**

2016 saw several significant additions to ShIPLEY College's Saltaire Archives, all adding to the knowledge of Saltaire's history. Examples include the Wilson Salver, a trio of Salt medallions, and new bequests from the Salt family. Commentary on the acquisitions is often provided by Club members..

### **3. Accreditation of Tour Guides**

The Club has recently advocated the introduction of a reputable accreditation scheme for tour guides in Saltaire with the aim of allowing guides to seek qualifications that confirm appropriate skills and knowledge befitting a World Heritage Site service. It is planned to develop such a scheme in future.

### **4. Protecting Saltaire's Heritage.**

Together with Baildon Local History Society, Bingley & District Local History Society, & a great many others, the Club is campaigning for the preservation of Milner Field Farm - a precious heritage asset which is under threat of development. The Farm sits in Green Belt land, and in the World Heritage Site buffer zone. Built as a model farm in the 1870s by Titus Salt Jr, it is now judged to be an integral part of the Salt family's Saltaire project.

**New members are always welcome – if you would like to get involved in researching the history of our World Heritage Site, or simply wish to learn more about that history, please join us!**

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