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In the heart of town

Plus

ALL OUR USUAL

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ECO DAY

Saturday, November 3rd is ECO Day and local residents of all ages are encouraged to call in at Kirkgate Community Centre to find out more about how they can reduce household bills and improve their local environment. There will be a chance to "Have Your Say" about what needs to happen in the Shipley Constituency, and to hear from senior managers and politicians within Bradford Council about their priorities for the environment.

REFRESHMENTS

There will be plenty for children and young people to do, including "Eco Face Painting", "Crafty Stuff" and "Eco Footprints" and free Fair Trade refreshments will be available.

The event will "kick off" at 10.30am with news about funding and Shipley College's work to become a sustainable college. Workshops and our market place will run throughout the day, with the event finishing around 3pm with a short presentation from Cllr Hawkesworth. (Formal presentations will be kept to a minimum.)

FOOTPRINT

In addition to all this, you can find out how to reduce your carbon footprint.

ECO DAY is a day of information, workshops and fun activities organised by Shipley Area Committee and partners.

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You are welcome to just drop in and stay for as long, (or as short!) a time as you like.

Jane Hughes

Shipley Area Co-ordinator's Office

On Monday 29 October, a new bridge costing £240,000 was installed by British Waterways' contractor, Morrisons Construction Ltd, over the Leeds to Liverpool canal restoring road access to Hirst Wood Crescent and the Saltaire Garden Centre, on the north side of the canal.

FRUSTRATING YEAR

It has been a frustrating year for those affected by the loss of the bridge which was suddenly taken out of commission in March this year. The Saltaire Garden Centre, which opened in January 2006, has been badly affected by the lack of a bridge. Owner, Sunny Chana who installed a new irrigation system and made extensive repairs to the polytunnels and glass-houses, was set to have a successful year before the bridge failed. He said that takings have been down by 80%, due to **a c c e s s p r o b l e m s .** "Local customers have had difficulty with access, let alone those from further afield who couldn't work out the complicated diversion route down Victoria Road and through the grounds of Salts Sports Association. Getting suppliers to deliver has also been a nightmare. Suppliers are reluctant to accept small orders and no vehicle larger than a transit van

could make it down the Salts Sports track." Sunny laughed and said he didn't feel his quote on how he felt about the access problems would be printable but he is very glad the new bridge is now in situ. It's come too late to solve his problems this year though - he's worried because summer is the main trading time for garden centres, with custom trailing off in winter months.

LANDSCAPING

It's worth knowing that the Saltaire Garden Centre has a low mark up pricing policy, and there are some real bargains to be had even through the winter months. Other services on offer are landscaping (domestic and commercial), turfing, fencing and plants and flower arrangements for bars, restaurants and weddings. *Pamela Reynolds*

ADVENT CALENDAR ALIVE AGAIN

It's a tad early to wax rhapsodic about Christmas - but needs must! The Living Advent Calendar began in Saltaire last year, inspired by a project which began in Hessle, near Hull. Twenty-four windows dotted around the village were decorated with a Christmas scene and one by one, from the 1st December to Christmas Eve, they were lit at dusk, counting down the days to Christmas. The event added an extra touch of festive magic to Saltaire and drew many visitors to the village on an advent treasure trail.

By popular demand, the Living Advent Calendar is set to become a Saltaire tradition.

If you would like to participate this year call David on M. 07802 445786, or email: moon.yellow@bluebottle.com. It's hard to think ahead, but try! It might be fun to unveil your window with a Christmas party for family or friends. Last year's windows are on the Village Website: www.saltairvillage.info (follow the IMAGES link) and will feature again this year.

CHRISTMAS TREE

On 1st December, a 20ft Christmas tree will be erected outside Victoria Hall with twinkling lights. Gather round for mulled wine, mince pies and song.

WHATEVER IT IS - SAY IT IN THE *Sentinel*

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Roger Clarke's SALTAIRE FOLK

Pam and Phil Fluke's investment in Saltaire is total and complete. They came to the Village in 1983, after moving from London's Isle of Dogs where Pam was one of the youngest Primary School head teachers in the capital. They reached Saltaire via Riddlesden and East Morton, and decided that this was where they wanted to put down roots and raise their 4 adopted children. They were able to see the potential of the Village, despite the fact that the Mill closed down within a few weeks of their arrival. Concerned about the threat of a new trunk road through the Village, they were active members of the protest group which challenged the Dept of Transport's plans. From their victory here, the Village Society was born, and they were early members (Phil has been chairman in the past and is still an active member). They are both committed to preserving the integrity of the Village and its community.

There is one building in the Village which excites them more than any other - Victoria Hall. Phil has been particularly involved with it over the past twenty-two years, voluntarily "keeping an eye on it" before refurbishment in 1996. He then became caretaker, a post which he holds to the present day.

Within Victoria Hall he and Pam have created a national and international treasure - one of only 3 **reed organ and harmonium museums** in Europe. There's was the first, but now there are others in Switzerland and Holland. They have been collecting this Cinderella of keyboard instruments since 1974, ever since Pam asked Phil to buy her a piano, and he came back with a harmonium which didn't work! Phil determined to restore it, and contacted the last surviving harmonium builder in London to help him. The museum is a wonderland for talented musicians and collectors, and for the uninitiated. Phil is always around to supervise and inform the hands on/ interactive experience which he encourages visitors at all levels to enjoy. Most of the instruments are from the Victorian period, when reed organs were so popular. After all, pianos were very expensive whilst reed organs cost £4 on hire purchase, and never went out of tune. Then, reed organs were combined with pianos, made to accompany silent movies. Their sound is so evocative of a period in British history.

Amongst the hundred instruments in their collection are a tiny "book" harmonium, the size of a family Bible, through to others 7 or 8 feet high, and even a combined reed organ and sewing machine!!

Pam's role is more behind the scenes. An enthusiastic harmonium player, she also "looks after the ephemera" - ordering and cataloguing the extensive archive of music and its history - as essential as the "front of house" museum.

Remarkably, this whole venture is largely financed by themselves. There are occasional grants from the Salt Foundation to fund special events. When I expressed surprise at this personal commitment, Phil merely said "some people play golf" - but this is not just their hobby, it's their life. And it's one which has brought so many visitors to our unique community.

The museum is open from 11am to 4pm Sunday to Thursday, and a small entry charge is made.

WHO KNOWS ABOUT RODDA BURNER ?

Can any other readers help John Lockwood, who wants to know, from an engineering perspective, about the Rodda Burner, the revolutionary technique for reducing pollution, installed at Salts Mill by Sir Titus ?

SALTS MILL

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SILVER YEARS

*It is twenty years since
Jonathan Silver bought
Salts Mill.*

Anne Davies, one of the original employees and now the Gallery Bookshop Manager, recalls the early days:

We learned last month how Jonathan Silver put all his efforts into establishing his new venture in the Mill, and worked tirelessly to pursue his dream. He expected the same level of commitment from his staff. Anne admits that she couldn't take the early pressure and left the Company in 1994. But she returned in 1995, after doing a number of temporary jobs, which all seemed boring in comparison. She missed the excitement and the unpredictability of working for Jonathan - you either laughed or cried with him, but never yawned! She put in long hours and no real job description because she wanted to please him, and to share his vision for the future of the mill. She wanted him to make it work, and of course he did.

But then he fell terminally ill, and things were bound to change. There was the obvious sadness amongst staff - Anne had worked for him for four years. At first he had to cope with the idea of delegation, allowing other people to manage the company. The baton of leadership passed to his brother Robin before Jonathan's death. Robin had been running his own Company, The Home, but then became Managing Director in the mill. Maggie began to spend more time in running the business after Jonathan's death, and is now Company Chairman. It is obvious to see that Anne, and other key personnel support Maggie completely. Her management style is very much her own, different from Jonathan's, but there is still a sense of pursuing his dream. Staff who join the organisation tend to stay - just like Anne.

To be continued

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HISTORY CLUB

Next meeting: Thurs. 6 December, 7 - 9 p.m. held in the Resource Centre, Exhibition Road, Shipley College. The Club meetings are informal gatherings over light refreshments – a great opportunity to meet with local folk with an interest in the unique history of Saltaire. The evening will be given a festive twist, with mulled wine and mince pies along the way.

Theme: The development of women's education from the 1870s - 1950s. Talks by Hattie Townsend, "Djihabs and Gymslips" and Pamela Reynolds, "Medina Griffiths, Modern Miss and Saltaire Headmistress Extraordinaire." More info, contact Dave Shaw: M. 07736 408339 / daveshaw@saltairevillage.info or visit the website: www.saltairevillage.info/forum

CONGRATULATING

CUPPACARE

We congratulate Cuppacare, the popular drop-in café in New Kirkgate, Shipley, on its twenty-first birthday this month. Back in 1986, the local churches saw a need for a place where not only Christians but the general public could meet and anyone who was lonely or experiencing problems could find friendship.

Meals at moderate prices are served at the tables by volunteers from most of the churches. There is a thriving book and card stall, which also offers free booklets.

If you have not yet sampled what Cuppacare has to offer, why not come in on a Monday or Friday between 10am and 1.30pm?

Geoff Roberts

MUSIC SHOP AND SCHOOL MAKING THE MOST OF MILL LOCATION

If you have walked past the front of the Mill and down Salts Mill Road recently, you will have noticed that there are two new businesses, in newly modernised premises which used to be occupied by Pace Micro Technology, just past All Terrain Cycles, close to the base of the Mill chimney.

The Early Music Shop was based on the first floor of Woods Music Shop on Manningham Lane for forty years until September. The shop is a magical place, with a whole range of instruments on display – stacked on the floor and in display cases. Most of us would recognise the huge range of recorders (the Shop is the largest supplier in the country), and things like drums, violins, and even lutes and mandolins. But what about crumhorns, serpents, and racketts? This shop is an experience!

Very helpful staff tell me that a lot of their sales are online, but they still sell direct to the public over the counter. They hope to open a comprehensive sheet music department soon, featuring all kinds of music. You can see their range online on www.e-m-s.com, email sales@earlymusicshop.co or telephone 01274 288100.

The Yamaha Music Schools. This was also based at Woods, transferring to Saltaire on September 1st, 2007. Housed in this modern building in the Mill are four air conditioned studios, providing tuition in keyboard, guitar, piano and vocals. Anyone can be involved in the lessons, at reasonable rates, from children to senior citizens. The school principal is Rino Grice, who is also one of the tutors. The Schools make the most of their links with other Yamaha Music Schools throughout the world, and hope to visit Milan next year, with the Italian students visiting Saltaire on an exchange basis later.

Lessons are mainly in the evening or at weekends, and I was struck by the friendly nature of the place. The receptionist obviously knew all the students by name, and they were very relaxed there. The Schools can be contacted on 595954 or by email at ymssaltaire@aol.com. They offer a free trial lesson.

Both businesses hope to make the most of their new location, especially since Victoria Hall, Salts Mill and the United Reformed Church offer such spectacular halls for performances. For example, the Yamaha Schools are to hold their annual Christmas concert at Victoria Hall on 16th December, 2007.

The Church also houses a very fine organ, which is maintained by the organist, Michael Fletcher, organ builder and restorer, whose knowledge and expertise attracts many visitors to the village. Taken together, these musical offerings in Saltaire in 2007 make this an exciting place to visit.
Roger Clarke

DOT THE 'OCCASIONAL' SPOT

The ground floor of No.5 Victoria Road, is now Dot Jewellery Limited. The owner, John Bradley, is a designer goldsmith producing personalised, occasion marker jewellery, especially rings, in platinum and 18ct white gold. Most of his work is done on a commission basis and there are other designers who work alongside John, giving customers an even wider choice of styles. Computer technology enables clients to view the "finished" product before it is made. A design innovation award winner, John brings exclusive, top quality items for sale, confirming Saltaire as a major shopping destination.

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Craig Bradley reads his poems. Craig does a lot of work with schools and his poetry is especially aimed at young people; hence the early start.

Sat. 10th 2pm-3pm.

Ray French reads from his new novel "Going Under".

Thurs. 15th Nov. 6.30-8.

Lesley Horton, Leeds based crime novelist, will introduce her work in progress, the new DI Handford novel, *Twisted Tracks*.

Thurs. 22nd Nov. 6.30-8.

Poet **Bruce Barnes** reads from his collections "Somewhere Else" and "The Lovelife of the Absent-Minded"

Thurs. 29th Nov. 6.30-8.

Adele Geras, Manchester based novelist reads from her forthcoming novel "Ithaka"

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VILLAGE WEBSITE

The website was hosted by Fast-hosts - and after lots of invoicing errors that drove me nuts and had me ranting on the Chat Board (boy did that make me feel better!) I decided to transfer to Green ISP, a non-profit making concern with green politics. The site is HUGE now - about 3.5 GB - so I was a tad nervous about getting everything up and running again. Frank Dillon, (very clever website developer) of Swishpixel in Shipley, made sure the Chat Board was properly backed up and Paul Palmer of Green ISP went beyond the call of duty - so it all went swimmingly. Now the website is all sorted as a "green" concern, I am wondering how it can support residents to be greener. There's info on the site of the recycling collections (navigate via RESIDENTS) and on the Chat Board there's a call by member Podibot, to make Saltaire a plastic bag free zone. That would be great! If anyone has ideas on how the website can mobilise greenness - let me know. Another concern is the Saltaire by-pass proposal. That's a worry! What about a standard letter of objection on the site that people can fill in and fire off to Bradford Council? I think I'll do it! I'll post a notice on the Chat Board when it's done. Regards, the Webmaster www.saltairevillage.info

SALTAIRE VILLAGE SOCIETY TRAVEL

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Saturday November 17th 7.30pm

Local Life Coach Here to Help

As a local psychology graduate and teacher of many years, I am difficult to impress when it comes to new motivational techniques. However I recently attended a course on Life Coaching, which I think is a brilliant concept. Its roots lie in sports coaching and by using a series of structured questions it enables people to sort their aims and goals in life. Unlike other "therapies" it neither assumes illness, nor imposes a belief system. It is based in the present and looks to the future. It takes at past successes and builds on them.

I would like to offer a Free Life Coaching session to any residents of Saltaire and Shipley who feel they may benefit.

Could your life be better? Unsure how to achieve improvement? This could be for you.

At the initial free session I will tell you about life coaching and you can tell me about your goals. Together we will start to prioritise and timetable your life to achieve them. This meeting can take place in Salts Dinner, Don't tell Titus or at quieter local venues. I will even buy you a coffee!

Nick Pronger BSc Cert Ed

See www.local-lifecoach.co.uk or ring 007931 383894.

Ambitions Can Be Turned Into Reality

If you have a passion or a dream about working for yourself or starting a business then you should contact a free business coaching service, **says David Humphreys**.

David is a **BizFizz** coach providing tailored one-to-one support to individuals who want to start or grow their business. His aim is to help you to discover your entrepreneur potential. Supported by Bradford's KickStart programme David is working in the heart of the Saltaire and Shipley community and is visiting local community centres, clubs, societies, schools, colleges and faith groups to let everyone know about the service. A second tier of support is also provided to BizFizz clients through a panel which is created from a network of supporters for the project. This panel of enthusiasts is drawn from the local community and when requested by the clients it will meet to offer suggestions and help to them.

Anyone can get involved by referring friends, neighbours or colleagues who have a business idea to David or by joining the Local Panel. David can be contacted on 07506693647 or at david.humphreys@bizfizz.org.uk

POLICE & COMMUNITY POINT

CONTACT SALTAIRE are based at the entrance to Salts Mill. Local people are welcome to come and talk about community issues on Wednesdays, 10am to 2pm.

e-mail: contactsaltaire@yahoo.co.uk

SHIPLEY RETIRED MEN'S FORUM

Shipley Library at 10.15am on alternate Wednesdays

Speakers this month:

14th - Paul Kenny

Kenny's Kaleidoscope

28th - John Gilleghan

Magic of the Yorkshire Dales

New members welcome

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SHIPLEY ROTARY CLUB

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BRACKEN HALL COUNTRYSIDE CENTRE

Glen Road, Baildon, Shipley

Friday 23rd

Guided walk to Heaton Woods and Cartwright Hall. (7 ½ miles)

Through Shipley Glen and Shipley to Northcliffe and Heaton Woods. Return through Frizinghall, Shipley and canal.

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Meet at Bracken Hall 10.30am.

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