

The
Saltaire Sentinel
Your Lion of **VIGILANCE** *Published monthly*

PROMISING SIGNS SOCIETY SET TO FINISH TASK

**ANOTHER
 HAPPY
 NEWS
 YEAR
 TO ALL OUR
 READERS**

**In this issue
 HISTORY CLUB
 PRIZE WINNERS
 Plus
 TOBOGGANING
 Plus
 ALL OUR USUAL
 UNUSUALS**

Saltaire Village Society announces its intention to complete its Street Sign Project before the end of 2010. As first reported on this page last May, the project, which was originally started by Clive Woods in 2000, involves replacing all the black and white street signs in the Village with the Prussian Blue version favoured by Sir Titus Salt and, hence, closer in appearance to the original.

Sentinel readers can be of great assistance in helping the Society to achieve its aim by sponsoring one or more of the new signs.



Inside this issue, **Molly Kenyon** provides further details and we publish a list of the signs which are still in need of replacement. Our photograph, taken last July and kindly sent to us by Rob Martin, co-Chair of Saltaire Village Society, shows George and Matthew playing their vital part in the project.

RUMMAGE
 January 31st sees the first of the monthly series of rummage sales to be held in Victoria Hall throughout this year, marking the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Valley Parade disaster, to raise funds for the Plastic Surgery and Burns Unit at the Bradford Royal Infirmary. There will be a café and the Evans Room will be used for 'craft' tables. A similar event last month raised over £100 for the fund as well as around £160 for Help the Heroes. **The sale will be from 10am until 1pm.**

Roger Clarke at the SALTAIRE HISTORY CLUB

December's meeting of the History Club was a Christmas event to remember and very well attended. Hilary Taylor Landscape Associates (HTLA) is the firm responsible for the recent developments in Roberts Park and guest speaker **Erika Diaz Peterson** has been the senior consultant for the project. Her research has been exhaustive and as many original features as possible have been retained. The river was an important part of the southern aspect, and clearance of the north bank of the river has revealed a set of steps which led down to a pier. Regattas and swimming events were regularly held here in summer. In the northern half, special attention is being made to reconstruct the North Shelter as it was, and the Entrance Lodge is being renovated to become an interpretation centre which will be open to the public. A feature of Sir Titus' park was the carefully laid out flower beds in which plants were carefully labelled for the education of visitors. The new centre will also have a horticultural education centre within it. HTLA have been careful to consult with the public as the scheme has developed, especially about the new bandstand which has been specially commissioned to a striking new design. The best news was that **the newly landscaped Park will be formally opened in February or March, 2010**, although some of the surfacing of paths and promenades will have to wait until weather conditions are right. [Erika had to admit defeat over the origin of the stocks in the Park, which were apparently brought in from Shipley. They first appear on OS maps of the Park in the 1920s – **can any *Sentinel* readers throw more light on this puzzle?**]

CHARLESWORTH FAMILY SCOOPS PRIZES IN QUIZ

The second half of the evening was devoted to a Christmas Quiz – twenty questions organised and presented by **Maria Glot and Sally Clegg**.

Club members were divided into "families" identified on bookmarks especially made by Maria for this session, and the winning family were the Charlesworths (**Eric Dinsdale, Molly Kenyon, Val Bamforth, Sandi Moore and Hattie Townsend**), receiving Salts Mill pens (which have unfortunately dried up but are genuine Salts memorabilia) and a copy of "A Visitor's Guide to Saltaire" by Weber, Barlo and Shaw which is not at all dry!

TOBOGGAN TROUBLE IS NOTHING NEW

In the course of his extensive historical research, **Roger Clarke** came across a story in the *Shipley and Saltaire Times* of exactly a hundred and ten years ago which amused him so much that he wants to share it with *Sentinel* readers:

Toboggan Ride in Court in January, 1900

An action was brought in Bradford County Court by Mr Emil Carr, a waiter at the Midland Hotel, Bradford, against Mr Sam Wilson, owner of the toboggan ride on Shipley Glen. The claim was for 5 guineas to pay for damage for wearing apparel. It was alleged that on the August Bank Holiday, 1899, there had been an accident on the toboggan run when Mr Carr was thrown from the toboggan when it stopped suddenly and he was ejected "in a manner which he neither anticipated nor desired". The plaintiff's clothing was damaged but no other injury was sustained. A bill was submitted to Mr Wilson for £3-15-0d for a new suit and the old suit was returned too. In his defence, Mr Wilson said that the plaintiff had tried to travel on the toboggan with 3 colleagues, despite being warned that only 2 people were allowed in each toboggan. One of his friends got out, but Mr Carr persisted in sitting on a friend's knee when the run began. Mr Wilson had agreed to provide Mr Carr with a new pair of trousers. He also told the Court that, when the toboggan run was first built, he had asked for advice from Mr John Waugh, who had advised him to make it very strong "because you will have all kinds of apes, idiots and fools to contend with" (laughter in Court). The plaintiff was awarded £4.

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STREET SIGN PROJECT

Since 1999, most of the standard black and white street signs in the Village have been replaced by distinctive dark blue and white. The signs have been funded by individual donations following an initial grant of £1500 from the Shipley Area Committee. **Twenty-two signs are still needed**, at a cost of £98 each. The idea came from **Clive Woods**, a founder member of Saltaire Village Society (SVS), and became an official project in the World Heritage Site Management Plan. SVS hopes to complete the project during 2010 – in time for the opening of a new Visitor Information Centre!

Molly Kenyon

SIGNS STILL TO BE SPONSORED

As the purchaser also receives a small commemorative sign (a miniature replica of the actual), which is “a great idea for a present for your Ada or Whitlam”, says Rob Martin, we are pleased to publish here a list of the signs from which it is still possible to choose. Please note, this is the latest information we have as we go to press; we hope that the list will diminish rapidly in the immediate future:

- ADA Street (two at Titus St., one at Caroline St.),
- CAROLINE Street (one opposite car park),
- CONSTANCE Street (one at Upper Ada St., three at Upper Mary St., one at dead end, Back Albert Rd.),
- GEORGE Street (two at Saltaire Rd.),
- JANE Street (one at Saltaire Rd. one at George St.),
- MYRTLE Place (one at Upper Mary St.),
- UPPER ADA Street (one at Titus St., one at Saltaire Rd.),
- VICTORIA Road (two at Saltaire Rd.),
- WHITLAM Street (two at top and two at bottom),

To sponsor a sign, please contact Molly Kenyon: 01274 593585 or mkenyon@freeuk.com

THREAT TO FARMERS' MARKET

The Farmers' Market which is held in Caroline Street Car Park on the third Saturday morning of every month is certainly deserving, but also in desperate need of public support. Fears for the future of the market have been raised by news that Bradford Council is exploring “options” for raising rents.

Local councillor **Kevin Warnes** [Green Party] who, in fact, brought the matter to our attention, assures us that “this is something that we are trying to prevent in our capacity as ward councillors”.

Local produce available, at reasonable prices, from the monthly market includes cakes, pies, herbal remedies, game, preserves and organic fruit and veg .

Editorial

Among several wonderful Christmas presents which I gratefully received in 2009 was a fascinating book – and I shall not miss this opportunity to exercise my official discretion [See page 4, column 1] in mentioning that it was purchased from Mr. Ford's excellent Saltaire Bookshop – ‘Ancient Bingley: or Bingley, its History and Scenery’ by J. Horsfall Turner, published by Thomas Harrison and Sons in 1897.

I have already had the good fortune to chance upon a quotation, from Mr. Turner's Preface, which I cannot resist the temptation to borrow, since it is so expressive of the very sentiment which I myself wish to convey in this column on the subject of my task of compiling this issue of the *Sentinel*:

“I have had such an abundance of material that I fear I shall be charged with condensing rather than elaborating.”

So runs my excuse for, to give but one example, failure to accord proper acknowledgement to Mr. P.J. Bottomley for the complimentary verse which we reproduce on page 4. Many other apologies and thanks to contributors notwithstanding, I must needs, however succinctly now, make that appeal which is, after all, the motivation of this annual address:

**REPORTERS
REQUIRED
[Urgent]**

James Duncan

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VILLAGE WEBSITE

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

www.saltairvillage.info

ADVERTISING in The *Sentinel*

All the establishments featured in the 'small ads' on pages 2 & 3 serve as outlets for this newspaper and are promoted on that basis. Events and initiatives are mentioned elsewhere, at the editor's discretion, in the context of their interest and benefit to the local community.

Please note: space in the *Sentinel* is not for sale, but neither is it offered free for commercial advertising.

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

SALTAIRE POLICE AND COMMUNITY CONTACT POINT

At entrance to Salts Mill
Wednesday 10am-1p.m.
01274 537416
contactsaltaire@yahoo.co.uk

TIME TO GIVE UP A CAR? IT MAY BE, SAYS RAY

For some time Saltaire has been a dingy station at night but now it has new lights and cleaned up fittings. The station is now very well lit and perhaps the brightest part of Saltaire! Saltaire is well served by trains and buses and maybe now is the time to consider saving £35 per week and lots of parking hassle by giving up a car?

<http://www.wymetro.com> 0113 245 7676

Ray Wilkes

THE SALTAIRE SENTINEL POEM

From local shops and the 1853 mill,
The Saltaire Sentinel is free at the till,
From January to December, twelve in the year,
Look for it now, there's always one near,
Read by many, its good local news,
Plus in its columns, some people's views,
I've sent some to the USA and to Spain,
News of Saltaire it does well explain,
You can read past issues, on Pamela's web site,
And with local news, to it you can write,
With local events and adverts for shops,
For telling you things, it is the tops,
So pick up a copy, and have a good read,
You know you might find something you need,
The Saltaire Sentinel, it's read by many,
And it's free, so doesn't cost you a penny

Peter J Bottomley

SINGERS' DIRECTOR RETIRES

St. Paul's Church was full for the Aire Valley Singers' annual Christmas concert last month. The programme included religious music from various periods of history and seasonal, secular readings. There was a special, sentimental touch to the evening when a presentation was made to Doreen Anderson, who was retiring as musical director, to be succeeded by Barbara Bancroft.

BRIGHT LIGHT EXHIBITION

Bright/Light, a showcase of work by ten sparkling new graduates and two highly talented 'nearly new' designers, is open weekdays from 10am - 5.30pm and weekends 10am - 6pm at the Kath Libbert Jewellery Gallery, Salts Mill until January 31st. Enquiries: 599790.

**Concert Season at St. Paul's Church, Kirkgate, Shipley
Fridays at 7.30pm
January 22nd
THE PADDOCK ORCHESTRA**

A well-established amateur orchestra from the Huddersfield area which performs at least three public concerts per year, with a varied repertoire of classical and popular tunes, opens this third series of concerts at the church.

February 19th ENCORE
March 19th QUODLIBET
April 9th PETER FRANK and his Dixieland All Stars
May 14th Aireborough Gilbert and Sullivan Society

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" I wonder what they do with the old street signs? "