

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

FRIENDLY FINDINGS

SURVEY SHOWS US ALL SMILES

The paper that could only be in Saltaire

HISTORY CLUB

Saltaire History Club will be meeting in the Exhibition Building, Exhibition Road, on Thursday, March 4th. The theme of this month's event, which begins at 7pm, to be finished for 9, is 'Disease, Health and Safety in Saltaire' and the guest speakers are Adele Gunn Health and Safety Officer at Pace, and Joan Barton, who was for many years a Health Visitor in the locality. Everyone is welcome, admission free.

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A third of people interviewed recently expressed the opinion that Saltaire is a friendly place to live, with a good sense of community, and the annual Festival was a source of pride.

With this in mind, there was a strong demand for more activities to bring people together. Sixty-four people, including this reporter, took part in the survey, which was conducted by Area Development Officer Jane Dale and colleagues from the Shipley Area Co-ordinator's Office, on February 20th during the Farmers' Market. The initial results have already been published (they can be seen in more detail on the

Saltaire Village website) and will inform the updated version of the already existing Saltaire Action Plan.

Traffic and parking, not surprisingly, were the main areas of concern, while the trees on Victoria Road continued to be the subject on which opinions were most strongly divided.

A lot of enthusiastic interest was shown for the recent work in, and future of Roberts Park. Of the twenty-eight people who were asked "Do you think that children and young people should be encouraged to learn about and visit Saltaire as a World Heritage Site?" every one answered in the affirmative.

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FRIENDS OF PARK

Friends of Roberts Park will be having a good look at the place together with Project Manager Mick Priestley on the morning of **Thursday, March 4th** Sharon Ashton says: We will take a walk around the Park, meeting near the Lodge at 9.30am. Please wear sturdy footwear and PLEASE NOTE numbers are limited so please RSVP

sharon.ashton@mac.com.

The next meeting of the Friends will be at 7pm on March 8th at 10 Edward St, Saltaire.

SALTAIRE ROUNDABOUT
There will be a PUBLIC MEETING in Victoria Hall on Tuesday, March 16th at 7.30pm to discuss the latest proposals.

HISTORY CLUB IN GOOD HEALTH

This month's meeting of the Saltaire History Club [see page1,column1] promises to be thoroughly healthy and decidedly safety conscious with 'Disease, Health and Safety in Saltaire' as the overall theme of two informative lectures. **Dave Shaw** tells us: "The meeting will have the usual form, with the two talks separated by a tea break, during which we will all have chance to catch up on the latest history findings, or just chat to friends who we haven't seen since global warming really set in, in mid-December. We'll also have the usual goodies for sale – Saltaire history books, CDs etc – and those thinking about some new research angle are specifically invited to air their thoughts. Our two speakers – **Adele Gunn** and **Joan Barton** – both have specialist experience of the subject and we can be sure of an interesting evening." Adele, who says her programme has taken her to "Rooftops, cellars, workstations and test racks", will be drawing on this extensive experience to present her talk on **Health and Safety at Pace in Salts Mill** (where she is Health and Safety Officer). Beginning with the landmark dates that started to change history during Victorian times, Adele will go on to discuss the various categories of hazards still encountered at Pace and how these determine her own work there. Joan Barton is sure to enhance the meeting with her understanding of the evolving nature of the subject from its early beginnings, having been for many years a Health Visitor in the local area.

RESEARCH RESULTS PRESENTED

Several leading members of the Saltaire Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies (SADFAS) braved the snow and ice to attend the Sunday service at Saltaire United Reformed Church on February 21st, during which they presented the results of their research into the history of the Grade 1 Listed building from its opening in 1859 through to the present ongoing renovation. The handsome, blue volume, representing over two years of hard work, was gratefully received by Revd Paul Breeze on behalf of the church fellowship. Other copies will be deposited with the Bradford Archive and the Victoria and Albert Museum. (SADFAS is affiliated to the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies.)

NEW BOOK WAS WRITTEN IN THE MILL

'Foolish Lessons in Life & Love' is a new novel, published this month, which holds a special interest for Villagers. Author **Penny Rudge** told the *Sentinel*, "I was a Saltaire resident until very recently and the last chapters of this, my debut novel, were written over coffee at Salt's Diner - the only place my baby would sleep during the day and allow me to write!" **The book, described by Andrew Motion**, the previous Poet Laureate, as "a highly impressive and deeply enjoyable piece of work.", is a black comedy following the adventures of Taras Krohe, a young man torn between two women - his unpredictable Russian girlfriend and his overbearing Bukovinian mother. Once on the trail of a long-buried family secret, he does not stop until he has uncovered far more than he bargained for, and has irrevocably changed his relationship with both women. Penny, who has an impressive background in IT and management consultancy, already holds three University Degrees and is currently studying for a Ph.D in Creative Writing. 'Foolish Lessons in Life & Love' by Penny Rudge is published on March 4th 2010 by Little, Brown (Abacus). £11.99

WOULD YOU LIKE TO WRITE FOR THE *Sentinel*?

The *Saltaire Sentinel* is always in need of people who are willing to act as reporters on a part time, voluntary basis, visiting events and conducting interviews.

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FARMERS' MARKET

Saturday, March 20th

9am - 3pm

Caroline Street car park

**There is a Farmers' Market on the
third Saturday of every month.**

Many local people, it seems, are still missing a treat due to lack of publicity – for which the *Sentinel* does not want to be responsible. Maggie Garrett, who runs a wonderful herb stall, told us “Small traders need a regular customer base and at the moment we just don't have one.” Fourteen stalls were operating on February 20th, but some have already been driven out of business by high rents and low customer numbers. However, the remaining traders are determined to carry on, despite a threatened rise in rents, and are thoroughly deserving of local support.

**WEDDING FAIR IS A
REAL LOCAL DO**

A Wedding Fair to be held in Victoria Hall on Saturday March 6th and Sunday 7th, which is being promoted as “A thoroughly immersive multi-media function to show exactly what a wedding can look, feel taste and sound like”, also promises to be a truly local affair, with table linen, chair covers and other decorations, floral bouquets and food all provided by local suppliers. **Dave Glenister** told us, “It's always interesting to me as Event Co-ordinator that such a high proportion of Wedding couples are in fact very local – a lot from the Village and I'd say the majority of the remainder are either living in BD18 themselves or have close family (parents usually) that are. We are aiming to create a unique event to reflect the unique nature of the venue and the Village – as well as the ‘normal’ stalls etc that you'd expect at a Fair, we'll also be dressing every square inch of the Hall as if it was a Wedding – a room dressed for a Wedding Breakfast, a room dressed for a Wedding Ceremony, preferred suppliers giving out food, dressing with floral displays, dressing with lighting etc”

A great deal of interest has already been shown by couples, and further encouragement has come in the offer, from Victoria Hall, of the chance to win a complete Wedding Package, worth £2495

The event will be the first of its kind in Victoria Hall, the only venue in Saltaire officially approved for marriage and civil partnership ceremonies.

Editorial

**NOT EXACTLY
EASY MONEY**

Our local United Reformed Church hit the headlines last month with the announcement that it is to receive £146,000 of English Heritage grant money. This is, of course, good news which, like the money itself, should be received with good grace and a cheerful countenance. However, there are details which it falls to the Community newspaper to clarify:

Firstly, the grant is the result of a great deal of hard work, in the formulation and submission of the application, by people at the church; most notably **Len Morris** and **Ian Livingstone**, to whom credit and gratitude are due.

Secondly, no-one should be misled by the widely reported “share of 1.1 Million pounds” into thinking that the church is now in a state of wealth – or even financial security. Much more is needed.

Finally, English Heritage do not give money away without being convinced by evidence that the recipient is willing and able to raise a similar sum by its own efforts; which means a lot more hard work to be put into fundraising by church members – and, of course, all those who value the imposing presence of the building which is so much a part of the World Heritage Village.

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

AIRE VALLEY SINGERS

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SPRING IN THE AIRE

Sacred and Secular Music for Eastertide
Saturday, March 6th at 7.30pm
St. Paul's Church, Kirkgate, Shipley
Tickets (inc.refreshments) £8 (Conc.£6)
01274 595416 or 01484 710052
Charity collection for British Heart Foundation

BURNS UNIT EVENTS

Dave Glenister of HTG Events brings us the latest on the events, to be held in Victoria Hall, previously promoted as Rummage Sales in the *Sentinel*. For various reasons, many of the events will not be taking place, while those that are will have a completely new format, solely based around 'craft'; whether it be making jewellery, stationery, food, drink or whatever. The idea for these Craft Markets will be very much centred on affordability and sustainability – for customers AND suppliers. **Although less frequent, they will be bigger and longer events.** As before, all dates in 2010 will be donating all proceeds to the Burns Unit Appeal. The café proceeds will be split 50/50 between the Burns Unit and Cancer Research UK.
The next event will be on Sunday, May 2nd

LOCAL LAD MAKING GOOD

Ed Cassiere brings us the word from New Orleans that **Hassan Abbas**, described as "a junior from Saltaire, England", was the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference Player of the Week in men's tennis for the week commencing February 1st. Abbas plays for Xavier University of Louisiana, ranked fourteenth in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

The BBC will be filming a programme for the ever-popular Antiques Roadshow in Victoria Hall on Thursday, April 29th. Doors will open at 9.30am and entry will be free until the event ends at 4pm. More details are on the Saltaire Village Website [*address above, left.*]

Concert Season at St. Paul's Church, Kirkgate, Shipley
Fridays at 7.30pm
March 19th
QUODLIBET

Quodlibet means "Whatever you like". These four vocalists specialise in singing popular music of the sixteenth century and you will be able to hear the instruments of the period, such as the hurdy-gurdy, lute and dulcimer. The presentation is light-hearted and informal, with anecdotes about the music and its background. The group has performed in the Leeds International Concert Season **April 9th PETER FRANK** and his Dixieland All Satrs **May 14th Aireborough Gilbert & Sullivan Society**
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