

The Saltaire Sentinel

Your Lion of **VIGILANCE** *Published monthly*

BACK IN BUSINESS SUDDEN BRAINWAVE SAVES BOUTIQUE

**HAPPY
EASTER
TO ALL OUR
READERS**

YOUTH CAFÉ

ShIPLEY Youth Café, which is now set to become a voluntary organisation with charitable status, has its first Annual General Meeting on **Monday April 19th**. Refreshments will be served at the venue, in the heart of the town, from 6.30pm and the meeting, which is expected to last for about an hour, will begin at 7 o'clock. **Kate Breeze** told the *Sentinel*, "All young people and local adults who care about supporting good quality services for them will be very welcome."

A popular Saltaire business, which looked certain to close two months ago, has been saved by loyal supporters.

The House of Rose & Brown, has been undergoing a complete re-fit and will re-open its doors at 11am on **Friday April 2nd** with a grand re-launch. The much loved Vintage Boutique & Gallery was set to cease trading in February to enable its proprietor, Caroline Brown, to concentrate on vintage fairs, fashion shows and website. However, after what she calls "a last minute brainwave", Caroline has invited six of Rose & Brown's friends and supporters, including regular stallholders from the vintage fairs, a local photographer and part-

time vintage dealers to take on a portion of the shop and help to staff it. **Caroline** says, "I'm so pleased that we've found a way to keep the shop going. The support that we had from customers and the community, when they heard that we would be closing was overwhelming. It seems that Rose & Brown has become a valued part of Saltaire, and it wasn't willing to let go of us just yet!"

Meanwhile, Caroline, who is inviting everyone to the re-opening to "eat cake and wear your best vintage gear", is already busy organising **The Saltaire Vintage Home & Fashion Fair**, to be held in Victoria Hall on **Saturday, May 1st** (9.30am-4pm) Tickets are now available from

**The House of
Rose & Brown,
16 Victoria Road
(07985 181120)**

Weds - Sun 11 - 5.30pm

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DRAMA

Plus

FARMERS

Plus

ALL OUR USUAL

UNUSUALS

ARTS FESTIVAL

This year's Youth Festival will be held over two days this month: **Friday 23rd** and **Saturday 24th**, from 1.30pm at Saltaire United Reformed Church.

Valerie Jenkins, who is hoping to repeat the resounding success of last year, is expecting fifteen schools to participate, contributions including a gospel choir, a steel band, a samba band, a short drama about knife crime and solos on both piano and organ - as well as Saltaire's own Primary School Choir, Years 3 and 4, who can be heard on the Friday afternoon.

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FARMERS' MARKET

**Saturday, April 17th
9am - 3pm**

Caroline Street car park
**There is a Farmers' Market on the
third Saturday of every month.**

**A LOT GOING ON AT THE
CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE**

Vicars Café Bistro, at the corner of Victoria Road and Caroline Street, has officially become a Centre of Excellence for taking on work experience students.

On the spot reporter Marianne reports: The latest batch of teenagers came last month from Bingley Grammar School and joined us for a week. It was our pleasure to show them the ropes - the highlight, I think, seeing the teenage lad's face when, with just a little supervision, he baked the most *perfect* chocolate cake! Now Education Bradford have officially recognised us as being particularly good at the training and care we give. We're **the first in Saltaire** and we believe the first cafe in the Bradford District.

Lots of things are going on at Vicars at the moment: We're repeating the really popular **Baby First Aid** sessions we had last year. It's not a formal qualification. It's a hands-on hour for parents who want to know what to do in an emergency. It takes place with a qualified hospital baby nurse from 10.45am to 11.45am on **April 12th** and is repeated at the same time on **April 15th**. Booking is essential as we are doing this for two groups of ten to allow everyone a go on the plastic baby! Vicars own book club *Cover to Cover* is going great guns. This month they've been reading *Wedlock* by Wendy Moore. It's an all-female group at present. **Book-reading men of Saltaire and surrounds, where are you?** The next **Nooma Night** is **April 7th**, beginning at 7.30pm. We'd love to see you there if you want to find out what goes on. The last meeting, at the start of March, was a great success. We watched a film about unconditional love, which sparked many meaningful chats, and it was great to meet around the table with everyone again. Gracespace, **the church for people who don't go to church**, is enjoying greater numbers and a growing feeling of togetherness. They're up to all sorts again through the Spring. Information about Gracespace, with photographs, can be found on the website at <http://gracespace.org.uk/>

**SALTAIRE
UNITED REFORMED
CHURCH
RESTORATION**

Thanks to the National Churches Trust providing a grant of £40,000 towards the restoration of the canopy and steps, work can now commence and it is likely that the scaffolding will go up by the end of April. This is phase one of a much larger restoration process. **Access to the church will be maintained throughout the work** but parking in the church grounds will no longer be as convenient and may not be possible at times. Security provisions are being put in place during the project.

Len Morris
[More of this next month]

VISITORS

A group of visitors from the Madni Jamia Masjid Mosque, Leeds Road, was made welcome at the Palm Sunday service on March 28th by the church congregation, some of whom will be accepting an invitation to the mosque on April 17th.

SERVICES

Maundy Thursday
7.30pm Communion
Good Friday
10.15am Service
Easter Day
10.30am Communion

WALK OF WITNESS

ShIPLEY Christians from all churches will join in a Walk of Witness on Good Friday from St.Paul's, Kirkgate, at 11.30am, to ShIPLEY Market Place.

LUST AND POWER IN THE EVANS ROOM



What could be more enticing for a Saltaire audience in this exciting election year? asks **Michael Yates:** *Encore Drama*, a non-profit-making group of theatre enthusiasts who make laughter and tears out of modern life, is bringing a double bill of one-act plays to Victoria Hall at 7.30pm, **Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th of April.**

Based on a true story, *Sex & Politics*, the title play by Colin Lewisohn, allows sexual and political hypocrisy to be played out at the personal level as well as a political one. [The play contains nudity and adult themes.] In *All Good Men*, sexy Lady Bridgewater and naïve young journalist Simon Bloom believe they can make a difference as the clocks start ticking in a Labour Party leadership contest.

Tickets £9, (£6 conc.) on sale at Saltaire News & Gifts, Victoria Road.

Photo: Richard Dipple, Carol Plant and Humphrey Casely-Hayford in Sex & Politics

HISTORY CLUB VICTIM OF ITS OWN SUCCESS

Says **Roger Clarke** The Saltaire History Club has been so well attended that we have now moved to larger premises. Staff at Shipley College and Victoria Hall have generously agreed that our future venues can be held in the Dance Exercise Room in Victoria Hall. In addition to accommodating significantly more people, this room has disabled access from Lockwood Street and more convenient refreshment rooms. We are grateful for this solution to the problem of the Club's increasing popularity. Both speakers at our last meeting showed their true professionalism by adapting immediately to the changed surroundings and delivering very entertaining and informative talks. **Joan Barton** subtitled her talk "Brimstone and Treacle" and it evoked an era of medicine and home remedies which most of us are glad to see behind us. Her career as a health visitor in Bradford made her very well qualified to reflect upon her research on illness and treatment in Victorian Saltaire. **Adele Gunn** gave us many insights into the enlightened attitude towards health and safety at Pace Micro-electronics, and gave us a vivid snapshot of a time when standards were not so rigorous.

The next Club meeting is on Thursday, June 17th, at 7pm in the Dance Exercise Room at Victoria Hall. (Lockwood Street entrance.)

[The change of venue for the March meeting was announced *after* the *Sentinel* had gone to press with details which may, in the event, have been misleading. – *Ed.*]

BY ROYAL APPOINTMENT

Roger Clarke has been trawling through old newspapers again to bring us this:

Daniel O'Leary presented Princess Beatrice with two boxes of humbugs, one for herself and one for the Queen, when the Princess was in Saltaire to open the Jubilee Exhibition. The Princess thanked him personally, and the Queen later acknowledged the gift by letter. Daniel was keen to capitalise on this, and applied, with testimonials, to be allowed to use the Royal arms on the parcel cart used in his occupation as out-porter at Shipley station. The Earl of March replied on the Queen's behalf as follows:- "The privilege of using the Royal arms can only be given to those tradesmen who have had a formal warrant of appointment granted to them in recognition of continued employment in her Majesty's service. I have therefore to express my regret that it is not in my power to grant your request." Daniel should make sure that the next application he makes should be to subscribe to the Imperial Institute, or to get "Ahr Sarah" to contribute to the Jubilee Fund. There are many passports to favour.

Shipley Times and Express, April 7th, 1888

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**Events This Month:
Thursday, April 1st
6.30-8pm**

Anna Champney will be reading from her novel *Buried Past, Hidden Secrets*, which deals with how people's past can affect their future and search for identity. **Admission £2.50**, which includes refreshments.

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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

THE HUNDRED POTATOES

Daniel Shiel was in Victoria Hall in February for the Potato Day event organised by the West Yorkshire Organic Group.

Looking down from the gallery of the Exhibition Hall I saw that the potato sellers of the annual Potato Day had arranged themselves in a defensive square in the centre of the hall, like those famed at Waterloo. Notices on sticks indicated that the square was made up of a number of elements including the 1st Main Crop and the 2nd Earlies.

The sellers were hard pressed by a frontal attack of companies of gardeners and allotment holders from far and wide in deadly earnest to win the day. In fact the reporter was nearly mown down by a shopper in his car as he approached the hall. The milieu that awaited me was of the class of a rummage sale or the dreaded jumble sale. At first glance it seemed that there was little prospect of quarter being given let alone asked and I didn't want to get too close

The square and its beleaguered sellers was surrounded by gardeners keen as mustard and supported by a second line of bag holders, child minders and those more timid shoppers waiting to plug any gaps that might open up and ease the pressure on the defenders. However, instead of gun shots and sword play there was the rasp and rattle of paper and plastic bags, and contented gossip and discussion rather than shouts of pain and anger. Catalogues were being weighed up, teeth tapped with pencils and lists ticked off inscrutably. Despite the serious looks of concentration; fanatical organicists rubbing shoulders with serial pesticide users, the sale was carried out in good order and there was no violence, at least not while I was there.

If there were those for which the ebb and flow of close quarter shopping was too much there was a refreshment station nearby to give relief and consolation. Teas, coffees and plates of biscuits at reasonable rates were to be had. Helpful notices listed and described the specifications of each variety. On offer were potatoes for varied soils, dry places, wet places, potatoes suitable for growing in pots, in tyres, indoors and on the moon I expect.

Concert Season at St. Paul's Church, Kirkgate, Shipley

Fridays at 7.30pm

April 9th

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ALL STARS

Following last year's storming performance, they're back with another evening of foot-tapping, easy-going jazz. Leave your worries at the door and enjoy a great night's entertainment. They will be playing some of the old Dixieland standards as well as some lesser-known tunes. There will also be some skiffle in the second half.

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Accompanied children under twelve free.

May 14th Aireborough Gilbert and Sullivan Society

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