

The
Saltaire Sentinel
Your Lion of VIGILANCE *Published monthly*

THE PEOPLE'S PARK FIRST DAY IS A GREAT DAY OUT

*The paper
 of the
 people of
 Saltaire*



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HISTORY CLUB

The next meeting of the Saltaire History Club will be on Thursday,

June 17th,

beginning, as usual, at 7pm, in the new venue, which is the Dance Exercise Room at Victoria Hall, best accessed via the Lockwood Street entrance.

The programme, which has had to be changed owing to the late withdrawal of a speaker, is yet to be announced as we go to press, but is sure to be entertaining.

The people of Saltaire came out in style and great number on a gloriously sunny May 22nd to enjoy an afternoon which proved that the much vaunted history of their Village is far from finished.

The Lord Mayor, Cllr John D Godward, accompanied by his wife, Mrs Jean Godward, arrived at the bandstand promptly at 2pm to deliver a short speech, cut the ribbon and declare the beautifully renovated Roberts Park duly and officially open.

Speeches were also made by Councillor Anne Hawkesworth and Jane Glaister, the Council's Strategic Director for Culture, Tourism and Sport, but it is still left to the *Sentinel* to draw attention to the efforts of **Sharon Ashton** and the Friends of Roberts Park, both as a pressure group and a truly *working* party in the sleeves-rolled-up sense, and

Eddie Lawler, whose organising of musical events on the site was surely the deciding factor in the bandstand ever actually being built.

AUCTION DATE

The *Simply Saltaire* exhibition in Saltaire United Reformed Church reaches its grand finale with an auction at 4pm on

Monday, May 31st

This is a change of date from that mistakenly advertised on this page last month. The church will be open, as usual, from 2pm until **Maria Glot** wields her gavel on any items in the exhibition which have not already been purchased. There may not be a lot of lots left; *Simply Saltaire* is already a great success.

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CINEMA ORGAN SOCIETY NEWS

By **Peter Rushton** Cinema Organ Society, Saltaire

It's been a busy few months for the Cinema Organ Society at the Victoria Hall so far this year. As well as our normal monthly series of concerts and involvement in other diverse events we have had a visit from one of the USA's premier Theatre Organists specially to record a CD on our instrument, further reinforcing the high regard with which the Saltaire Wurlitzer is held world wide.

The World Heritage status that Saltaire enjoys brings many visitors both local and from further afield to the Victoria Hall and the many positive comments we receive whenever the Wurlitzer is being played, make our efforts in continuing to keep our instrument at the best possible standard very worthwhile. Most weeks the organ is played by society members at some stage during the day. If you happen to call in during these times please look for one of our volunteers who will be happy to explain about the Wurlitzer and what we do. **On Sunday June 13th at 2:30pm we have a visit from ever popular Blackpool Tower star Phil Kelsall to play a concert of popular and light music. Phil returns in July and August to play for ballroom and sequence dancing so plenty of time to practice your steps!**

Tickets for the concert are available at £8 by telephoning 0845 400 2208, or on the door from 2pm on the day.

SALTAIRE VILLAGE FETE

Saturday, June 26th 12.30 - 4pm

Admission 70p (adults) 30p (children)

The annual Saltaire Fete will take place as usual in the grounds of
Saltaire United Reformed Church
despite disruption during restoration work.

Featuring: *Beat Behind* (jazz); local alternative rock group *Glass*; Belle Vue Girls' School Samba Band; *The Stetson Stompers* line dancers; *Peace Dance Academy*; stalls galore; tombola; bouncy castle; barbecue; ice cream **and** the owl man.

WHEN WOOLSORTER'S DISEASE WAS RIFE AT T'MILL

By **Roger Clarke**

Samuel Firth of Bradford died as a result of this disease in June, 1880.

The resulting inquest gave some indication of the hazards of his occupation. The woolsorter's first job was to open the sacks in which the fibre had been transported, thus releasing into the air all manner of noxious substances. English wool was regarded as a safe fibre to work with, but the raw product came from all over the world. The worst was Van mohair and a product called Persian, since their sacks contained many different grades of fibre, some evil smelling and wet.

Andrew Sutcliffe was a sorter and packer at Salts, and described how the only safe way to handle the bags was to put them to steep in hot water prior to their opening. The water should be hot, but the employers were concerned that if it were too hot it would damage the fibres. He also described the symptoms of the disease, which were the rapid onset of cold, shivering, vomiting and insensibility. There were no eruptions on the skin, but there were no nails left on the fingers after handling this material. He knew of several woolsorters at Salts who had died of these symptoms. The inquest brought in a verdict of death from accidental causes, and recommended that legislative measures should be passed dealing with the sorting of dangerous works. [Anthrax was not mentioned at this enquiry. It is known, however, that between 1866 and 1874, there were 22 deaths from this disease in Saltaire among 130-140 woolsorters.]

HELP NEEDED FOR FESTIVAL

Plans for the 2010 Saltaire Festival are progressing well and more volunteers are needed to help with this year's event. The organising committee is made up of volunteers and more are coming forward to join them. However, additional help is needed during the preparations for and the running of the festival, which takes place this year between 9 and 19 September. Volunteering is a great way to get to know your community better and support a not-for-profit event which attracts thousands of visitors each year and benefits the local economy. All offers of time, support and expertise are very welcome but we are particularly in need of a volunteer co-ordinator, to link up offers of help with when and where volunteers are needed. The ideal candidate needs to be enthusiastic and well organised with time to spare, while a wide network of local contacts would also be useful. If you want to get involved in any capacity, please email

info@saltairefestival.co.uk

For more information about Saltaire Festival, visit the website at

www.saltairefestival.co.uk and become our friend on Facebook - find us under "Saltaire Festival".

Julie Hemmings
Press Officer
Saltaire Festival

WORLD'S STRONGEST GERMAN IN SURPRISE VISIT TO PARK



'The World's Strongest German' (*above*) was not the only surprise to delight those of us fortunate, or clever enough to be in exactly the right place when Mr Isaac Crank and his more than able assistant Tolley-Boy brought their hilarious Victorian Freak Show, *The Gaiety Engine*, to the newly re-opened Roberts Park on May 22nd. The truly staggering performance by *Strangelings* [.co.uk of course] also featured a mermaid named Terence who is half woman, half fish and half man. Impossible? That's what we thought.

FARMERS' MARKET

Saturday, June 19th

9am - 3pm

Caroline Street car park

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

Leeds Baroque 10th Anniversary Concert at Salts Mill on Sunday, June 20th 4.00pm Purcell - The Indian Queen

Directed by **Peter Holman** and featuring
Crispian Steele-Perkins on trumpet and

Jack Edwards as the Narrator

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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

SAD NEWS

It is with great sadness and a sincere expression of condolence that we report the death of Eva Salt, wife of Denys, on Thursday, May 20th. Eva had suffered a stroke two weeks previously, from which she did not recover consciousness.

The funeral is to be held in Graz, Austria, on Friday, May 28th.

Dave and Ann Shaw will be flying out to attend, as will Revd. Paul Breeze of Saltaire United Reformed Church.

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
contactsaltair@yahoo.co.uk

CRICKET IN ROBERTS PARK

Saltaire First XI 1.30pm start:

Saturday, June 5th v East Bierley Sunday, June 13th v Yeadon

BAILDON GARDEN SHARE

Jane Dale, Temporary Area Development Officer with the Neighbourhood Service at Shipley Town Hall, wanted to bring to the attention of *Sentinel* readers a garden share scheme being piloted in Baildon. "I know when I was working in Saltaire," Jane told us, "people were wanting more allotments or space to grow things - and Baildon is not that far to go." Anyone interested should contact Parish Clerk Ruth Batterley - 01942 605746 or email clerk@baildon.org.uk.

LOOK OUT FOR VIC

A new **Visitor Information Centre (VIC)** may be open, in Sir Titus' Board Room in the Mill (at the bottom of Victoria Road, very near the canal), later this summer or in early autumn. The VIC, one of four in the district, will be managed by Bradford Council and so will not be a part of the official *Tourist* Information Centre network. Local people, with the support of local councillors and this newspaper, have, for years now, been demanding an Information Centre.

BIRTHDAYS GALORE AT GALA

By Melanie Obeney

We are proud to present a grand and extended gala for children and families in the safe and beautiful surroundings of Northcliffe Woods, from **2 to 4.30pm on Sunday, June 13th**. This year we are marking the hundred and fiftieth birthday celebrations of Sir Norman Rae, the ninetieth anniversary of his gift of Northcliffe to the people of Shipley, the twentieth birthday of Friends of Northcliffe and the fifteenth birthday of the Rae Gala itself. For more information please visit www.friendsofnorthcliffe.co.uk To support us in our efforts to provide fun and entertainment to the people of Shipley please contact Melanie: melobeney@yahoo.co.uk

REGULAR SUNDAY MUSIC AT THE BANDSTAND THIS MONTH

All performances due to commence at 2.30pm.

6th Double Bill: Arcomnia ("resonant oscillations") & VoiceMale (a capella)

13th Creek Alley Western Line Dancers

20th Bradford Metropolitan Concert Band

27th Aire Valley Singers

The *Sentinel* will be publishing the programme on a monthly basis.

LATE

We are sorry for any inconvenience caused by the late appearance of last month's *Sentinel*. It was, in fact, ready in time and, thanks to Pamela (*see above, left*), appeared on the Village Website on May 1st. Paper copy, however, was beset by technical and other problems beyond our control.

WORLD HERITAGE WHEELIE

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"My own role in the community is largely shaped by the input I receive from local people."

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Sadly, sooner or later you will dispose of this copy of the *Sentinel*. Please do so with care for our World Heritage Site environment.