

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



# A FEW STREETS OFF PROJECT APPROACHES TARGET

*The paper  
 of the  
 people of  
 Saltaire*

## FETE FUNDS

Over twelve hundred people enjoyed the Village Fete in the grounds of the United Reformed Church in the sizzling sunshine of Saturday, June 26th and helped to raise £1,812 for church funds; the well deserved outcome of a great deal of hard work by church members (and there were sandwiches left over on Sunday!) The next event at the church (free, with a retiring collection) is an organ recital by Ian Shaw at 1pm on Friday, July 2nd.

The Street Sign Project, promoted on our first front page of this year, is now very close to achieving its aim.

**Molly Kenyon**, who is co-ordinating the venture on behalf of the Saltaire Village Society, tells us: "A feature in January's *Sentinel* brought such a good response that only four signs are left

needing sponsors: two in Whitlam Street, one in Jane Street and one in Upper Ada Street "

### REPLACEMENT

The project involves the replacement of all the black and white street signs in Saltaire with the distinctive Prussian blue version, in keeping with the Victorian original, at a cost to individual sponsors of £99 each.

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## VINTAGE FAIR

The big attraction at Victoria Hall on Saturday, July 3rd is the Saltaire Vintage Home & Fashion Fair from 9.30am - 4pm. "We've got two beautiful rooms filled with the most fabulous stallholders from all over Yorkshire and beyond", says **Caroline Brown**. Tickets are £3 on the door (£2 concessions), or just £2 in advance from Rose & Brown at 16 Victoria Road. For more details, please contact Caroline on **07985 181120**

## SALTAIRE INSPIRED CHAIR OF BOARD

Saltaire Inspired is looking for a CHAIR to lead its Board of Directors. Saltaire Inspired is a Saltaire-based arts organisation that is the inspiration behind the very successful Saltaire Arts Trail. The organisation is moving into a new sphere of development and invites applications for a CHAIR to lead it into and through this exciting phase. Experience of Board and business management is preferred.

Full details from the Secretary:

**secretary@saltaireinspired.org.uk**

Applications by letter and CV detailing how you could fulfil the role, **by July 17th** please.

WHATEVER IT IS - SAY IT IN THE *Sentinel*!

[saltairesentinel@btinternet.com](mailto:saltairesentinel@btinternet.com)

**Deadline: 20<sup>th</sup>**

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**Sun. 10am-10pm**

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## **MAGIC NUMBER THREE**

**2 Victoria Road**

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## **MYRTLE IS THE PLACE FOR BOOKS**

**Saltaire Bookshop is moving from its current premises on Bingley Road into 1 Myrtle Place**, at the upper end of Saltaire Rd. The house was once Dr Laing's surgery and before that, for those with impossibly long memories, it was the dyer's house in the late nineteenth century. The bookshop will be open Friday and Saturday selling second hand books, cards and new local interest books, and trading on line the rest of the week. Callers are also welcome by appointment the rest of the week. **Call David on 01274 589144 or 07730 304334.**

The evening events on alternate Thursdays will continue, with the first being a poetry reading on July 22nd. The Reading Group meets on the third Monday of the month at 7pm. On Monday, July 19th we will be discussing Larsson's "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo". **The grand opening will be on Saturday July 17th with refreshments between 11am and 5pm.**

**David Ford**

## **SIMPLY SALTAIRE SALE A SUCCESS**

The "Simply Saltaire" exhibition and sale of artwork and photography at the United Reformed Church concluded on Spring Bank Holiday Monday with a grand auction. The services of **Maria Glot and colleagues from "Salts Walks"** were secured to run the event. In Victorian costume, with Mrs Ellin Dooley (aka Maria), a very common mill-girl, as auctioneer, the audience were soon bidding briskly for remaining items. In place of the usual bidders numbers, cards identifying Victorian diseases were held up by the audience, with "abscesses", "croup" and "colic" being the most prolific bidders.

**The auction made a total of £980.** Added to sales during the month-long exhibition, the total raised for the proposed Education Centre to be established in the Church rooms was in excess of £3,000. The organisers commented on the remarkable generosity of donors of work and of purchasers, reflecting the affection which the Church commands from villagers, as a centre for community activities. The event could not have been staged without the help of **Saltaire Village Society**, along with CNet, Grassroots and Incommunities funding.

**Roger Clarke**

## **GEORGE SALT'S STEAM CARRIAGE**

**From the Bradford Observer of July 18th, 1861**, we discover that George Salt, Titus and Lady Caroline's second child, was twenty-six years old and already into boys' toys. He exhibited his steam carriage at a display of steam driven machinery. The comments of the reporter were that "It was constructed for Mr Salt by Messrs Carret, Marshall and Co. of Leeds. It has accommodation for nine to twelve passengers. There is much ingenuity displayed in the design, but we question whether it is adapted for moving along our streets and roads without danger to itself and others".

Just like his father, George seems to have had an aptitude for everything mechanical (and expensive). Later he became an enthusiastic sailor and owned his own yacht, the "Oithona", which was usually moored at Scarborough and later in London. Wood and ivory turning were his brother, Titus Junior's, hobby. Much less expensive and less ostentatious. But remember that he also took great pride in designing his own house at Milner Field, where all the latest gadgets were fitted including electricity and telephones. In addition, Sir Titus, Titus Junior and Edward were enthusiastic orchid growers, and cultivators of exotic fruits, requiring expensive heating technology as well as considerable horticultural skills.

**Roger Clarke**

## **STREET SIGN PROJECT**

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The Street Sign Project was initiated in the year 2000 by Clive Woods, still remembered with great affection by so many people in Saltaire for his groundbreaking research into local history, his tireless efforts for the Tramway and, not least, as founder of the Village Society. The venture met with a heartening response and many signs had been replaced before problems of administration unfortunately coincided with Clive's failing health. Following his death in 2007, the Society decided that completion of the project, by then an official objective in the World Heritage Site Management Plan, would be a fitting tribute to his memory and, with the enthusiastic support of this newspaper and its readers, has devoted much of its energy to that end – an end now clearly in sight. If any further sense of urgency *should* be required, readers are reminded of a quotation from Molly Kenyon in our January issue: "Saltaire Village Society hopes to complete the project during 2010 – in time for the opening of a new Visitor Information Centre!"

**If you would like to help in completing the project, contact Molly Kenyon: 593585 or [mkenyon@freeuk.com](mailto:mkenyon@freeuk.com)**

## **"A RATHER POSITIVE YEAR" FOR VILLAGE SOCIETY**

**(FRUSTRATION AND FARCE INCLUDED)**

In his Chair's report to the Annual General Meeting of Saltaire Village Society (SVS) on the 3rd of last month, **Rob Martin** expressed his opinion that Saltaire has experienced "a rather positive year" during which some issues (among which he mentioned the announcement of the new Visitor Information Centre) "although frustrating have added a touch of farce".

On the issue of the Saltaire Roundabout, which has once again been a cause of major concern, Mr. Martin said he was very pleased at the progress which has been made. "A steering group of local councillors, council transport officers, consultants Arup and people from the community have met to discuss proposals for alleviating the problems with traffic," he explained. "This group are now nearing the end of their work after extensive public consultation and I look forward to the implementation of the plans, which are designed to make it just that little bit better. It has been a difficult process and the solutions will not be favourable to all of us. I hope that similar community involvement on all issues which affect us will become the norm."

Successes for the Society included its involvement with the Simply Saltaire exhibition and the Half Moon Café ("SVS fully supports the Cricket Club in its work to make the Half Moon a successful community enterprise") as well as the Street Sign Project, for which gratitude was expressed to all donors.

### **SALTAIRE LEARNING**

The project which Mr Martin found most exciting, however, is the "work in progress" which has already brought together a wide range of people and organizations to set up educational resources for visitors to Saltaire, "not based just on Titus Salt, but the whole up-to-date Saltaire environment":

**Saltaire Learning**, set up last year at the instigation of World Heritage Site Officer Craig McHugh following widespread consultation about the need for such resources, is looking to be instrumental in organising local events on and around World Heritage Day, April 18th, 2011, (for which the theme is expected to be 'water'). Mr Martin, who was recently elected to chair the group, told the *Sentinel*. "It is hoped Saltaire Learning will do an "education" event on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> (it is the start of the school holidays on the Monday). My idea is to have events over the weekend and Monday organised by different groups in Saltaire.

**I am asking people/ groups to let me know if they are interested in "doing something" and to share ideas." Tel: 01274 593585**

## **CAROLINE STREET SOCIAL CLUB**

**next to the car park always has a warm welcome for all with regular events including live music, dancing and bingo.**  
**01274 - 585140**

### **ADVERTISING**

All the establishments featured in the 'small ads' on these pages (*facing and above*) serve as outlets for this newspaper and are promoted on that basis. **Please note: space in the *Sentinel* is not for sale, but neither is it offered free for commercial advertising.**

## **FARMERS' MARKET**

**Saturday,**

**July 17<sup>th</sup>**

**9am - 3pm**

**Caroline St.**

**car park**

**(There is a Farmers' Market on the third Saturday of every month offering a wide range of healthy produce.)**

## **STRAWBERRY TEA**

**St. Peter's Bowling Club  
Fern Hill Road, Shipley  
Saturday, July 3rd**

**2-4.30pm**

**Bric-a-bac, cakes,  
tombola and bowling**

**Admission £3**

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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](http://www.saltairvillage.info)

### **CRAFT MARKET**

A Craft Market to raise funds for the Burns Unit will be held in various rooms in Victoria Hall on

**Sunday, August 1st.**

**Dave Glenister** of HTG Events tells us that the market will be very much centred on affordability for customers as well as suppliers. Café proceeds will also benefit Cancer Research UK.

### **SALTAIRE POLICE AND COMMUNITY CONTACT POINT**

At entrance to Salts Mill  
Wednesday 10am-1p.m.  
01274 537416  
[contactsaltair@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:contactsaltair@yahoo.co.uk)

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

### The *Saltaire Sentinel* **JOHN NICHOLSON POETRY PRIZE 2010**

Poems are invited, with a view to publication in these pages, from any *Sentinel* reader on the subject of Saltaire and/or Airedale.

[John Nicholson (1790-1843) was the self-proclaimed 'Airedale Poet' who died in tragic circumstances on the bank of the river, near what is now the bottom of Victoria Road.]

### **HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN THE UK BIOBANK ?**

**Abbi Hobbs**, who lives in Bingley and is a researcher at the University of York, is hoping to recruit a local focus group on the public perception of biobanks as part of a European social science research project led by the University of Vienna. Abbi is looking for people who have joined the UK Biobank and would be willing to talk about why they decided to participate as well as more general issues surrounding biobanks. Each participant will be reimbursed £20 for their time and any expenses incurred. The idea is to have two focus groups this month, one in Bingley and one in Saltaire and *Sentinel* readers who would be interested in taking part are invited to contact Abbi:

**+44 (0)7876 770161 Email:adh501@york.ac.uk**  
(As this research is being conducted through the University of York and not by or for the UK Biobank, questions should be directed to Abbi)  
[The UK Biobank is a major medical research initiative which has collected samples of blood, urine and saliva, along with physical measures and lifestyle information, from participants to build a resource with the aim of improving the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of a wide range of serious and life-threatening illnesses.]

### **CRICKET IN ROBERTS PARK**

**Saltaire First XI** 1.30pm start:

**Saturday, July 3rd v Gomersal**

**Saturday, July 24th v Cleckheaton**

### **MUSIC AT THE BANDSTAND THIS MONTH Saturday, July 3rd JAZZ ON A SUMMER'S EVENING With The Darren Dutson-Bromley Trio 7.30pm**

Bring a rug and a picnic – or buy one from the Half Moon.

Performances at 2.30pm on **Sunday afternoons:**

**4th** Hot Aire Concert Band

**11th** Double Bill: Otra  
Fiona-Katie Roberts (harp)

**18th** Double Bill:

Fairburn Singers

Em Brulee

**25th** Overdrive

(Bradford's rock band)

August 1st : Plumhall  
(acoustic) and Den Miller

**The *Sentinel* publishes the programme every month .**

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