

The **Saltaire Sentinel**
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EXCHANGE OF IDEAS

GROUPS TO GET TOGETHER

The paper of the people of Saltaire

HISTORY CLUB

Saltaire History Club has a new venue, Saltaire Methodist Church, for its next meeting on Thursday, September 30th (7pm). **Dave Shaw** tells us that the meeting features two presentations which are both very topical: **Ian Egglestone** will be introducing his new film, "Saltaire Caught on Camera" [See p.3] and **Richard Freeman**, himself a long-standing enthusiast, will be giving an informed account of the history of the Glen Tramway – and looking to its future.

Saltaire Village Society (SVS) and Caroline Street Social club are inviting groups and individuals from the local area to participate in a special meeting at the Club from 7pm on **Tuesday Oct. 19th**
 Chairman Rob Martin

tells us that the purpose of the "market place" meeting is to give time to groups from Saltaire and surrounding area, (which includes Shipley Glen, Baildon, Moorhead etc.) to tell other people of the neighbourhood what they do and how those interested could support,
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Saltaire Festival showed that it is a real community event on September 16th with the re-creation of the opening, in 1871, of Roberts Park (which was then Saltaire Park). The stars were the children and staff from three local Primary schools: St Walburgers, Saltaire and Wycliffe. Dressed in Victorian costume, they sang, recited and danced around a maypole, for the pleasure of a large audience.
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SALTAIRE INSPIRED

David Starley writes: Saltaire Inspired, which runs the popular Art Trail events during the Festival is planning a separate Visual Arts event in Saltaire in May (27th-30th) 2011, together with the regular Living Advent Calendar in December 2010. As well as looking for a manager to oversee the run up to

Open Meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday October 14th in Saltaire Methodist Church.

the May Art Trail, the team is looking for new volunteers to help organise and run events, as well as householders willing to host Open Houses in May and contribute Advent windows in December. If you would be interested in joining a lively team, helping to build Saltaire's reputation as a centre of the Arts why not come along to an

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A SHOP AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

Roger Clarke calls in at 20/21 Titus Street

Better known in the Village as "the Spar shop", this has been a corner grocer's and bakery since 1879. However, since 1962 it has had only two owners. In 1962 it was owned by **Leslie and Reginald Hodgson**, brothers, who ran it for 29 years and 3 months. Reginald was the baker (up at 4am to bake the bread) and Leslie the confectioner and shop keeper. Reginald's Cornish pasties were the talk of the area, priced at one shilling. Small loaves were two and a half pence, large loaves four and a half pence, and teacakes were a penny. The shop became part of the Spar chain in 1967, and the brothers were able to offer groceries at very competitive prices because all the advertising, bulk buying and overheads (even down to providing paint for the outside of the shop) were taken care of by Spar. For some time they operated a mobile service using a van to trade door to door in the Coach Road area, a section of the business which, on its own had £100 per week turnover.

In 1992, **Raman and Ramila Lad** took over, and they continued to bake bread and confectionary there until 2006, when the preference of customers was for more pre-packed bread. They moved on to have a mixture of sliced, pre-packed and unsliced, unpackaged bread, the latter coming from an external bakers. Raman reflected how his customer base has changed in character as the social trends in the Village have changed, and his stock is much different too. The older customers have mainly left the Village, many into Care Homes or living with their families. These customers used to buy raw ingredients with which to cook their own menus. Since 2001, the local population has changed. Younger customers (25 to 35 year age range) now shop with him, and their tastes reflect the current fast-moving society. They want fast food such as frozen ready meals, fine wines, homemade samosas, and more unusual items which they can't easily get from supermarkets. Raman offers the kind of service which says "if we've not got it in stock, and if it's available, I'll have some for you tomorrow". I spent over an hour chatting and observing customers and what they bought. Most popular items seemed to be bread, milk, alcohol and cigarettes, but there were examples of the sort of specialist service which Raman had described. One lady wanted, and obtained, some candles for a cake, and a young man wanted some coriander (to make coriander soup for the evening meal). After a moment's hesitation, Raman disappeared into a back room and reappeared with a bunch, to the delight of his customer! Raman and Ramila stayed in the Spar group for 3 years, before trading independently. I was impressed with the couple's commitment to personal service to the community. They feel that the Village needs and deserves a reliable grocer on the doorstep. The shop continues much as it has always been run. There is no market research or price comparisons with competitors. They just stay open for as long as customers want them (8am to 10pm) and get to know their customers, and what they like, very well, providing a real local, neighbourhood resource based on reliability, good value and commitment.

Residents and visitors will have noticed the large flag flying at the Spar during the recent Festival. Although shops in Victoria Road had theirs up in good time, Raman and Ramila might well have missed out, owing to a misunderstanding over whether or not the shop had a flagpole holder, if not for the timely intervention of *Sentinel* reader **Dina Lad**. Dina brought the oversight to the attention of the Festival Committee as well as this newspaper, saying, "The Spar is one of the stores that is at the heart of Saltaire Village. The owners go out of their way on many occasions to help the elderly of our community and to any other residents, whenever they need a helping hand. They are such lovely people and have had the Store for many years." [The Spar was one of the very first outlets for the *Sentinel* and the interest and support which Raman and Ramila showed then, and have continued to show, for the paper is much appreciated.-Ed]

SVS MEETING

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become a member or otherwise be involved. Also, individuals who are carrying out a Saltaire based project would be welcome. Each group will have a table space and up to five minutes to address the audience. There will then be time for people to come and talk to the groups or projects that interest them. For further details, Rob can be contacted on **01274 593585**

CHILDREN STARS

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Sir Titus was played by Denys Salt, the grandson of Titus Junior.

Maria Glot (as Mrs Ellen Dooley) and her brood of village children provided disruptive interruptions to delight the audience. The costumes were stunning (courtesy of West Yorkshire Playhouse) and the organisation superb.

None of this would have been possible without the creativity of the talented **Harriet Townsend, (Hattie)** who devised, scripted, cast, costumed, produced and directed the show. What a fitting event in the setting of the newly refurbished park, leading even the most sceptical to believe that Saltaire is regenerating and that the community spirit is rekindled. We're just four miles from Bradford - if only this positive image could be projected by planners there. **Roger Clarke**

FARMERS' MARKET

Saturday, October 16th

9am - 3pm

Caroline Street car park

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LOCAL HISTORY DVD IS FASCINATING MIXTURE

**Roger Clarke takes a good look at the new DVD,
"Saltaire - Caught on Camera":**

Father and son team, **Colin and Ian Egglestone**, are enthusiastic restorers of archive movie films. They draw on material which is stored at Bradford Industrial Museum, and on local sources, to bring to life the history of Saltaire and district. Their most recent DVD is a fascinating mixture of images which reflect the area in the twentieth century. These include footage of Saltaire in the 1960s and 70s, and a view of the Milner Field as it is today. Particular events which receive attention are the 1953 Works Trip to Blackpool from Salts Mill; the Shipley Glen Tramway renovation and re-opening in 1982; the re-opening of Saltaire railway station in 1984; the Jowett car Diamond Jubilee in 1983; a Saltaire street party; the model railway based on Saltaire and the Mill; the first Saltaire Festival in 2003; and finally the recent opening of the Roberts Park renovation in 2010.

This is an hour's worth of entertainment for everyone with an interest in Saltaire. It is available at Salts Mill and at Peter Randall's barber's shop on Bingley Road.

Still available by the same duo, from Bradford Industrial Museum, is the film of the 1961 Bradford Trolley Bus Jubilee - a re-edit of the film originally put together by Stanley King and Roy Brook, showing trolley bus routes and the celebration of 50 years of trolleybuses in Bradford at the Thornbury depot.

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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.saltairevillage.info

KATH LIBBERT ON FACEBOOK

Kath Libbert tells us of a new way for jewellery lovers to keep up with goings-on at her highly successful gallery on the second floor of Salts Mill: "Although we do a full web catalogue for all our exhibitions, we thought Facebook would be a good way of keeping people in touch in a more informal way. So do take a look - and better still join us."

SALTAIRE POLICE AND COMMUNITY CONTACT POINT

At entrance to Salts Mill
Wednesday 10am-1p.m.
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Cuppacare, "the café with a heart in the heart of town" in New Kirkgate, Shipley, is a non-profit enterprise kept open 10am-1.30pm Mondays and Fridays by Shipley Christians Together.

CASE OF MISSING CAMERA

We have received the following request:
My wife and I were in the Village on Sunday August 22nd, celebrating our Ruby wedding. We both worked at the library in the 1960's when the Institute was Shipley's central library and held our reception in the Glen room, courtesy of Shipley Council. We return two or three times each year and marvel at how the Village has developed. When we worked at the library it was still a working mill village. (My wife's grandfather worked at the mill at the turn of the century, living in William Henry Street) Unfortunately, when we returned home to Derbyshire I realised I had lost my camera, possibly left it on a bench in Roberts Park, by the Institute or in the Half Moon cafe. It is an Olympus digital pocket camera. Although the chances of its return are slim I am hopeful that someone may have picked it up. I have logged the loss with the Shipley police station, but would be grateful for *your* help. The camera contains photos of our Ruby Wedding day, forty years on to the day from our wedding in the Village. Many Thanks.

Bernard Haigh Bolsover 01246 822793 Email: Bernard.Haigh@yahoo.co.uk

AIRE VALLEY RAIL USERS GROUP SEEKS MEMBERS

Keith Preston writes: I am now in my twenty-first year with the Aire Valley Rail Users Group, which I founded in 1990. I was Chairman for the first ten years, before handing over to Tim Callow. We still need more members to join, monitoring the Airedale Line. For an annual fee of only £3, members receive our newsletter, *Airlines* every quarter. The website at www.avrug.org.uk is being updated to include more travel news and photographs. The address for subscriptions is: Membership Secretary, AVRUG, 3 The Crescent, Baildon Green, Baildon BD17 7PE.

RSPB Airedale and Bradford Local Group
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Room 3, Shipley Library.
Illustrated talk-'The Corner of an Island: The Flora and Fauna of Anglesey' by Rev. Hugh Linn. Adults £2.50, children free. Free tea or coffee provided.

Non- members welcome.

NEWS REPORTERS ALWAYS WANTED

To fulfill its role as the local community newspaper, the *Saltaire Sentinel* needs to contain reports as well as promotions. For this reason, we are always pleased to hear from readers who would be willing to provide write-ups, on their own initiative and/or when requested, conduct interviews and accept invitations to various events on the editor's behalf.

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"I'm always picking up little bits and pieces!"

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