

The  
**Saltaire Sentinel**  
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**VIGILANCE**

# HISTORY HITS HOME

## LOCAL LADS BRING IT TO LIFE

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 THE PAPER  
 PEOPLE BUY,  
 IT'S THE  
 PAPER BY  
 THE PEOPLE**

### APRIL SPECIAL

Next month's  
*Saltaire Sentinel*  
 will be the  
 one hundredth

(not including the special Festival edition of September, 2003). In collaboration with Saltaire Village Society, Saltaire Learning and the reprographics dept. of Shipley College, we are hoping to produce a very special issue to mark the occasion and with an extra section featuring full details of the World Heritage celebrations planned for 15th – 18th.

*In the meantime,  
 See Page Three >>>*

Well known Saltarians from the 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries will meet at Saltaire Methodist Church on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> when two of the community's best loved "characters" are guest speakers at the History Club.

Joseph Wright rose from mill worker to Professor of Dialect at Oxford University. His story will be told by local playwright and songwriter **Eddie Lawler**. In "From t'Mill to t'Dreaming Spires", Eddie will introduce examples from Wright's seminal works on English dialects – including his *Grammar of the Windhill Dialect*.

**The Reverend David Cowan** was the centre of a bitter dispute at the local Congregationalist Church (of which – this newspaper can reveal - details are even now coming to light!)

Roger Clarke will enact the events. (It is the character of Rev Cowan that Roger plays in the guided walks around the Village.)

During the break there will be an opportunity to browse a couple of recent donations to Saltaire Archives: a Long Service Certificate for a lady who worked for 56 years at the Mill and a set of family Bibles originally belonging to the Marshall family.

**Proceedings commence at 7pm.** All are welcome, but issued on this one occasion with the following **Warning:** Be prepared to practice your dialect with Wright and be harangued as a sinner by Cowan!

*[Readers will appreciate that Messrs Lawler and Clarke being two of the editor's very best friends is purely coincidental to the priority which this item is here given.]*

**In this issue**  
**RAILWAY  
 STATION**  
**VIEWS – AND NEWS**  
*Plus*  
**ALL OUR USUAL  
 UNUSUALS**

### CHARITY CONCERT

The charity concert organised by the Aire and Wharfe Valley Soroptimist clubs at Victoria Hall on February 19th raised over £2,000 for the women and street children in Sierra Leone. The project organiser **Jane Tullie** would like to thank the artists who kindly donated their talents and fellow Soroptimist members who helped organise the concert, and especially all the people who bought tickets and supported the event.

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## **REMEMBERING WHAT TITUS DID FOR US**

As part of the World Heritage Day celebrations (*see opposite*), there will be a multi-media presentation entitled "What Titus Did For Us". It has been written and directed by Hattie Townsend and images are by Craig McHugh. Local actors will perform this forty minute presentation.

It is to be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at 2-30pm in the Salt Building of Shipley College (opposite Victoria Hall).

## **CATS AND DACHSHUNDS**

**By Roger Clarke**

Wherever you look in Saltaire there are cats and dogs. Cats seem almost as prevalent as wheelie bins in the back alleys of the Village. Around the Mill are many paintings and postcards of dogs, and the Diner has adopted Hockney's sketch of a begging dachshund as a logo to decorate crockery, serviettes, sugar sachets, uniforms and many of the souvenir gifts on sale for tourists. The works of **David Hockney** include many images of his favourite dachshunds, Stanley and Booge, including a whole book devoted to them alone. Yet I could find no account of the reason for Hockney's fascination for them in his writing. I asked **Maggie Silver**, but apart from being aware that other members of the Hockney family had dachshunds as pets (eg. his sister Margaret and her dog Sophie), she could not enlighten me. Then I realised that she could not really see why I was asking the question. To her it was self evident, because she is as besotted with the breed as Hockney. She admits that cats were hers and **Jonathan's** first love – but not the pedigree, cosseted cats which most people go for. These were orphan, down-on-their-luck cats, and their first was Millie. She had been given to Jonathan as a stray when he was at Dean Clough Mills in Halifax. When the family came to Saltaire, Maggie was very conscious of a group of feral cats which had taken up residence in the cellars in the Mill. She describes them as "a gypsy band of vagabonds", and plainly had affection for what they represented – free living, living on their wits, survivors against all the odds, carnivores which were close to the true nature of cats and close to the edge. Focussed felines!

It was perhaps unsurprising that the family was ready for a replacement for Millie. Jonathan was approached by a lady at the church with the plea that "our cat has nowhere to go because my husband's just had his leg off", and couldn't resist. So it was that Vincent joined the family – "Vince the Prince" according to **Davina and Zoe Silver**. Vince reigned supreme until dachshund fever gripped the household in 1995. There had been some rumblings of this when Jonathan organised an exhibition of Hockney's dachshund paintings in 1993 and had arranged for the Dachshund Club to visit the Mill in celebration. He and Maggie had plenty of opportunity to decide which kind of miniature dachshund appealed to them. Freida was selected from a pedigree breeder and was quick to show her class and her intelligence. Small wonder that Vince had his nose put out of joint, but only briefly. The two pets shared family life until Vince's death in 1999, just two years after Jonathan's death from cancer. Freida went everywhere with Maggie and was well known around the Mill. Unfortunately, Freida died at Christmas, 2006, sorely missed by Maggie and the girls. Too many losses!  
**Many thanks to Maggie for sharing this glimpse of family life.**

## **NEWS REPORTERS ALWAYS WANTED**

The *Sentinel* is always pleased to hear from readers who would be willing to provide write-ups, on their own initiative and/or when requested.

Cotton on to  
**FAIRTRADE**  
wine & chocolate tasting  
St Peter's Church  
Moorhead Lane  
Thursday, March 3rd  
7.30pm.

Join the Fairtrade-certified cotton bunting world record attempt. Tickets £7 or £5 if you bring some food with a Fairtrade label (in date).

Book your place with Barbara Judd:  
fairtrade@saltsvillage.co.uk  
01274 584775

**JAZZ**  
**IN THE**  
**CHANCEL**  
Peter Frank's  
Dixieland All-Stars  
St. Paul's Church  
Kirkgate, Shipley  
Friday, March 4th  
7.30pm  
£6 on the door

**HTG EVENTS**  
announce a  
**CRAFT**  
**MARKET**  
Victoria Hall  
Sunday, March 20th  
11am-6pm

Saltaire  
Cricket Club  
**TABLE TOP**  
**SALE**  
Victoria Hall  
Sunday, March 27th  
Doors open at 10 am.  
Reserve a table by calling  
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## HERITAGE DAYS

**ROB MARTIN**, of Saltaire Village Society and Saltaire Learning, tells us more about what is in store: This time last year Saltaire had never heard of World Heritage Day or as it is officially known INTERNATIONAL MONUMENTS AND SITES DAY. We have now. Craig McHugh, the World Heritage Officer, told us all about it and so we thought we should do something in Saltaire to celebrate. Saltaire Learning, a group recently formed to facilitate the design and make available educational resources for schools and the many visitors to Saltaire, has taken the lead in "putting something on". Not content with one day we propose that Saltaire groups organise events to take place in April, from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> to Monday 18<sup>th</sup>.

The theme of the 2011 World Heritage Day is water, and so we have decided to highlight the Leeds Liverpool canal and its importance to Saltaire. Mike Clark of the Leeds Liverpool Canal Society, who recently spoke at the Saltaire History Club, has kindly offered to bring their barge, *The Kennet*, and moor it by the towpath by Victoria Road. (*The Kennet* is retained as an historic craft and promotes the heritage and traditions of the canal.)

Hattie Townsend and Craig McHugh will be presenting their work on the legacies of Titus Salt (*see opposite*). Eddie Lawler is devising a treasure hunt. Shipley College is making the Salt Hall in Victoria Road available for a proposed photographic exhibition and further talks are planned to take place at the United Reformed Church covering subjects such as the history of the canal and the UNESCO world heritage sites. The Hall Royd band will play in Roberts Park on Sunday afternoon. The Cinema Organ Society is hoping to give recitals on the Wurlitzer Organ in Victoria Hall on the Monday afternoon for people to listen and have a look behind the scenes. Meanwhile, groups are eagerly taking up the decorating a model alpaca project and we also have a real live alpaca for the event on Monday.

All groups connected to Saltaire are invited to organize events celebrating their connection to the World Heritage Site, in which people can participate. A programme of these events will be printed and publicised.

**Please get in touch with Rob on 01274 593585** if you or your group have any ideas or suggestions which would help to bring this project to a successful conclusion.

Visit <http://whc.unesco.org> for more information about World Heritage and UNESCO.

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## THE STATE OF THE STATION

A letter from Alan Josephs in our January issue, on the subject of Saltaire railway station, prompted three very informative responses:

**Local Councillor**

**Kevin Warnes writes:**

I have just read the letter in the *Sentinel* from Alan Josephs of Bingley, regarding littering at Saltaire station, and went down to see it all for myself. I was disgusted by what I saw and took a number of photos. I have forwarded these to Northern Rail (who 'look after' the station) and Network Rail (who are responsible for the embankments beyond the end of the platforms), and will chase this up to try to persuade both companies to put in place adequate management regimes for the station .. and hope to see the situation improve by the Spring.

It might be useful to publish some contact information for future complaints (people are most welcome to contact me, of course).

**Complaints about the station managed areas need to go to**

**Northern Rail: 0845 000 0125 or [customer.relations@northernrail.org](mailto:customer.relations@northernrail.org).**

**The off station areas are managed by Network Rail: 08457 114141.**

There is an email contact form on their website [www.networkrail.co.uk](http://www.networkrail.co.uk)

Ray Wilkes, of Tower Road, Shipley, tells us: Northern Rail has a system of station adopters who are volunteers who check the station at least weekly and report any problems to Northern Rail. I am the adopter for Saltaire. Occasionally the station is a mess due to litter, but generally it is reasonably tidy. It is normally cleaned on Tuesdays and Fridays. Litter bags are changed at the same time. The cleaners operate Monday to Saturday, although their rota may be changed to deal with situations at another station. The station is likely to be a mess if vandals tear the litter bags off, or after high winds. The bags are not very practical but unfortunately, security requirements do not permit more robust containment. Another problem is that youths use the station shelters for a meeting place, leaving beer cans and cigarette packets around. If you see this happening it is worth phoning British Transport Police who may be able to move the people on. There is a plan to have more CCTV in the area.

**Keith Preston**, of Herbert Street, says:

Following an explosion in a metal bin on Leeds station, these were replaced by the see-through bag type which can be replaced. Some work on No.1 platform (Bradford and Leeds bound) is due, hopefully in May 2011, on much needed repairs and alterations to reduce the high gap between trains and platform. Aire Valley Rail Users Group has an AGM at 14.00 on May 7th at Saltaire Methodist Church Hall. Our group does need more members. Current subscriptions are only £3 per year. For more details contact [chair@avrug.org.uk](mailto:chair@avrug.org.uk) or the website at [www.avrug.org.uk](http://www.avrug.org.uk)

## VILLAGE WEBSITE

The *Saltire 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.saltirevillage.info](http://www.saltirevillage.info)

## SALTAIRE POLICE AND COMMUNITY CONTACT POINT

At entrance to Salts Mill  
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