

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

# REINDEER RETURN ANTLER ANTICS FOR CHARITY

*Seasonal  
 Greetings  
 to All Our  
 Readers*

## CHRISTMAS TREE

This year, Saltaire Village Society has been working with the Salt Foundation and Shipley College to purchase and erect a Christmas tree in the Victoria Hall grounds. The “switch on”, at 4pm on Sunday, **December 2nd**, will be carried out by Richard Freeman, in recognition of his work with the Shipley Glen Tramway. Hall Royd Band will again be playing carols and there will be a range of craft and community stalls. **Rob Martin**

Another great day out in Roberts Park is promised for Sunday, December 9th, when the charity Epilepsy Action launches its third annual Reindeer Stampede.

The event, which will raise funds to support the 600,000 people in the UK affected by epilepsy, is set to start at 10am and will take hundreds of runners, joggers and walkers, wearing appropriate ‘reindeer antlers’, round a circular 5k route

The ‘run’ is open to anyone aged eight and upwards, with children under the age of eight being encouraged to take part in a mini ‘Stampede’. Entry costs £10 for adults and £5 for children under 15. Reindeer antlers can be bought from Epilepsy Action for £2.50. A brass band will greet

runners as they cross the finish line to receive a medal.

[www.epilepsy.org.uk/reindeerstampede](http://www.epilepsy.org.uk/reindeerstampede) or contact the events team on **0113 210 8800**.

**In this issue**  
**BURLERS**  
*Plus*  
**MENDERS**  
*Plus*  
**ALL OUR USUAL  
 UNUSUALS**

## GERMANS TO THANK FOR ADVENT CALENDAR

The Saltaire Living Advent Calendar is, **amazingly, now in its seventh year.**

24 windows will again be illuminated to display a festive scene, with one being ‘opened’ daily from December 1st until Christmas Eve, and the whole Calendar then shining until January 5th. Flyers containing a map showing where to find the windows, together with a handy list of other local events, will be posted to houses in and near the Village and can be found at the Visitor Information Centre.

Intrepid local historian **Jonathan Starley** (aged 9) tracked down the Calendar's ‘founder’ **David Worsley**, who told him how the idea had arisen from a visit he had made to Hull. The tradition of illuminated windows had been brought there by a family from their homeland in Germany. So, Jonathan concludes, along with Christmas trees, and the carol ‘Silent Night’ we have the Germans to thank for another beautiful aspect of our Christmas celebrations.

CONTACT THE *Sentinel* THROUGH THE SALTAIRE BOOKSHOP at 1, Myrtle Place OR by E-mail to [saltairesentinel@btinternet.com](mailto:saltairesentinel@btinternet.com) **Deadline: 20<sup>th</sup>**

# ROGER'S GRAVEYARD SHIFT

## The last of a three part series by Roger Clarke

We now come closer to home to look at Nab Wood Cemetery, where the great and the good of our own community are laid to rest.

In 1894, St Paul's Church on Kirkgate, Shipley was the main burial ground for local residents – but it was full! As a result, 19 acres of land at Nab Wood was purchased by the Burial Board of the Council from the Earl of Rosse's Estate for £2,800. The total cost of the scheme including buildings, driveway and lodge was £10,000. The Church of England also purchased land independently from the Earl of Rosse's Estate and created a walled cemetery to the east and adjacent to the Council land. Today this cemetery is in a sad state of repair, with many of the graves vandalised and the whole site overgrown and unkempt. It contrasts with the very well kept Council property next door which is very logically laid out with discrete sections for cremated remains, babies and infant deaths, Catholics, Latvians, and the many Non-Conformist families who resided in the Shipley and Baildon areas. Here can be found the Rhodes family of industrialists from Manningham; the Waddilove family which established Waddilove's Hospital and formed the Provident Clothing Company; the Fattorini family of jewellers; the Denby family, local mill owners from Tong Park; the Reddough family of mill owners from Baildon; the Bulmer family of Bulmer and Lumb fame; and the Roberts family in which Sir James Roberts made such a contribution to Saltaire and Salts Mill. But the first grave to be occupied in this new cemetery was of someone much less famous. Emily Dickenson was a 17 year old girl from Whitlam St, Saltaire who died on Christmas Eve, 1896. Her grave is difficult to find and is marked by a hardly discernable stone. Larger headstones mark the resting place of Handel Parker, a famous composer who wrote "Deep Harmony"; Ernest Gates, Director of Salts Mill and owner of Milner Field, whose tragic death aged 51 years contributed to the "jinx" of the Milner Field mansion; the more recent burial of Brian Mosley (Alf Roberts of Coronation St); and Smith Wigglesworth, a plumber from Manningham who, despite a severe stammer, became an evangelist and emigrated to the USA where his acts of healing and preaching commanded a huge following. His grave is possibly the most frequently visited in the cemetery by Americans and evangelists from all parts of the world.

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## CATS OF SALTAIRE GO GLOBAL

The Cats of Saltaire, rather than sleeping curled up on the hearthrug, have recently been travelling further afield..... in the form of a calendar which has reached as far as Australia and the USA. The calendar for 2013 has been printed locally by Shipley Print and uses images of oil paintings by Saltaire Artist **David Starley**. Featuring Minty, Muddle, Scruff, Saffy and their friends around the village, this decidedly quirky item is now available from local outlets including Saltaire Post Office, the Visitor Information Centre and the Saltaire Bookshop, together with Rana's corner shop and David's own gallery/studio above the Butterfly Rooms.

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## TRAMWAY SANTA SPECIALS

The historic Shipley Glen Tramway will be open from noon until 4pm on the weekends of **December 8th/9th, 15th/16th and 22nd/23rd**. A £3 ticket entitles children aged between one and ten to a ride up and down the tramway, with a visit to Santa in his grotto, as well as a small gift.

## THE STORY OF THE SENTINEL

By Roger Clarke



As this series comes to a close, I agreed to choose my most memorable articles in my eight years on the *Sentinel*:

- ❖ Titus Salt's perspicacity in finding himself a coat-of-arms [Dec. 2004]
- ❖ Stocking fillers – a collection of Christmas stories. [Dec. 2007]
- ❖ Clive Woods' comments on the eccentric Charles Waterton [Jan. 2008]
- ❖ Coverage of the need for a Visitor Information Centre in Saltaire. [Dec. 2008 & Feb. 2009]
- ❖ Coverage of Jane Hedworth's discovery of a Saltaire Church look-alike in Banbury [March 2009]
- ❖ Reflections on The Lobby in the Mill, the longest room in the world in 1853 [Nov. 2009]
- ❖ Ilma Senior's description of starting work in Salts Mill [Dec. 2009]
- ❖ Maggie Silver's affection for a group of feral cats which inhabited the Mill ("a gypsy band of vagabonds") [March 2011]
- ❖ "Red-haired women" – the facts behind an urban myth. [June 2011]
- ❖ The story of the Khaki Club, a by-product of research for Hattie Townsend's play "When the War was Over". [April 2012]

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**BURLERS AND MENDERS**  
**AT CHRISTMAS**

Of all the departments in Salts Mill, the burlers and menders were the ones who knew best how to party. The Archive has many photographs of their Christmas and Coronation parties, and so we know that they were experienced trimmers and decorators. Being a wholly female workforce, apart from the Section head, they had the skills and the design flair to be creative and prolific in their décor.

Theirs was a prestigious occupation, allowing them to wear smocks and pinafores of their own choosing. This was also the only department which was machine-free, providing a pleasant, clean, quiet working environment away from the smells, grease and noise of the rest of the Mill. Perhaps this is why they produced (to our eyes) such "over the top" decorations, not possible in the rest of the Mill, apart from the offices. The 250 menders did it because they could! Roger Clarke

**POETRY PRESENTATION**

Three times winner of the *Saltaire Sentinel* John Nicholson Poetry Prize, Jim Saville is well known around the folk club circuit and is gaining a reputation on both sides of the Atlantic for his work. He enjoys reading aloud (or reciting more well known pieces) in a style appropriate to the poetry selected. He is happy to spend time doing this in front of an audience and does not expect a performance fee; although he enjoys tea and biscuits and an optional donation to the Bradford Cinderella Club, a local charity, is always welcome. To book a session, or explore the possibilities, contact Jim at SHANTYFREAK@YAHOO.CO.UK or telephone (01274) 410317.

**The SPA**

21 Titus Street  
*The Authentic*  
*Village corner shop*

Open Mon-Sat  
8am-10pm  
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**SALTAIRE**  
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1 Myrtle Place  
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**VICARS**

**Café Bistro**  
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**ADVERTISING**

All the establishments featured in these 'small ads' serve as outlets for this newspaper and are promoted on that basis.

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can also be found at  
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Saltaire  
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Saltaire  
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**INFORMATION**  
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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)

## **SALTAIRE HANDMADE Arts and Crafts**

All handmade, all local.

**Caroline Social Club**  
**Saturday, Dec. 15th**  
**10am-3pm**

[enquiries@htgevents.com](mailto:enquiries@htgevents.com)

## **SALTAIRE BOOKSHOP**

**1 Myrtle Place**  
**Tuesday- Sunday**  
**10am - 5pm**

**Open until 8pm on Thursdays until Christmas**

**FREE Events:**

**Dec. 6th 7pm**

**Paul Sutherland (poet)**

**Dec. 20th 6-8pm**

**Kushy Patel (author of "Prashad Indian Vegetarian Cooking")**

**01274 - 589144**

## **INCREDIBLE EDIBLE**

Following last month's inspirational talk by *Incredible Edible Todmorden's* Mary Clear, a group of Saltaire residents has decided to explore the potential for growing more edible crops in and around our own village. Initiated by *Sustainable Saltaire*, a group of 'champions' has started to emerge and will be meeting regularly to formulate plans to encourage residents to grow their own food crops; whether they have a garden of their own or not. Landscape Architect students from Leeds Metropolitan University have been working on some detailed designs; the green-fingered and community growers already in our midst have been sharing their expertise with those new to growing and Shipley College are kindly sharing their facilities. It is hoped that by this time next year residents of Saltaire will have access not only to low-carbon, home-grown fruit, vegetables and herbs but will also be reaping the benefits of getting outdoors, getting their hands dirty and meeting their neighbours in the process.

**Sheri-Leigh Miles**

[sheri-leigh@sustainablesaltair.org](mailto:sheri-leigh@sustainablesaltair.org)

## **EXHIBITION**

*Out the Blue*, an exhibition featuring the work of nine new BA and MA graduates from all over the UK, runs at the Kath Libbert Jewellery Gallery in Salts Mill **until January 27th**.

**Saltaire Cricket Club**  
**TABLE TOP SALE in Victoria Hall**  
**Sunday, December 16th from 10am**  
To reserve a table, call **01274 787908**  
or see [www.saltair.play-cricket.com](http://www.saltair.play-cricket.com)

## **CUPPACARE**

The café and bookstall in New Kirkgate, is a non-profit enterprise, run by Shipley Christians Together, **10am-1.30pm Mondays and Fridays**.

## **CHRISTMAS AT SALTAIRE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**

**Tuesday, Dec. 11th 7.30pm**

**Carol Concert**

**Organised by Shipley Rotary Club**

**Otley Brass Band & Bradford Cathedral Choir**  
**Admission Free**

**Saturday, Dec. 22nd 7pm**

**Christmas Concert**

**Leeds Concert Band**  
**£5 (£4 conc.)**

**Sunday, Dec. 23rd 6.30pm**

**Village Carol Service**

**Monday, Dec. 24th 11.30pm**

**Holy Communion**

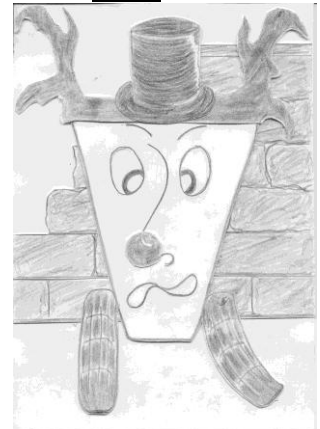
**Tuesday, Dec. 25th 11am**

**A service to celebrate the birth of the Saviour.**

## WORLD HERITAGE

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