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The Visitor Information Centre in Salts Mill has launched a loyalty card. Available from the Centre and free to residents and visitors, the card entitles the holder to offers and discounts at eighteen local establishments. Look out for the **Saltaire Loyalty Card** sticker at participating businesses, including the David Starley Gallery in the Butterfly Rooms.

The annual **Saltaire Fete**, as always in the grounds of the United Reformed Church at the bottom of Victoria Road, is set to take place on Saturday, 29th of this month.

Featuring the usual stalls offering a wide variety of gifts and goodies, including food, as well as musical entertainment, the occasion is best described as the day when the village comes to the church and, more importantly, the church most clearly comes to the village: The event is made possible only by the hard work and dedication of members of the church, who will be happy to discuss the faith and fellowship which makes the place so warm and inviting -

all year round.

The Fete will be open from 12.30 until 4pm.

The entrance fee, to cover costs and support church funds, is Adults 70p, Children 30p.

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HISTORY CLUB CHANGE OF TALK AND VENUE

The **Saltaire History Club** meets this month on Thursday, 6th, from 7 to 9pm. *Sentinel* readers will please note two changes since our promotion of this event in last month's issue: The meeting will be held in the **Evans** Room of Victoria Hall and **Hattie Townsend's** talk will be on the subject of "Abraham Broadbent -

The Unknown Sculptor of Cartwright Hall". To complete the programme, **Sarah Dietz** will be presenting "Bradford Mills at Marki, Warsaw." Like all meetings of the History Club, this is a great opportunity to meet with local folk with an interest in the unique history of Saltaire and its locality.

All welcome – and it's FREE!
historyclub@saltairvillage.info

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

Please note that the *Sentinel* now has a new e-mail address:

sentinel@saltairvillage.info

We can also be contacted c/o **The Saltaire Bookshop, 1 Myrtle Place**

LAST OF THE LANTERN SLIDES

By Roger Clarke

The last two Sentinels have provided an account of Titus Junior's magic lantern slide show of his trip to the Holy Land. In the final episode of this series, we hear that his presentation was not well attended.

"We have heard of a very considerable number in Shipley and elsewhere, who were prevented from being present at the lecture, owing to an impression sent abroad that the place would be uncomfortably crowded, which we hope will not be the case again. If tickets had been previously disposed of this would have been prevented. It would be well, we think, if Mr Salt could be induced to re-deliver his lecture. Could it not be included amongst the attractions at the Soirees in Easter?" *However, word got around and two days later he tried again with more local views:*

Treat to the Young Folks

"Titus Salt, Esq., also gave an entertainment to the young people of Saltaire, on the evening of Saturday, 18th March, when upwards of 1,500 assembled, at his invitation, in the large hall of the Club. The entertainment consisted of a very large assortment of views, which were reflected upon the large screen by the oxy-hydrogen lime light lantern. Mr Salt described the more important views, and the children sang several hymns during the evening. When the views of the more important places of local interest were reflected upon the screen, the excitement became intense, and when the portrait of Sir Titus Salt, Bart, appeared on the screen, it burst forth in repeated rounds of applause, terminating in three cheers for Sir Titus. At the close of the entertainment, a vote of thanks was carried with acclamation to Mr Salt for his kindness, which he acknowledged, and the meeting was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem."

These accounts appeared in the "Saltaire Monthly magazine - A Miscellany of Local and Useful Information for the People". Price one penny. Communications for the Editor to be sent to the Saltaire Magazine Box in the vestibule at the New Institute." Copies could be obtained from Abraham Holroyd (36, now 79, Victoria Road), and Peter Hargreaves (32, Shirley Street). Holroyd described himself as "bookseller, bookbinder, stationer, periodical and newsagent" and Hargreaves as "Grocery and Stationery Warehouse - general provisions merchant, stationer and bookseller."

There were other outlets for the magazine in Shipley, Bradford and Keighley.

All in all, a more ambitious version of the Sentinel! I wonder if it, too, achieved its 10th Anniversary?

SPRINGTIME SAUNTERS

Helen's Heritage Walks offer "Springtime Saunters around Saltaire". On **Saturday, June 8th** a circular walk will take participants around the old Milner Field estate, offering a chance to explore the site of this Victorian Gothic mansion and its gardens at Gilstead. Helen will be telling the tragic stories of the families who occupied the house. Adults: £5.00; Children: £3.00; Families £12. Well behaved dogs welcome for free! Meet at the Half Moon Café in Roberts Park at 10.30 am. (Come early for a hot drink to set you on your way). **To book**, call **01274 532425** or (mobile) **075 28361857**, e-mail helen@saltairevillage.info www.helensheritagewalks.co.uk

Stories from World War One Private Albert Webb

In August 1915, the First World War had been going on for a year. On the morning of Monday 9th, the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry had engaged with the enemy at Hooge, in Belgium, following bombardment of enemy positions on the Sunday evening. In a letter home, Private Ernest Theobald, previously of Shipley, described how he was one of a group of men in the trenches. Following long hours of fighting: "After a bit of dinner, I took my boots off (my feet were soaking wet) and laid down on the floor of our dug-out. A shell came through the roof and burst. I came off luckiest of all". In fact Private Theobald suffered flesh wounds to his leg. Less fortunate was Private Albert Webb, who was killed by the explosion. Private Webb was a 22 year-old who had worked as a boy in the offices of Salts Mill. He was attached to the KOYLI having enlisted with the Shipley Detachment of the Royal Army Medical Corps, and had been on active service for four months. He was unmarried, & the only son of Mr & Mrs Albert Webb, of 9, Jane Street, Saltaire. He is buried at Talana Farm Cemetery, in Belgium.

Research by Colin Coates

If you would like to help with the planning of local commemorations of the First World War, please contact either Colin Coates or Dave Shaw via historyclub@saltairevillage.info or mobile 07736408339.

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Saltaire History Explorers GO UNDERGROUND

Many historic sites have associated stories of long lost tunnels, where soldiers dug beneath castles or monks visited girlfriends, or parliamentarians and royalists avoided each other. Surely a World Heritage site, like Saltaire, must have some underground spaces to explore.



Jonathan investigates the tunnel.

There are the Victorian waste water drains, which pre-date the famous London sewers of Joseph Bazalgette, but these weren't an attractive option. Two better options were marked on an early twentieth century survey map. One tunnel connects the Institute with the Technical School (now Victoria Hall & Exhibition Building), but it's now unsafe. A second, between the Mill and what is now Shipley College's Mill building, had a very logical purpose. It allowed Sir Titus's workers an easy 'passage' from the mill gate directly into the canteen for a nutritious meal and, presumably equally swiftly, back to their work place. We'd seen the locked door often enough, but could we look in? Thankfully a letter to Robin Silver and the key and assistance of security guard Tom gave us access. As warned, we found it to be very much a storage area these days, bricked up at the College end and not suitable for regular visitors, but with a little imagination we could almost hear the clogged footsteps of earlier mill-workers on their way to and from their lunch break.

David and Jonathan (aged 9) Starley

BANDSTAND PROGRAMME

Enjoy free music at the fabulous bandstand in Roberts Park every Sunday, 2.30-4pm.

June

2nd Fairfax Concert Singers
9th Hall Royd Band
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23rd Yorkshire Band, British Legion
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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

REPORTERS ALWAYS WANTED

To fulfill its role as the local Community Newspaper, the *Sentinel* needs to contain reports of recent events, to complement its promotion of forthcoming attractions and articles on local history. Write-ups by readers are always welcome. Please note, there is no need to apply for a formal interview – just e-mail your report or hand it in at the Saltaire Bookshop. (Copies of the *Sentinel* are held in the Saltaire Archives, where we hope they will be of interest to historians in the future, researching how residents saw and reacted to the happenings of our time.)

Saltaire Cricket Club
TABLE TOP SALE
Victoria Hall
Sunday, June 9th
Doors open at 10 am.
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NICK'S NEW BOOK FOR TEENAGERS

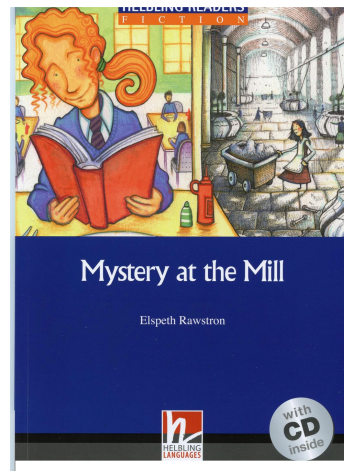
Here is a book designed to help teenagers to improve their vocabulary and understanding of the written word. It is part of the Helbling Languages graded reading scheme. level 5.

Saltaire resident artist **Nick Tankard**, and author Elspeth Rawstron, who now lives in Istanbul, have combined their considerable talents to produce "**Mystery at the Mill**", a story located in Salts Mill and on the Leeds/Liverpool canal.

The fictional characters are Caterina and Jake in 2012, and Emily, her friend Grace and her boyfriend James in 1869. All are teenagers, and their action-packed stories unfold, mirror each other and interlink. It all begins when Caterina finds her great-great grandmother's diary in the attic and reads Emily's story. The serious theme of the book is that children were, and still are, exploited in the workplace producing textiles and clothing. In addition to the story, students are set Before and After reading activities to help with understanding, as well as glossaries on each page to explain unfamiliar words, background information, fact files and pointers for project work. Both teachers and students can use the Helbling "e-zone" online resources based on the book's contents. The book also comes with an audio CD, enabling students to check their work. But for me the book is a must on my shelves because of its location.

Elspeth's carefully constructed and gripping story, and Nick's beautiful illustrations, work superbly together in this very well presented book. It's good to see Nick's art in full colour. Price £6.99 and available from Salts Mill.

Roger Clarke



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