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Saltaire Sentinel



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THE PEOPLE**

FETE GREAT

The annual Village Fete, at the United Reformed Church, was again a resounding success last month, thanks to the efforts of church members who make it possible.

Hundreds of people turned out in pleasant weather to enjoy the many attractions. A packed programme of entertainment climaxed with a memorably impossible to follow performance by Ukulele Henry.

ShIPLEY College will be opening its doors to the public again for its yearly exhibition of the Saltaire Archive from Monday, July 22nd to Friday, August 2nd, writes Julie Woodward

The exhibition offers a fascinating insight, by way of pictures and artifacts, of life in the village, working in the Mill, education and leisure. It is a unique collection, covering the history and present development of Saltaire, including memorabilia, books, maps, plans, illustrations and much more. There is always something new to see as people are continually kind enough to donate things of interest to us all. Additions this year, for example, include a

look at some of the events and changes that have happened in Saltaire since the Millennium, featuring its emergence as a major tourist destination.

A record of the many creative musical and drama events on our doorstep, thanks largely to Eddie Lawler and Harriet Townsend, will also be on display, as will a look at the beautifully restored Roberts Park, with the wonderful variety of events now held there.

The exhibition, in the Salt Building, Victoria Road, will be open 10am-3pm (Monday – Friday only). Admission costs £1 –but there’s so much to see you can re-use your ticket to visit again!

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UNUSUALS

YORKSHIRE DAY AT VIC

Staff at the Visitor Information Centre in Salts Mill are planning to celebrate Yorkshire Day on Thursday, August 1st with a local food tasting event, including quizzes and children’s competitions.

Sian Brown tells us, “We have involved local traders and they are kindly donating local produce.”

The Centre will be open 10am - 5pm

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

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

sentinel@saltairevillage.info

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

LOOKING DOWN ALBERT ROAD

With Roger Clarke

Anthony Briggs lived at No 9, Albert Road from 1959 to 1997. This house was renumbered in 1928 when council houses were built at the bottom the road. It was originally one of a block of four houses numbered 2 to 5, his house being No 5. He has found a number of features which convince him that No 5 was originally the servant's quarters for No 4.

- Nos 3 and 4 stand prominently fronting onto Albert Road while Nos 2 and 5 are set back from the road.
- There is an elegant curved staircase in No 4 whereas No 5 has a very plain straight staircase.
- Bell pulls linked No 5 and 4.
- No 4 has mains water supply and No 5 doesn't, but obtains its water from No 4
- There used to be rear access to No 4 through a gateway at the end of Katherine St, and the shape of the gateway can still be seen in the stonework.

Anthony's observations are that of a plumber employed for many years with Arthur Myers Ltd on Gordon Terrace.

The architect authors (Neil Jackson et al) of "**Saltaire - the making of a model town**" say that this was originally a block of four-house villas, described as "executive/improved overlooker" accommodation.

The four houses are of the same size and built to the same design internally, which suggests that they were originally accommodation for four separate families. Contrary to Anthony's speculations, they believe that the two end properties (Nos 2 and 5) provided the better accommodation, since they have gardens and windows on three sides, and have more discretely positioned privy and ash-pits.

Perhaps census information might throw more light on their occupants. Enter **Colin Coates**, whose work on the 1911 census has given us so much insight into Saltaire before World War 1. Colin looked at all the censuses between 1871 and 1911 for these properties.

- No 4 was occupied by Rev David Cowan, Congregational minister, his wife, their six children and a servant in 1871. Nos 4 and 5 are recorded together between 1891 and 1911. Simpson Crump, retired Wesleyan minister was head of household, with his wife and daughter, in them both in 1891. John Baker, Clerk of Works in Salts Mill was head of household in them both in 1901 and 1911. John's wife and 5 children lived with him, and they employed a servant on both census dates.
- The evidence for Nos 2 and 3 suggests that they were always separate houses, occupied by overlookers, school masters, ministers, managers, foremen, buyers and salesmen and their families – the sort of professionals and middle management which Sir Titus intended the Albert Road properties to be used for.

Many thanks to Anthony for leading us to look more carefully at these important properties in Saltaire. It prompts me to reflect on No 1, Albert Rd, the imposing detached house which formerly provided accommodation for the Chief Cashier at Salts Mill in 1871, perhaps to be reviewed in a future *Sentinel*.

Stories from World War One

The Gregory Brothers

Norman Knight Gregory spent Christmas Day 1915 in a tented camp on a large tract of sand somewhere in Egypt with his comrades in the 16th Battalion of The Prince of Wales's Own (West Yorkshire) Regiment (also known as 1st Bradford Pals). In a letter home Norman wrote:-

"We had a first class dinner on Christmas Day considering the circumstances. We had stew, Christmas pudding (cold), oranges, apples, dates and figs etc, a right tuck in."

By the middle of March 1916 Norman's battalion were once again fighting on the Western Front, taking part in the Battles of the Somme.

Norman, aged 24 and an Acting Sergeant, died 12th May 1917, when his battalion was involved in the Arras Offensive. He is remembered on the Arras Memorial in Northern France. His name can also be found on the Rolls of Honour at Nab Wood, St Peter's & St Paul's.

Gilbert Gregory, an elder brother to Norman, also served with the 16th Battalion. Having enlisted in September 1914, he survived the war. Gilbert suffered gunshot wounds to his fingers and spent four months in Birmingham War Hospital suffering from shell shock.

The Gregory family lived at 11 William Henry Street then from 1901 onwards at 76 Victoria Road in Saltaire.

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@saltairvillage.info or mobile 07736408339.

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GET READY FOR RAD!

With the opening of RAD STUDIO! AT 2, Victoria Road on July 2nd, Saltaire is rapidly becoming an exciting centre for modern art and design products. For sale at RAD will be a range of design led products such as Pendleton clutch bags, jewellery, scarfs, prints, cushions, stationery, bowls etc from carefully selected designers, illustrators, and brands in the UK, Denmark, and Portland (USA) such as Fern Living, Red Brick North and Baggu. The concept behind RAD STUDIO! is to offer shoppers key pieces to improve home décor or everyday wardrobe. The STUDIO element comes from an idea to collaborate with talented young designers and artists who will be offered exclusive space on a "Co-Lab Wall" for up to two months to display and sell their work. The brains and the drive behind this venture is Saltaire resident **Alexandra Radcliffe (Ali)**. Remarkably Ali is opening her shop just before she turns 30 years old, making good use of her experience and her inspiration gained from a varied career to date. In addition to a degree in English and Marketing, she has worked as an assistant manager at an independent boutique shop called Salamander in Kent; and at two advertising agencies in London, one of which offered her a job in Melbourne, Australia, where she spent two years before returning to the UK. In between this employment she found time to travel for eight months in India, the Far East and Australia.

Ali has her feet firmly on the ground when embarking on her Saltaire venture and has sensibly drawn on the many talents of her close family to help her. Her brother is a London-based artist who will be building the shop fittings in his trade mark brightly coloured steel work. One of her sisters has a similar shop in Portland called Yo Vintage, and will be sharing ideas and products with Ali, another sister lives in Switzerland and will help to source the vintage clothing on offer, and yet another sister who lives in Saltaire will offer valuable on the spot advice and support.

Ali says that she wants to complement existing Saltaire businesses by offering a new range of products, and looks forward to working with the local traders association and Loyalty Card scheme.

We at the *Sentinel* hope that Ali will make a success of her new business, which should appeal to the many locals and tourists who choose Saltaire for the independent and unique shops to be found especially on Victoria Road, Gordon Terrace, and in Salts Mill.

Roger Clarke

The SPA

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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

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, July 7th
Doors open at 10 am.
01274 787908

HATTIE'S TOURS OF CARTWRIGHT HALL

Hattie Townsend is extending her tour guiding from Saltaire to Cartwright Hall in the near future. *Sentinel* readers may be surprised to find that a Saltaire sculptor did much of the work there. To find out more, join Hattie on her tours, which will take place on **Sunday, July 28th**; August 25th; September 22nd and October 27th, all starting at 2.15pm. In addition, on Sunday, December 1st, there will be a special family-friendly tour, with quizzes, games and surprises. The tours, which will be free and informal, are expected to last about forty minutes, taken at the pace of the group. Refreshments will be available. For more details telephone Cartwright Hall on 01274 431212, or consult the website.

MONTHLY SUPPER CLUB WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED?

This is based on the 'restaurant at home' idea from the US, and the idea is to book a place at a person's home for a 3-course meal. People then pay what they feel it is worth and a donation is given to a local Food Bank by the cook.

MEANWHILE, YOU ARE INVITED

to an Edwardian 'At Home' Tea, with Mrs D at an address in Shipley, on Monday, July 22nd, between 3 and 7pm. For further details of any of the above contact sentinel@saltairvillage.info

SALTAIRE HISTORY EXPLORERS
Next month, the return of their popular column finds David and Jonathan Starley in search of evidence for iron smelting in the Aire valley.

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IN ROBERTS PARK**
Saltaire Cricket Club First XI
Home fixtures in July
Sat, 6th Pudsey Congs
Sat, 20th Bradford & Bingley

BANDSTAND PROGRAMME

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July

7th Hot Aire
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28th GMC Jazz

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Sat. 20th
7pm the twofiveones
(Curry from 6.30pm)

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