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Saltaire Sentinel



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*Celebrating
Saltaire
All Year
Round*

FESTIVAL ELEVEN

The eleventh Saltaire Festival runs from 14th to 22nd of this month.

While continuing to fulfil its role in reporting other matters [*but See page 4 for some festival events*], the *Sentinel* extends its congratulations and best wishes for further success to the organizers and all concerned.

The usual brochure is available locally and details are also on the website:

salthairefestival.co.uk

This month's meeting of the Saltaire History Club will be an Open Forum on the subject of the commemorations of World War One which are planned for next year.

There will be short presentations of our current knowledge of historical events and our researches.

Funding opportunities and existing activities will also be discussed.

Views will be canvassed on how best to proceed, and hopefully from that a planning group can be established to progress the work.

Please come and help us plan ways to remember this important period in Saltaire's history.

The meeting is on **Thursday, Sept. 5th**, 7-9pm at the Salt's Building, Victoria Road.

Dave Shaw

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Plus

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THANKS FROM VIC

**Saltaire Visitor
Information Centre**

would like to thank all the traders who kindly donated local produce for our Yorkshire Day celebrations.

The day was a great success. We would also like to thank everyone that came down and supported us throughout the day by joining in the activities and food tasting. See you all again next year!

Sian Browne

WE WELCOME HELEN

On behalf of its readers, the *Sentinel* welcomes **Helen Thornton**, our new World Heritage Site Officer, replacing Craig McHugh who has left us after five years in post. **Roger Clarke tells us**, following the interview she granted him for this

newspaper [*See page 2*], that Helen has the experience and skills to drive forward the further regeneration of Saltaire, and to highlight not only the nineteenth century history but also its changes in 2013 and beyond.

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

sentinel@salthairevillage.info OR c/o The Saltaire Bookshop, 1 Myrtle Place

The Deadline is always 20th of the month prior to publication.

WORLD HERITAGE HELEN ON SITE

By Roger Clarke

Saltaire's new World Heritage Officer Helen Thornton's last post was in Leeds as Head of Site Development with the Museums and Galleries Department, where she had responsibility for developing Kirkstall Abbey Visitor Centre, Temple Newsam House, and the new City Museum; all multi-million pound schemes involving staff recruitment, business planning, project management, securing funding, customer care and site protection. Helen is originally from the Wirral, and it was work experience at the Merseyside Maritime Museum while still at school which determined her choice of career. Her degree in History and Archaeology led to a year spent in Liverpool Museum's Department of Archaeology and Ethnology, followed by a period at Rotherham Museums Service. Then employment with the North West Museums Service gave her experience of responsibility for planning and co-ordinating regional developments in government sponsored initiatives. This and another government funded post extended her skills even further. At Manchester Museum she gained much experience in managing Lottery funded projects and the operational side of running a successful visitor attraction. After just a few weeks in post in Saltaire, Helen is aware of the similarities and differences between this and her previous employment. She knows that Saltaire is not a museum, and that it functions through the co-operation of a number of independent organisations and interest groups. She has experience in working with History Societies, Civic Trusts and Friends of Museums and Galleries. In Saltaire the interest groups are more numerous and diverse, alongside Bradford Council's responsibilities for conservation and heritage protection. It will be a new experience to help in the process of them working most effectively together. Helen is aware that the Council now has to review the Management Plan for Saltaire, and this presents an opportunity to engage and consult with different groups in participating in planning for the future. Apart from her transferable business skills, Helen brings enthusiasm, energy and excitement to her new role in this unique village, with which she is admittedly smitten.

SCOTT MOTORCYCLE CENTENARY CELEBRATION SPARKED BY *Sentinel*

The distinctive sound of vintage Scott Motorcycles was once more heard in Saltaire last month, as members of the Scott Motorcycle Owners club processed through the village, writes David Starley. The event marked the centenary of the opening of the Scott factory off Hirst Wood Road - built to fulfil the demand for Scott's after the innovative bike's TT winning successes. **The event was sparked after members of the club read about the survival of part of the factory in *The Sentinel* last year.** After a welcome lunch organised by Glyn Brown, director of Archerdale, the company which occupies the surviving premises, the club members rode on to Undercliffe cemetery. There a wreath was laid to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the death of the brilliant engineer Alfred Angus Scott, the founder of the company.

Stories from World War One James and Horace Robinson

Mr. & Mrs. William Robinson of 15 Albert Terrace, Saltaire must have been proud but concerned parents when six of their seven sons served their country in World War One.

Walter, Tom, Fred and Ben thankfully survived the war, but sadly both James and Horace died. The seventh son Jack was too young to fight, being only eight when war broke out. James was a hairdresser working for Demos Barraclough at 79 Bingley Road (15 Gordon Terrace) when he was called up in October 1916. He was with the 16th Battalion Prince of Wales Own (West Yorkshire) Regiment (1st Bradford Pals). Going to France early in 1917 he was soon badly wounded. In March he was transferred to Graywingwell Hospital in Chichester. Despite the best efforts of the hospital staff, James died on April 3rd.

On April 9th his coffin was transported from his residence at 19 Whitlam Street, Saltaire on a gun carriage. Crowds lined the route to Nab Wood Cemetery where he was buried. He left behind a widow and a young son. Horace was a wool warehouseman before he joined the 6th Battalion Duke of Wellington's West Riding Regiment. He died on November 1st 1918, when his battalion was involved in capturing the city of Valenciennes in Northern France. He is buried at the Maing Communal Cemetery. He left behind a widow, Hannah of 21 Edward Street, 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@saltairevillage.info or mobile 07736408339.

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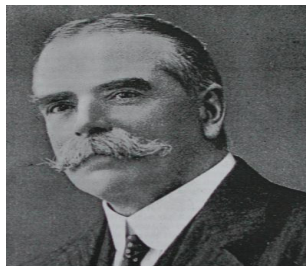
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VISIT BY JAMIE ROBERTS KEEPS FAMILY LINK ALIVE

Jamie Roberts, great, great grandson of Sir James Roberts, was in Saltaire on August 6th - and made a great impression, before walking off with three alpacas!



Jamie owns the Kilnsey Park estate, which includes the Kilnsey Park visitor attraction, in the Yorkshire Dales, the 35th anniversary of which coincides with the 120th anniversary of Sir James taking over the running of Salts Mill. As an appropriate celebration (as well as to publicise a birthday party at Kilnsey Park), Jamie embarked on a walk connecting the two venues, suitably attired in Victorian garb and accompanied by the animals, whose own ancestors played such a pivotal role in the fortunes of the Roberts and Salt families. The alpacas, which will take up residence at Kilnsey, were provided by the prize-winning breeders at Carlshead Farm near Wetherby.

Today, Sir James, whose intervention saved the Mill from bankruptcy, is best remembered locally for the park which bears the family name, and for the statue of Sir Titus there, which he sponsored (110 years ago).

For details of Kilnsey Park, see the website at
www.kilnseypark.co.uk

Photographs: Top: Jamie leads the alpacas past the statue in Roberts Park. Above: Family resemblance: Jamie (left) and Sir James.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: *The Saltaire Sentinel* expresses its gratitude to Maggie Silver for the generosity of her continued sponsorship.

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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

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT WORKS

Network Rail will be cutting back vegetation to a distance of 3.5 metres from the railway track along a two mile stretch passing through Saltaire.

The work is planned to take place from **Sept. 7th** to **Oct.11th**, between 8am and 5pm.

Keith Preston

REPORTERS ALWAYS WANTED

The *Sentinel* needs reports of recent events, as well as notice of forthcoming attractions and local history. **Write-ups by readers are welcomed.**

Saltaire Cricket Club TABLE TOP SALE

Victoria Hall
Sunday, Sept. 1st
Doors open at 10 am.
01274 787908

ROLL BACK THE CARPET APPALACHIAN ANNIVERSARY

Roll Back the Carpet Appalachian Dance side formed in the early 1990s when we had to clear a carpeted floor in our founder's home to practice! Since then we've moved to the Victoria Hall in Saltaire and accumulated, made up or adapted Appalachian dances, mostly in the 'Green Grass' style. It is now 21 years since we started at Victoria Hall & we will be celebrating this anniversary with a range of other traditional dance sides from the local area including Longsword, Rapper, Cotswold and North West on **Saturday September 14th**.

In 2012 Roll Back the Carpet learned of an historical link between Saltaire and the Appalachian Mountain region of the US. The Saltaire History Club invited our members to a symposium about Titus Salt junior and his relatively short-lived business interest in coal and iron mining near Dayton Tennessee. Earlier in the year two members of the Society visited the area as guests of Bob Fulcher, the superintendent of the long distance Cumberland Trail. They were enthused by the locality and its music as well by the mining links. Their host happened to be a keen banjo player and has been recording many of the local traditional songs. The Cumberland Trail runs through Dayton and the now historical Salt's mining site. It was fascinating to learn how much of the business venture was controlled from Saltaire.

During the Saltaire Festival we will be dancing with our friends outside Victoria Hall, the Tramshed, Salts Mill and in Roberts Park between 11a.m. and 4.30p.m. If you would like to know more about our lively, exuberant style of dance, come and see us or alternatively ring Barbara on **07964717197**. **Joy Leach**

ENJOY CRICKET IN ROBERTS PARK
Saltaire Cricket Club First XI
Home fixture in September
Sat, 7th Baildon

BANDSTAND PROGRAMME

Free in Roberts Park,
Sundays, 2.30-4pm.

September

1st Penny and the Sausages
8th Timeless Swing Band

Jazz and Curry Evening

Saturday 7th from 6.30

Darren Dutson-Bromley

BANDSTAND GOES TO THE FESTIVAL

Sunday, Sept.15th
1-5pm

Den Miller, Otra,
Bella Goffney,
Roger Davies,
Gerry Cooper.

Cuppacare, in New Kirkgate, Shipley, is a non-profit enterprise kept open from 10am until 1.30pm on Mondays and Fridays by Shipley Christians Together.

WORLD HERITAGE

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"By the end of this month I expect to have had my fill of the Festival!"

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