

CLARIFICATION

COUNCILLOR KEVIN ON CARRA

**THE PAPER
 THAT
 COULD
 ONLY BE IN
 SALTAIRE**

**ANNUAL
 FETE**

**Saturday
 June 25th**

**In the grounds of
 Saltaire
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 Church**

from 12.30pm

With all the usual charity and church stalls, café, tombola, **donkey rides** and dance – all enhanced by the music of members of **Hammonds Saltaire Band** and the “has to be heard to be believed” Ukulele Henry.

In response to last month’s lead article on the problem of ‘rat running’ on Caroline Street, which included a brief quote, Cllr. Kevin Warnes (Green) has asked us to clarify his position:

“The quote itself is Okay, but does slightly give the impression that I am resistant to traffic calming measures due to the heritage constraints.

In fact, I am not at all and Martin [Love], Hawarun [Hussain] and I are trying to organise a special Neighbourhood Forum to kick-start consideration of further traffic calming measures.

The reason why there is no quick solution is primarily because any measures need funding AND approval from the Tory controlled and traffic calming resistant Shipley Area Committee, over which

the Ward Councillors have limited influence and no control, not to mention the lengthy consultation process that is part of any measures of this kind. In addition, the highways officers do not think there is a problem despite us having raised this with them regularly for the past five years.

Including the heritage constraints that I referred to, it is a heady mix to be sure.

EDITORIAL

An essential aspect of the character of the *Sentinel* is that it remains non-partisan in its aim to publish the views of its readers.

Whether or not they are those of an elected, respected local member of the Council, such views will be presented as accurately as possible.

In this issue
**CHILDREN’S
 COMPETITION**
 [See Page 4 – It’s
 “Cool for kids”!]
 Plus
**ALL OUR USUAL
 UNUSUALS**

**LOOKING
 INTO
 FORGOTTEN
 CORNERS**

Saltaire History Club meets at 7pm. on Thursday, June 2nd.

Alan Cattell will discuss the “Forgotten Corners of Milner Field” and the “History of Milner Field Farm”, with an update on this from **David Downs**, whose family has been involved with the farm for over 100 years. **All welcome** as always, for **free**, but please note **new venue**:

The Learning Resource Centre, Shipley College in **Exhibition Road**.

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

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

ROGER REDUCES WRITING

for *Sentinel*

The *Sentinel* continues to appeal for help in writing articles for its pages. I have a vested interest in the outcome, says **Roger Clarke**, because I am one of the reasons for the increased urgency of this request.

I have been a regular contributor since 2004, but can no longer continue this enjoyable association as I need to devote more time to support my wife, Bronwyn, in her Baildon Nursing Home where she is suffering from the advanced stages of dementia.

My main role in the *Sentinel* has been to provide features about Saltaire history, and about 'Saltaire Folk' – people who have helped to make Saltaire what it is today.

There are, of course, other regular, valued writers; but still not enough.

The more voices, opinions and personalities on the pages the better!

It has been particularly enjoyable to work closely with the Editor, whose considered, reflective and thoughtful style has given the paper its distinctive character; emphasising the importance of all that connects past, present and future to make Saltaire such a special place.

Editorial comment: Regular readers will doubtless share my disappointment on learning that Roger will be writing less for our pages but will also, I trust, share my understanding of why this is so. The **good news** is that Roger continues to be a familiar face around the village; for many reasons, including a lot of shoe leather spent on ensuring that this newspaper is available to you. However much he writes (and whatever he says!), he remains a greatly appreciated contributor to the *Sentinel*.

UDDER MADNESS – THREAT TO MILNER FIELD FARM A SALTAIRE ISSUE

Les Brook writes:

30 years ago there were 10 dairy farms in the Bingley area. Today there is one – and it is under threat. **Saltaire folk need to get involved.**

Why? Because Greenbelt will be lost and the farm offers some of our closest, loveliest, green, open space, less than half a mile from Albert Road. Because Milner Field Farm was Titus Salt Junior's farm, built on land purchased by Sir Titus himself; from money made at Salts Mill.

Because this working dairy farm - which has been tenanted by the same family since 1902 - supplies local produce to local people.

For good or ill, Saltaire's setting has changed considerably since the village was founded. Then, the landscape around Saltaire was predominately rural in nature. Salt's original intention was to locate Saltaire in a healthy environment and its green location was lauded by 19th Century admirers.

What is proposed? The landowner (not the farmer!) wants a "Change of use of existing agricultural land" and the "demolition of agricultural buildings". The plan is to build a so-called 'innovation centre'; though it is unclear what that means.

To find out more, go to the Facebook page of the Milnerfield Action Group or the planning applications themselves at

planning.bradford.gov.uk/online-applications/

The applications are 15/05552/FUL and 15/05538/MAF.

You can object on these same webpages - and you'll be in good company. Around 200 objections have already been lodged against the applications.

Some 600 folk support the campaign to save farming at Milner Field.

COLIN'S COLUMN

Long Service at Salts Mill

Long Service at Salts Mill was not that unusual. A newspaper report in 1935 stated that there were 220 people at the mill who had been there for over 30 years. However, special mention must be made of a **Mr. George Excell** who worked as a wool washer/yarn scourer at the mill for **SEVENTY-EIGHT years!**

George was born in Idle in 1847.

His father, Samuel was a stone mason who helped construct the mill, which opened in 1853.

George started to work in the mill in 1855 when aged just eight. He lived with his family at 2 Ada Street and 24 (re-numbered now 47) Albert Road.

George married Jane Willis in 1871 and they had two children together.

Sadly, Jane died in 1882.

Widowed George married Elizabeth Crabtree in 1884. They had three children. George lived in Baildon and Shipley before moving to 20 Albert Road (re-numbered now 39).

He retired from the Mill in 1933, when he was 86, and died on March 2nd, 1942, at the age of 95.

Colin Coates

You can read more by Colin, including his fascinating series, 'World War One: The Saltaire Story' on the Saltaire Village website:

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**TRAMS RUNNING
WHILE MUSEUM
GETS MAKEOVER**

Hot and cold running trams back in action! Shipley Glen Tramway is proud to announce that, thanks to the concerted effort of the maintenance team in response to the floods, the trams are running again - as has been normal for 121 years. It is now only the museum which remains temporarily closed for a fabulous makeover. Work has already started on the building, and volunteers at the Tramway are still keen to talk (and listen!) to people about its history.

Watch this space for an update.

Dina Plowes

**SHARED SPINNING
HISTORY PROMOTED**

On the sunny morning of April 13th, 2016, Saltaire was visited by a delegation from the town of Marki, who had come all the way from Poland to meet the local authorities at Bradford City Hall the day before, with an intention to forge a co-operative relationship between the cities.

The delegation, mainly members of the History Society of Marki-Pustelnik-Struga, led by the Lord Mayor of Marki, wish to save the shared Bradford and Marki spinning history from falling into oblivion. Accompanied by Dr. Sarah Dietz from Ilkley, they tried to trace similarities between their own town of Marki and Saltaire. Interestingly, in 1883, when the Bradford Briggs brothers of Briggella Mills in Little Hornton Lane started building their state-of-the-art spinning factory in Marki, called 'Bradford Mills', as well as workers' houses and the elementary school, Marki was called "a second edition of Saltaire" by the *Bradford Observer*. Walking around the charming Saltaire, passing places like the Almhouses and the "posh" Albert Road, some members experienced an elusive sense of freedom. The pleasant stroll ended up at the antique shop at Salts Mill. As last June, the Polish delegation brought the shop a lot of business, purchasing unique English souvenirs to be cherished back home. The result of the visit is the Letter of Intent signed by the Saltaire History Club, represented by Chairman Colin Coates and the Society of Marki-Pustelnik-Struga, represented by President Zbigniew Paciorek, binding the two parties to promote their shared spinning history for posterity's sake. **Bogusława Sieroszewska** for the History Society of Marki-Pustelnik-Struga

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not for sale.

Please note, nonetheless,
that we are always pleased
to print, free of charge,
short articles which feature
enterprise of interest and
potential benefit to the
local community.

VILLAGE WEBSITE

The *Saltaire Sentinel* is available online, via the not for profit Saltaire Village Website, thanks to **Pamela Reynolds**, who manages the site at

www.saltairevillage.info

ERRATUM

The *Sentinel* apologises profusely for the mistaken spelling of Hinde[r]nburg in the heading of last month's article about the famous airship. The Editor accepts full responsibility.

CUPPACARE

CUPPACARE is a popular café and bookstall, open to the public on most Mondays and Fridays, from 10am to 1.30pm in New Kirkgate, Shipley. We are a non-profit service provided by Shipley Christians Together.

Saltaire Cricket Club TABLE TOP SALE

Victoria Hall

Sunday,
June 19th

Doors open at 10 am.

A wide variety of stalls selling jewellery, antiques, books, good second-hand clothing, and much more.

Admission is 50p per adult (FREE for children under 16) To book a table, contact Simon Hicks: 01274 787908

CALLING ALL CHILDREN IN SALTAIRE!

Kate Thompson tells us:

The sun may be shining at the moment but here at the Saltaire Living Advent Calendar we are already thinking about Christmas (!) and launching a fantastic competition for all children up to the age of 11. We want you to design the cover of this year's Saltaire Living Advent Calendar flyer. The winning design will be seen by thousands of people as well as used on our Facebook page, and other local websites. This month, templates will be available throughout the village which will give instructions for the design. In July our committee will meet and choose the winner – who will then see their design in print! Use the template for your design. You can use paints, pens, pencils or crayons. You can bring or send your entry to 19, William Henry Street, BD18 4PP. Have fun with your design. You can do whatever you want; we can't wait to see all those pictures!

As Kate adds, "There is so much young talent around the village and this is an exciting chance for a child to see their design in print!" **The closing date for the competition is Thursday, June 30th.**

For more information, see the **Saltaire Living Advent Facebook page.**

CHORAL SOCIETY ON THE ROAD HOME FOR THIS SEASON

Bradford Festival Choral Society will be performing in Victoria Hall on Saturday, June 11th from 7.30pm.

Jonathan Phillips tells us,

'The Road Home' is the BFCS final concert in the 2015/16 season. It will be a lovely event featuring a range of modern and classical choral music which will show off this great choir's talents. For **tickets** and details, see

bradfordfestivalchoralsociety.org.uk

BANDSTAND PROGRAMME

FREE music in Roberts Park every Sunday from 2 pm. This month:

5th The Fairfax Singers
Bradford Rock Choir

12th GMC Jazz

19th The Twofiveones
plus guests

26th Emily Levy

Serious Sam Barrett

SATURDAY SUNSET DANCING EVENT

June 11th

7-9pm

Northern Rökk

Bookings for Bandstand 2016 in Roberts Park are being organised this year by **Nanette Brimble** and **Gus Bousfield**. Bands and musicians, dance groups etc. can get in contact with both Nan and Gus with a single email to all of the team via **forp@roberts-park.org**.

WORLD HERITAGE WHEELIE

Does NOT talk rubbish



"'Non-partisan' be damned!

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I was 'Born to be Green'!"

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