

The **Saltaire Sentinel**  
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# NEW LOOK MUSEUM CELEBRATING TRAMWAY

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THE PAPER  
PEOPLE BUY,  
IT'S THE  
PAPER BY  
THE PEOPLE**

## EXCELLENT EVENT

For what we hope is the conclusion to the story of the fight to save Milner Field Farm, Les Brook reports on the celebratory picnic held last month:

It was a excellent event, with free ice cream, scones with jam and live music.

Stella has written on the the MF Action Fbook page "Thank you so much to every one of you for coming along. What incredible supporters we have and we were also very lucky to receive fantastic help from a great community of people!"

The Shipley Glen Tramway Museum has been completely refitted, with new display boards and other items telling the story of the Tramway since its conception in 1894.

A video loop includes film taken since 1912, showing some of the major celebrations in the life of the Tramway and includes a scene from the made-for-TV film 'Blood and Peaches' (1995) which was shot there.

Mrs. Kate Smith opened the new museum on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Smith is the daughter of Herbert and Patti Parr who owned the Tramway from 1928 until Herbert was called up in 1942.

The first museum was built by volunteers of the Bradford Trolley Bus Association in 1987/8, led by Mick Leak who ran the Tramway with his wife, from 1994 to 2002.

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**LATEST ON LOOS**  
*Plus*  
**HEDGEHOGS**  
*Plus*  
**ALL OUR USUAL  
UNUSUALS**

## COLLEGE GUIDANCE

Stella Downs tells us: **Shipley College will be holding Post-GCSE Advice and Guidance sessions in August, on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 25<sup>th</sup>, (10am-3pm.)**

These sessions are for anyone who, having completed their GCSE's is looking for help and advice on options for the future.

The college is also holding an **Open Day on Wednesday, Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>** which will provide further information on all the courses we offer.

To find out more, visit:  
[www.shipley.ac.uk](http://www.shipley.ac.uk)

## FRIENDS OF ROBERTS PARK

Sir Titus Salt and Sir James Robert's original vision of a shared communal space for the enjoyment of all Saltaire residents lives on today with the Friends of Roberts Park! Join our group and help us organise free community events in the park such as World Heritage Weekend, the Roberts Park Bandstand concerts and Saltaire Shakespeare theatrical performances. In 2018 we have plans to re-introduce both live Gilbert and Sullivan and large-calibre naval artillery to the park. Web: [www.roberts-](http://www.roberts-)

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

**[sentinel@saltairevillage.info](mailto:sentinel@saltairevillage.info)**

**The Deadline is always 20<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication.**

# CAROLINE STREET CONVENIENCES

## NEED A BIG PUSH FROM COMMUNITY (!)

The public conveniences in the car park on Caroline Street have featured in our pages for several years, as the *Sentinel* has campaigned to get them built and then to keep them open. Unfortunately, the story continues as they are more than ever threatened with closure.

**Dina Plowes** is on the case, and brings us the latest from Councillor **Kevin Warnes**: There have been a couple of meetings involving officers and the Village Society and they are still exploring options.

**Another meeting is scheduled for August**, apparently.

**The key deadline is April 2018**, when the budget for running the toilets runs out. At that point, if no one is willing to take them on, they will close. In other areas, local parish and town councils have taken on toilets, but there is no such local body in Saltaire or the wider Shipley town area at present [and] as there is no chance that a parish or town council can be set up before April 2018, the key to this will be a push from the community to take this asset on.

**So it is very much in the hands of local people.**

The council's budget has been slashed so badly by the Conservatives that we have no choice about keeping the toilets open any longer.

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## HIGHER GROUND

### COFFEE SHOP (TEA ROOM) COMES HOME TO HIRST LOCK

If you look at the history boards at Hirst Lock you realise that in the past there were two tea rooms there. The most well-known of the two was situated where the present-day car park is and was called Hirst Farm Tea Rooms. I was recently talking to a friend who has a vivid memory as a child catching a tram from Bradford city centre to the tram shed at Saltaire and walking down Hirst Lane to the farm tea shop to buy a fishing net, enjoy a pony ride and, eventually, a cream tea at the farm.

I wasn't aware of this history when I decided to hang up my headteacher boots and take on a completely new venture – HIGHER GROUND Coffee Shop, Hirst Lock. However, I do sense there is something of the 'coming-home' feeling about establishing the modern form of a tea room (the coffee shop) in the former hospitality suite of Hughes Family Bakers. HIGHER GROUND will welcome all the walkers, dog walkers, mums, dads and kids and cyclists in the Hirst Wood area as well as anyone who wants to make the effort to buy a quality coffee. Our passion is high quality coffee and tea. We will try to match to our gourmet drinks a selection of hot food and cakes. We hope primarily to be known as a place where you can relax and have fun. We won't invade your privacy but neither will we let you be nameless to us.

The building will have six, one-metre glass panels which will allow the beautiful greenery of Hirst Wood and lock to enter the room. It will be decorated beautifully but in such a way that if you come in with your dirty walking boots you won't feel uncomfortable.

As I've been working at Hirst Lock I've been struck by the fantastic work the Hirst Wood Regeneration Group do. Their work has enhanced and regenerated Hirst Wood and it's my hope that HIGHER GROUND contributes to that.

**Jez Stockill** – Proprietor of HIGHER GROUND

## COLIN'S COLUMN

### ANOTHER MILITARY MEDAL

In September 1917 the *Shipley Times* reported as follows:-

“Lance-Corporal

**Gordon O'Donnell**, Scouts Section, 16<sup>th</sup> West Yorkshire Regiment, and of 45 George Street, Saltaire, has been awarded the Military Medal for distinguishing himself on the field July 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. After having been on patrol duty, he brought back some valuable information. Lance-Corporal O'Donnell has served in France for 2½ years. He is 22 years of age and before the war he was employed at Saltaire Mills. He was a member of the St Peter's Church Young Men's Class. His brother is also serving in France.”

Gordon, born in Saltaire in 1895, was the youngest of six children of Michael O'Donnell and his wife Hannah Maria (nee Eggleton). Having survived the war Gordon was working as a weft man when he married Edith Hiley on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 1920 at Holy Trinity Church in Wibsey. From 1921 to 1931 they lived at 34 Whitlam Street in Saltaire. Gordon died in 1956.

## HELP!

*The Saltaire Sentinel* is produced, distributed (and put online) by a small team of dedicated volunteers and regular contributors.

Yet, in order to maintain its claim to be “The Paper of the People of Saltaire” it still needs YOU. Assistance is especially required in ‘chasing up’, reporting on and editing stories. **Come and join us!**

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**ORKNEY CELEBRATES "SALTAIRE"**

The "Saltaire" - funded by a Titus Salt bequest - was the very first lifeboat at Stromness, at the north end of Scapa Flow in the Orkney Islands.

2017 marks its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

A Sunday morning service will be held at the town's Parish Church on August 13<sup>th</sup>. In the afternoon, a plaque will be unveiled at the old lifeboat shed which is on the Ness, just a mile out of town and overlooking the island of Hoy.

The "Saltaire" itself is long gone, although a photo can be seen at

<http://www.stromnesslifeboat.org.uk/station-history.html>

alongside another of the now roofless shed.

Today's lifeboat is located on the water in the town's harbour.

<http://www.stromnesslifeboat.org.uk/lifeboat.html>

Like all RNLI lifeboats, it is financed by charitable giving.

As part of the celebrations, Stromness jewellery designer **Zoe Davidson** has created a "Saltaire" collection, which can be sampled by visiting

<http://zoedavidsonjewellery.co.uk/saltaire-collection.html>

and 10% of the income goes to the RNLI.

**Les Brook**

**FROM BOOKSHOP TO BAKERY**  
**BUSINESS IS LOOKING GOOD**

**Lisa Fraser writes:**

Edward Street Bakery is a craft bakery based in Saltaire.

We open to the public for pop up bakery events and supply various businesses with bread, cakes, pies, and all that happy jazz.

**We have recently moved to the old bookshop on Saltaire Road on the corner of Myrtle Place.**

We love our new home, which is in a much more prominent location than our previous digs.

Last month we were fortunate to win a Bradford Means Business award for best new business of the year. Awards are all new to us and we still haven't got over the excitement!

Festival season is around the corner and we have great plans to party!

We will be popping up at Yard fest in Saltaire run by my lovely Nan Brimble, where we will have a stall over 9th-10th September alongside our big mates Cap & Collar who will be selling beer. The same weekend we also have the epic Record Club playing outside our new place.

The following weekend, 16th-17th, is the party event of our year; to coincide with the last weekend of Saltaire Festival we will hold 'Edward St. Jamboree'. Confusingly this year not actually on Edward Street, but centring around the new place. Here we rock out a load of baked goods with some ace local live music for a party Saltaire style!

We are also planning a pop up bakery day at Wishbone Brewery, in Keighley alongside Courtyard Dairy on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Beer, cake, pizza and cheese is a guaranteed good time.

We are currently in the process of expanding and are looking for a new full time baker to join the team. So if you have a head full of cake and a soft spot for bread then we want to hang with you. Send a CV and cover letter to

[lisa@edwardstbakery.com](mailto:lisa@edwardstbakery.com)

**EDITORIAL COMMENT, BRIEF BUT "999"**

The destruction of the fire station on Saltaire Road is nothing less than a disgrace. Whatever their excuses, those responsible will be accountable for the loss of life.

## **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.saltairvillage.info](http://www.saltairvillage.info)

## **VICTORIA HALL**

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**Saltaire Cricket Club**  
**TABLE TOP SALE**  
**Victoria Hall**  
**Sunday,**  
**September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

A wide variety of stalls offering jewellery, small collectible antiques, toy cars, books, good quality second-hand clothing, bric-a-brac and much more besides. Admission 50p. Doors open for customers 10am-1pm. To book a table, ask Simon Hicks: on **01274 787908**

## **HEDGEHOG WATCH**

Dina Plowes writes:

It would seem there are quite a few fairly small hedgehogs wandering about Saltaire.

If you see one out in daylight all is not right.

1. Keep it safe in a box
2. Offer it water and cat/dog food
3. Ring me on **01274 315429**

I'm not an expert in any way; but I know people who are.

## **AIREDALE & BRADFORD RSPB TO MARK ANNIVERSARY WITH CAKE AND WALK**

Debbie White informs us: Our new season kicks off on **Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>** at 7.30pm in the Kirkgate Centre, Shipley, with the return of **Geoff Trinder**, taking a tour of the unique wildlife of Madagascar, where lemurs come in many different sizes and the frogs and chameleons are numerous and in many cases incredibly colourful and beautiful. This evening marks the 45th Anniversary of the founding of our group. To mark the occasion, there will be cake served in the interval! £3 for members and non-members (children admitted for free)

On **Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**, we have a free guided walk across Baildon Moor. Meet in the car park opposite the entrance to Dubrodden Caravan Park on Bingley Rd. at 7am. To learn more, Telephone: **01274 582078**  
E-mail: [abrspb@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:abrspb@blueyonder.co.uk)

## **ARTS SOCIETY**

**Marion Allinson**, on behalf of the Arts Society Saltaire, offers an open invitation to the next monthly lecture, on

**Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**  
at 2pm in Victoria Hall, when **Jim Thompson** will tell **the Story of Thai Silk**  
Members: Free, Guests: £5  
[www.theartsocietysaltaire.org.uk](http://www.theartsocietysaltaire.org.uk)

## **BANDSTAND**

**FREE music** (donations welcomed) in Roberts Park every Sunday from 2 pm.

**August:**

**6<sup>th</sup>** Mila Lee  
**13<sup>th</sup>** Live Lounge Music  
**20<sup>th</sup>** Northern Rock  
**27<sup>th</sup>** Otra

**September 3<sup>rd</sup> :**

Roger Davies Band

## **BANDSTAND GOES TO THE FESTIVAL**

Sunday, Sept.10<sup>th</sup>, 1-5pm,  
with Man Ooosh,  
Emily Levy, Fuzzy Jones,  
Rob Holden.

## **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.

## **WORLD HERITAGE WHEELIE**

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"I am looking forward to playing my invaluable part in the Festival – even though it may involve more continental cuisine than is really to my taste !"

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