



THE END OF TERM

McALLISTER GETS A GOOD REPORT

*The paper
 that could
 only be in
 Saltaire*



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SPECIAL FEATURE
Plus
FRIENDS OF
NORTHCLIFFE
Plus
ALL OUR USUAL
UNUSUALS

JOURNAL NOW AVAILABLE

The latest issue of *The Saltaire Journal*, the third, is now available, featuring a well-written article on the history of Saltaire's almshouses by Roger Clarke. The *Journal* can be read online via the Saltaire Village website [*see back page for address*] thanks to the efforts of webmaster Pamela Reynolds. Members of the **History Club** will be having copies delivered to their homes either by hand or post. (A couple of really good topics are lined up for our meetings on Oct.1st and Dec.10th.)

Dave Shaw

Jean McAllister is to retire at the end of the Summer term as Principal of Shipley College after thirty years of service.

She came to Shipley College as a teacher of English as a second language in 1978, became Vice Principal in 1985, and has been Principal since 1991. She has always been very clear about her priorities, one of which was to value the legacy of education in Saltaire which was first introduced by Sir Titus and his son, Titus Jr.

The commitment to the

breadth of educational inclusion, and to educational excellence, span the intervening years and have been carried just as enthusiastically by Jean as they were by the Salts. (Jean continues to have strong links with the Salt family.)

Since 1993, Jean has needed to be a shrewd businesswoman in the high profile and demanding job of running the College as a business generating its own funding. She has been clear about the value of targeting those students who are under-

represented in education and under her leadership, with the continuity which she has brought to her role, staff stability has enabled them to achieve in courses which have been relevant to the modern world.

SUCCESSOR

The new Principal has been appointed, and is Navtej Singh Chohan who comes from Leeds College of Technology where he has been Director of Further and Higher Education.

[Jean McAllister was interviewed by Roger Clarke.]

The *Sentinel* wishes Jean well for the future, and hopes that she will enjoy a well deserved retirement.

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

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SALTAIRE ARCHIVE EXHIBITION

The Saltaire Archive Exhibition will be open to the public as usual during the Shipley College summer holidays in the Resource Centre in the Exhibition Building on Exhibition Road.

This year the dates are July 17th to August 17th and the exhibition will be open Tuesday to Friday from 10am to 3pm. Regular visitors will be able to see new acquisitions on display as well as many old favourites.

To whet your appetite, here's a follow up from the November, 2008 *Sentinel* when Dave Shaw reported a meeting between Lucy Bauer and Denys Salt, both resident in Graz, Austria. Lucy teaches at the Graz International Bilingual School there, and had heard of Denys Salt only when her uncle saw an article in the press about him. She contacted Dave Shaw via the saltairevillage.info website and introductions were made. Before long, Denys was being invited to the school and spending a couple of hours talking with the students about Saltaire and the Industrial Revolution.

Lucy's uncle is 80 year old **Bill Shackleton** who used the Village website to contact us about his family who lived in Saltaire and worked in the Mill. Bill wanted to share the fact that he had a good attendance medal dated 1900.

[Readers may remember Bill's letter, to the *Sentinel* last month on this subject.]



In the first of a new series,

Roger Clarke takes us inside the Saltaire Archive to reveal some of the many treasures donated by local people.

[Above: The two sides of Bill Shackleton's good attendance medal presented by Shipley Board School and dated 1900].

In the Archive we already have evidence of other methods which were designed to encourage students to attend school, including a set of cards which were individually issued when students attended well. Each card has an attractive picture on it, often of a cuddly animal or a bird, and I can well understand their appeal to primary school pupils especially. However, I had never seen a medal such as Bill's. It is inscribed "Presented to J Shackleton, Albert Road Mixed School, for regular attendance during 3 years to 30th November, 1900". The other side is inscribed "ShIPLEY School Board, 1874". The Factory School on Victoria Road had opened in 1868, showing how progressive were Sir Titus' ideas, but the Shipley School Board was not established until 1874. Also on the medal is a windmill, which Bill informs me is represented on the Shipley coat-of-arms. In addition, Bill had photographs of the burling and mending department at Salts Mill. The burlers and menders were aware of their special status in the Mill hierarchy, having a very skilled job which was an essential part of quality control. In the Archive we have many photographs of the Christmas parties in the department, but Bill's seemed to be celebrating the Coronation in 1953, and one of the trips which Salt's arranged for its workers.

Every donation to the Archive is of value, and many people choose to share them with us by allowing us to photograph or scan them rather than leaving the article with us. This was Bill's chosen route. You will be able to see enlarged images of the medal on display in July.

Bill's family history is also important to us, and in his case it reflects the distance which many workers travelled to bring their skills to Saltaire. His grandfather was William Stabler Shackleton, born in 1841 who was a textile engineer. He went from Leeds to work in the Norwegian textile industry, and most of his five children and a grandchild were born there. After seventeen years in Norway the family returned to Britain and settled at No 7, Whitlam Street, Saltaire. The daughters of the family were in the weaving, combing and burling and mending departments in the Mill, and the next generation continued there. Bill's cousin, Brenda Wright, started work there aged fourteen and rose to burling and mender instructor before she left the Salts Mill after thirty-nine years service, and had a further ten years employment at Drummond's Mill. Bill's father broke with tradition when he trained as a baker and opened a shop at 66, Kirkgate, opposite the Ring O'Bells. The bakehouse was underneath the shop. Similarly, Bill worked in the electrical wholesale trade in Bradford and not in textiles.

We are grateful to Bill for taking the time and trouble to contact us.

If you have anything which might be donated or shared with the Archive, please contact me via the website or on 01274 592944 (evenings only) or any of the Resource Centre staff on 01274 327225 or 327226.

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NEW CHAIR FOR FRIENDS

Many readers will have met the Friends of Northcliffe in the guise of the Rae Gala which it has organised for the past fifteen years.

This year, the Gala, opened by Joan Milligan, known to some as the tree lady because of her contribution to local ecology, had its usual variety of entertainment, from rides on the model railway to ferret racing and Hedgehog Rescue. Hall Royd Band played well known tunes, and a group of dancers called 400 Roses performed their "fusion" dancing. Friends of Northcliffe are supported by Bradford Council who provide chairs and bins, but the bulk of the work is done by the Friends themselves – all volunteers. This year marks a turning point for the Friends because Jenny Cassidy is standing down as Chairperson and the role is being picked up for one year only by Hugh Firman who has held the post in the past. He is now acting chairman, and is looking for volunteers to increase the effectiveness of the group. Anyone with an interest in the environmental and ecological work being carried out on Northcliffe – or if simply wanting to help to organise and run the Rae Gala, should contact the Secretary, Sheila Parkin on 01274 594518, email friendsofnorthcliffe@blueyonder.co.uk. (Website: www.friendsofnorthcliffe.co.uk) [Northcliffe is part of the Saltaire village buffer zone, and what happens here has an impact on the World Heritage Site.]

APOLOGY TO SELFLESS HILTON

The last line of last month's *Saltaire Folk* piece on Hilton Broomhead should have read "I find it humbling to think of the many hours of *selfless* work which have been invested by him, and many other people at the church, to ensure that the building remains one of the jewels in Saltaire's crown." What it did say, owing to a typing error, for which the editor apologises, may have given a different and totally misleading impression of the sentiment intended .

CONGRATULATIONS

Special *Sentinel* congratulations to two Saltaire couples who have recently celebrated sixty years of marriage. Jack and Olive Hogg had their celebrations in April, and Kenneth and Myra Lodge in June. Both couples continue to live locally supported by loving families of children, grandchildren and great grand-children.

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All the establishments featured in this column and the one opposite serve as outlets for this newspaper and are promoted on that basis. No financial transaction is involved. Enterprises and initiatives are mentioned elsewhere, as are events, in the context of their interest and benefit to the local community; not for the profit of individuals or businesses.

Please note that space in the *Sentinel* is not for sale but neither is it offered free for commercial advertising.

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

REMEMBRANCE

Saltaire United Reformed Church was packed to capacity, with literally hundreds more people in the grounds, on June 10th for a special funeral service immediately prior to the burial, with full military honours, at Nab Wood, of Sapper Jordan Rossi, who lived in Baildon but gave his life on active service in Afghanistan. Sapper Rossi, of the 38th Regiment, Royal Engineers, died in an explosion in Helmand Province on May 23rd. He was 22 years old.

SALTAIRE POLICE AND COMMUNITY CONTACT POINT

(At the Victoria Road entrance to Salts Mill)
Open Wednesday
10-00 -1.00 p.m.
Come along and talk, or contact us on:
01274 537416
contactsaltair@yahoo.co.uk

The *Saltaire Sentinel* **JOHN NICHOLSON POETRY EVENT**



**Thursday, August 27th
6.30-8pm**

**Saltaire Bookshop,
217 Bingley Road**

Poems are invited, with a view to publication in these pages, from any *Sentinel* reader and there are no stipulations regarding length or form, although subject matter should be restricted to Saltaire and/or Airedale.

ALL entrants will have the opportunity to read and discuss their work with a public audience at this event. Alternatively, arrangements will be made for suitable poems to be read by someone else, if they are submitted with a request to that effect. The event will be FREE and open to the public.

Entries may be submitted at any time, by e-mail to the *Sentinel*, handed in at the shop, or brought on the night.

Admission to the event, £2.50, includes liquid refreshment.

[The *Sentinel* picture of Nicholson (above) is an adaptation of the engraving by W.O.Geller.]

ORGAN ROADSHOW

**St.Paul's Church, Kirkgate, Shipley
Saturday, July 18th at 2.30pm.**

Hosted by Bradford Organists' Association. "Everything you always wanted to know about organs." Find out how it makes all its different sounds. Explore the console *and* play tunes with your feet! – Your chance to have a go.

Do come along – it's friendly, fun and free.

BACKYARD COMPETITION

It is almost time once again for the famous Backyard Competition sponsored by Rance Booth and Smith, Architects of Saltaire. Judging will take place next month and prizes will be awarded in September. Entry forms are available now from the offices of Rance Booth and Smith at the corner of Victoria Road and Caroline Street.

CRICKET IN ROBERTS PARK

Saltaire First XI 1.30pm start:

Sunday, July 18th v Farsley

Sunday July 26th v Yeadon

Saturday, August 1st v Cleckheaton

Watch this space for details of the *Sentinel* Ball and this year's match for the *Sentinel* Shield.

HALF MOON MUSIC

**The Half Moon Cafe, Roberts Park
Free Acoustic Music on
Sundays 2 – 4pm**

**July 12th Gerry Cooper
(Blues Guitar)**

**19th Eddie Lawler
(Original Songs)**

**26th Reuben & Sarah
(Folk Duo plus)**

**August 2nd TC and Paul
(Folk and Blues)**

WURLITZER SPECIAL

Phil Kelsall, resident organist at the Tower Ballroom in Blackpool, will be playing the Wurlitzer in Victoria Hall on **Saturday, July 25th** for an evening of dance. Doors open at 6.45pm, with the first dance at 7.30.

Tickets will cost £12 each. For more information, call

**0845 4002208
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