

The  
**Saltaire Sentinel**  
*Your Lion of* **VIGILANCE** *Published monthly*

# FISH MAY BE FIRST

## LITTLE DOUBT ABOUT TROUT

*The paper  
 that could  
 only be in  
 Saltaire*

### TOURIST CENTRE LATEST

There is a possibility that an announcement will be made this month by Bradford Council which might eventually result in the opening of a new tourist information centre in Saltaire. Five possible sites are being considered. While this is, potentially, extremely good, not to say "long awaited" news, residents and other regular readers will appreciate the guarded optimism with which it is reported by the community newspaper.



A twenty-three inch long fish {*pictured above*}, landed by an anonymous angler in Roberts Park last month, is believed by those in the know to be a sea (yes, sea) trout. Local fishing expert **Kevin Sunderland** said "It's not totally unexpected to get a sea

trout at Saltaire as migratory fish are now getting into all the Yorkshire rivers. However, it's the first I've heard of in the Aire." The fish was returned, unharmed, to the river, for the long swim home. Thanks to **Eddie Lawler** for this story. Can readers add any details?

### BANDSTAND DATES

The brand new bandstand in Roberts Park is set to open on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, with regular Sunday concerts commencing

the following day, to run throughout the summer. The full programme of concerts will be published in the *Sentinel* as it is announced.

**In this issue**  
**FREE BOOKS**  
*Plus*  
**A TRULY 'GREAT EXHIBITION'**  
*Plus*  
**ALL OUR USUAL UNUSUALS**

### HALF MOON SHARES

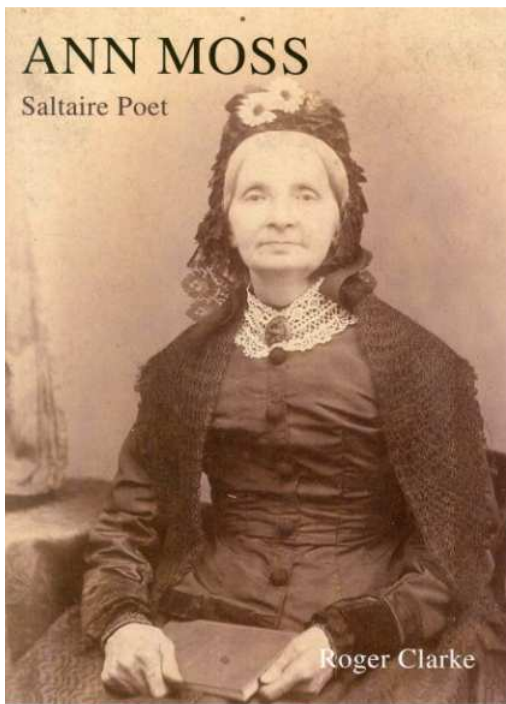
The offer, by Saltaire Cricket Club, of shares in the Half Moon Café has already been taken up by a large number of organisations and individuals. The share issue aims to allow members of the local community to have a stake in the enterprise while at the same time ensuring that the overall control of the enterprise remains with the Club, who hold the lease for the building and are accountable to the Council, who own it.

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

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**Deadline: 20<sup>th</sup>**

## NEW BOOK FROM ROGER CLARKE



**Ann Moss, Saltaire Poet**, a new book by Roger Clarke, tells the story of the deaf single parent who managed to make a living from verse in this area in the time of Sir Titus and includes a good selection of her work. Roger has dedicated the volume to the memory of Clive Woods, and the introduction explains how Clive's fascination with Moss began when her great great granddaughter Hilary Shelton, revealed that she had in her possession a letter written by Sir Titus in 1866. All proceeds from the book will be donated to Saltaire United Reformed Church.

*Ann Moss, Saltaire Poet*, published by The Prosidier LLP, is now available, priced £4.95, from the Mill, Shipley Stationery and a few other outlets, as well as from the church.

## CRESPI D'ADDA – THE ITALIAN SALTAIRE

**Jane Hedworth** discovers that the model village of Crespi d'Adda, in Italy, has much in common with Saltaire: Saltaire was founded in 1853, Crespi d'Adda built in 1878. Titus Salt, our own visionary, was a woollen magnate and Cristoforo Crespi, the man behind Crespi d'Adda, a textiles manufacturer. Saltaire was noted for its progressive workers' amenities: for example hospital, school, church, almshouses etc. Crespi D'Adda is also renowned for such benefits eg clinic, school, theatre, cemetery and church and was 'the first Italian village to have modern public lighting'. Saltaire mill had ceased production by 1987 whence began the wonderful 'makeover'. Crespi D'Adda continued until 2004 and is now inhabited by 'descendants of the original workers' and functions primarily as a tourist destination. History and facts aside, is there anyone who wouldn't like to spend some time in a chocolate box village that combines work, worship, pleasure and utilities in a magical way without disturbing the roses around the door? That perfect place exists in our minds and yet seems rarely attainable; the Eden that disappeared which we can't help hankering after. If we've been blessed with a large disposable income we can create our own 'folly', and the rest of us can gad about the grounds of a stately home or park every now and then. Or visit a model village...so is it arguable that a little bit of Utopia has arrived through these?

**Signor Cartabia**, a Milanese employment consultant who has visited Crespi d'Adda, was asked to have a little look online at Saltaire and make comparisons. He was very much struck by similarities and commented that as well as the history being in tandem, to him the general look and layout of the villages are very much alike, although at Crespi the water source is lower down, while Saltaire's architecture is more decorative and artistic. Sig Cartabia made light of Crespi's alleged grisly associations with 'rites' near the graveyard and infamous murders, saying that in his opinion these connections are not particularly relevant. For people around Milan it's a nice place to visit at weekends if not particularly well known throughout Italy. It would seem that when the unacceptable face of capitalism is tempered with visionary benevolence something rather nicer than 'satanic mills' emerges.

## MAGIC NUMBER THREE

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**217 Bingley Road**  
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**Thursdays till 8pm**  
New and second hand books  
**Events This Month:**  
**On Thursdays 6.30-8pm**  
**£2.50**

**4<sup>th</sup> Jill Liddington**  
*[Booking advisable]*

*Rebel Girls* – Suffragettes  
in Bradford and the Dales.

**15<sup>th</sup> Reading Club 7pm**  
Anna Chilvers' *Falling*  
*Through Clouds*

**18<sup>th</sup> Alan Plowright**  
Walking in the Dales in  
the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.

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## **SIMPLY SALTAIRE**

**An Exhibition of Saltaire-themed Artwork  
at the United Reformed Church**

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>**

**PHOTOGRAPHS AND OTHER  
ORIGINAL ARTWORK NEEDED**

**Artists receive 25% of sale price**

**All other proceeds towards the creation of  
an Education Centre at the church**

All donations should have a demonstrable link with Saltaire and portray an image of the physical environment or local life. Photos should be mounted on board and be 40x50cm max. Artwork, on board or framed, 75x60cm max. Sculptures should be easily carried by one person.

**Full details and donation forms available now  
from the Saltaire Village Website.**

**[www.saltairevillage.info](http://www.saltairevillage.info)**

## **A MESSAGE FROM MARIANNE**

*Vicars Cafe Bistro* at 79, Victoria Road, has extended its daytime hours till 5pm - meaning more tea-and-cake type opportunities - perfect for an after-school treat or a nice warm-up after a bracing walk by the River Aire! The weather these days can make getting out in the car a bit tricky, but if you have a laptop, you could "work from home" in the cafe for an hour or so and enjoy our free wi-fi and some warming freshly-made soup. We're on *Facebook*, so, if you're wanting the latest on the book club, Knitterati, special events, guest chefs or want to check out our next mouth-watering bistro menu - have a look at *Vicars Cafe Bistro's* page to find out more! Fridays and Saturdays are **Five-Course Bistro** nights, so please contact us with your requirements. With a party of twenty or more you could even take over the place completely!

The cosy upstairs **Red Room** is available for hire for meetings and even small conferences. Just in case you are still not convinced that *Vicars* offers reasons to be cheerful, Fairtrade Chocolate Brownies (and gluten-free ones too, thanks to our in-house cake scientist) will be on the menu and delighting your tastebuds very soon.

**Everything we do helps people** - local businesses as they supply us with meat, bread, milk, fruit and vegetables; local people who enjoy our strong community ethos, suppliers abroad who get a fair price for their coffee, chocolate and many other products, and ten per cent of our profits help people in Zimbabwe living with HIV. So pop in and see us!

**Marianne**

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## **Editorial GIVING BOOKS AWAY**

There is presently a grand sale at David Ford's Bookshop (217 Bingley Road, near Saltaire Roundabout), with an offer of three for two on new books, the price of second hand ones drastically slashed, and the chance of purchasing a new novel for 50p.

"If you can get our books cheaper in any shop (including charity shops) or on the internet (including postage)," says David, "we will match that price". Clearly, books do not come any cheaper. [They did once: David tells us that recently, with too much stock, he tried literally giving them away, from a box outside the shop, - but no-one took him seriously!]

**But there is more to this bookshop than bargains.**

There are things here of greater value than words. Over the past few years, David has built, in his small premises, a veritable hub of the community, with regular events which give authors (from the moderately famous to the virtually unknown) and audiences the chance to meet, the Reading Club and, not least, the Children's Reading Group, on the first Friday of each month.

In these particularly challenging times for small businesses

**we need, indeed, to use it lest we lose it.**

*James Duncan*

**Notices - News - Announcements - News - Notices**

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

**ADVERTISING in The *Sentinel***

All the establishments featured in the 'small ads' on pages 2 & 3 serve as outlets for this newspaper and are promoted on that basis. Events and initiatives are mentioned elsewhere, at the editor's discretion, in the context of their interest and benefit to the local community.

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

**Cuppacare**, in New Kirkgate, Shipley, the café with a heart in the heart of town", is a non-profit enterprise kept open from 10am until 1.30pm on Mondays and Fridays by Shipley Christians Together.

**SALTAIRE POLICE AND COMMUNITY CONTACT POINT**

At entrance to Salts Mill  
Wednesday 10am-1p.m.  
01274 537416  
[contactsaltaire@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:contactsaltaire@yahoo.co.uk)

**COMMANDO FIT TRAINING FOR THE SUMMER**

We are still here after two winters and are looking forward to our third summer exercising in Roberts Park, says

**Joseph Rayner**, who organises the Commando Fit Training, much publicised in the *Sentinel* last year.

We have had some amazing success stories and many people have undertaken many challenges they would not have dreamed of before they started exercising the military way. Examples of things achieved by the Saltaire and Shipley Community are: Various races around Yorkshire, including the Yorkshire Three Peaks challenge last May [**to be repeated this year**], the Parachute Regiment's ten mile special Forces Challenge in September and the GRIM eight mile cross country race at the home of the British Army in December down in Aldershot, Surrey. Many people have reported weight loss success from the exercises, dropping dress sizes, losing lots of weight, toning up and improving their backs and general health and well being. Long may they continue to do so. Our sessions really have met a need in Saltaire. I think many people are very professional and far too busy to spend time driving to a gym and back and their very own personal trainers in their local park is just the trick for as little as £2 per session!

We have early morning classes three times a week, on Mondays and Thursdays at 6.30am and Saturdays at 9am. Again, many of the professional clients find this is the only time they can realistically fit in exercise and we get fantastic results with three sessions per week. We are looking forward to getting out there this year and using the park for keeping fit and we would welcome more residents who want to get super fit and healthy this summer and who might have already started flagging in their New Year weight loss or fitness resolutions. Our military trained instructors are ready and waiting to get people in shape the military way. If any readers would like more information on classes and times then please see the website

[www.commandofit.co.uk](http://www.commandofit.co.uk)

**Concert Season at St. Paul's Church, Kirkgate, Shipley**

**Fridays at 7.30pm**

**February 5<sup>th</sup>**

**PADDOCK**

**ORCHESTRA**

[Postponed From Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>]

**February 19<sup>th</sup>**

**ENCORE**

Some are songs from the shows - and some are not - with full company medleys, solos, duets, comedy and dance from this fourteen strong group of friends.

March 19<sup>th</sup> QUODLIBET

April 9<sup>th</sup> PETER FRANK

and his Dixieland All Satrs

May 14<sup>th</sup> Aireborough

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**Admission at the door £6**

Tickets purchased in

advance **£5. (01274 595416)**

Season tickets for all five

concerts: £20

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under 12 free.

**WORLD HERITAGE WHEELIE**

Does NOT talk rubbish



" I wonder if I have a counterpart in Crespi ?"

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