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HERITAGE DAYS

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RUNNING
 Two running groups are launched in our area this month: The first is at Greens Health & Fitness Centre, Otley Road, (Thursday, 6.30pm) and the other, **Starting February 3rd**, is at Salts Sports Club Victoria Road, Saltaire (7pm). (From the bottom of Victoria Road, turn left after the canal bridge.) Runners and joggers of all abilities will be welcomed and coaches and experienced runners will be on hand to help with any questions and encourage participants to enjoy their running.
Jack Verity

World Heritage Day (or, as it is officially known **International Monuments and Sites Day**) is coming up in April and Saltaire Learning is inviting all groups connected to Saltaire to take part in celebrating their connection to the **World Heritage Site from Friday 15th to Monday 18th of that month.**

An exciting programme of events, including a visit by *The Kennet*, an historic craft which promotes the heritage and traditions of the canal, is already being put together and will be published in due course, while *Sentinel* readers will be kept fully informed. **Please get in touch with Rob Martin on 01274 593585 if you or your group have any ideas and suggestions.**

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MUSICAL EVENING
Sierra Serenade is a musical evening being organised by **Women Soroptimists** in the Aire and Wharfe Valleys at **Victoria Hall on The Saturday Feb. 19th**. The show combines cabaret style entertainment with comedy, classical piano and jazz from Bingley Grammar School Swing Band and will help to raise funds for the worldwide Soroptimist 'Project Sierra' appeal to help the street children of Sierra Leone. **Tickets** are being sold at Mirror Creative Hairdressing, 24 Bingley Road, Saltaire or can be arranged by email at **sibingley@tesco.net**
Ann Briggs, Soroptimist International

PAINTING
 Dave Starley, who provided last month's front page feature on opportunities for art, has an exhibition of his work at the Butterfly Rooms, Gordon Terrace, until February 26th. The show features "a selection of my oil paintings new and old," Dave tells us, "[and] a chance to see my new studio!" Also on display are exciting new photographic works by Dan Shiel and spectacular ceramics by Lis Holt. (The venue has four exhibition rooms upstairs, with artists rotating on a six weekly basis.)

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Roger Clarke's Saltaire Folk

ROB MARTIN AND MOLLY KENYON

The success of Saltaire's regeneration owes much to the diversity of its current population, many of whom are "incumdens". They bring a wealth of experience and a refreshingly different perspective to this model village. Rob and Molly (or Mol) are supreme examples. You couldn't get two more dissimilar backgrounds, yet they work together extremely well.

Rob originates from West Bowling in Bradford; Mol from Wethersfield, Connecticut, a small town near the state capital of Hartford. Rob's education was at the old Carlton Grammar School where he saw himself as "non-academic". He joined the merchant navy on leaving school. His cadetship with the Royal Fleet Auxiliary provided practical skills which have been of great use to him – as an electrician, plumber and engineer. College in London and a few years at sea expanded his horizons. Leaving the sea in 1973 he spent the next 15 years as a maintenance engineer, married and had two children. Mol grew up in a family with active involvement in social issues. Her father was a family lawyer, her mother a volunteer organiser of civil rights projects. They encouraged their children to have an international viewpoint and to travel.

Mol was always fascinated with England. At 17 she came on exchange to a minor girls' public school. Returning home after six months she enrolled at an avant-garde "early college" and progressed to a BA in Religious Studies from Yale. She found summer jobs in England and finally emigrated to London in 1978. The central office of the United Reformed Church offered her a job in the social responsibility department.

Mid life brought a return to education for Rob. He had joined the Labour Party in 1979 and was elected councillor for Odsal ward in 1982, remaining on the Council until 1987. He became more conscious of community issues and of his desire to make a difference in the lives of ordinary people. At 38 he enrolled on a three year course in Organisation Studies at Bradford and Ilkley Community College and later joined the Bradford Motor Education Project at Holmewood, providing alternative experiences for disaffected youth.

Meanwhile, Mol had moved to Oxford to study for a Certificate in Theology and ordination in the URC. She worked as an industrial chaplain in Sheffield and for an ecumenical project in Gainsborough before coming to Bradford in 1991 to join the Fairweather Project – a hostel for women and children. Multi-cultural aspects of the city fascinated her and for six years she was Faith to Faith worker for Touchstone, near the university.

A colourful eight months with Kala Sangam - South Asian Arts - came next, but her job vanished in funding cuts. She then played safe with seven years in reception/building management at Leeds Church Institute, moving to Saltaire in 2002. Her main role now is as Chair of the Friends of Bradford Art Galleries and Museums.

The remainder of their story hinges on their involvement with Bradford Community Broadcasting (BCB), where they first met. By then they were both divorcees, and after their acquaintance grew into a partnership they celebrated their marriage at Victoria Hall and Caroline Street club in 2007.

Community work is a huge area of common interest for the couple, Rob having realised his true potential as a trainer with the Community Work Training Company from 2005-07, as well as helping to build BCB into a prestigious training agency for would-be broadcasters. Together they organised the "Raise Your Banners" biennial festival of political song in 2007 and 2009.

More importantly for us, they continue to work hard for Saltaire Village Society and other local initiatives. Good friends to have!

CAUSE FOR CONCERN

Sentinel reader and Saltaire resident

Jim Sweeney wishes the Community Newspaper to voice his views [and, after all, that it is what it is here for – *Ed*]

I know that this issue has probably been raised on numerous occasions, but really we MUST act. I am 37 and have lived in the Village for nearly ten years. For the last six months I have felt more and more insecure. The amount of crime appears to be rising, police presence is reducing. We are being targeted by people who know that we do not have CCTV and do not care less about the World Heritage Status. We are an easy target. There are ordinary street lights up and down the roads, CCTV could easily be attached to these posts with little impact to provide greater security and perhaps provide a deterrent from criminal activity.

Please can this issue be raised in some kind of forum so that people can have their say on it.

Technology is there to help us protect ourselves. I love this area but living in the past is not helping residents prevent burglary, theft, or injury. There has to be a way to incorporate technology into our heritage for the sake of the people who live here NOW, to protect our past.

GAME, SET AND MATCH SALTS IS CLUB OF THE YEAR

More than one *Sentinel* reader has pointed out that it is high time the Community Newspaper celebrated the success of Salts Tennis Club, which was named **Club of the Year** by the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) at the 2010 British Tennis Awards. Club Secretary **John Bretherick** said: “We have a strong history of providing affordable tennis for all at the club, local schools and in our local parks, which is now paying dividends with a sustainable coaching programme, growth in club membership (this almost doubled last year, from 128 to 220) and excellent links with local primary schools and Titus Salt School.” In 2009, the club achieved LTA Clubmark accreditation, recognising best practice and, more recently, was awarded ‘Beacon’ site status by the Tennis Foundation and LTA. Last, but by no means least, Salts Tennis Club was official named the Yorkshire Lawn Tennis Associations ‘Club of the Year’ for 2010.

BURNS APPEAL TARGET SMASHED

Last year, this newspaper regularly drew to readers' attention the series of craft markets organised by HTG Events for the benefit of the Burns Unit Appeal. It is now our pleasure to publish a report on the outstanding success of this venture, provided for us by the man behind all the good work,

Dave Glenister

Thanks to some very busy craft events in 2010, together with generous donations as well, HTG Events finished off the year by thoroughly smashing our target of £2010 in 2010. We in fact raised a total of £3053 – effectively a not inconsiderable 3% of the Burns Unit Appeal's overall target. This effectively represents $\frac{3}{4}$ of our profits from the total of four Craft Markets held at Victoria Hall last year and has provided a firm foundation for new events going in to 2011. We have scheduled four Craft Markets at Victoria Hall for 2011, the first of which will be on **Sunday March 20th**, from **11am until 4pm**. It should be pointed out that these are not ‘fundraisers’, but regular HTG Events’ events! We would like to thank everybody that has made our fundraising efforts possible in 2010, including Victoria Hall, The Salt Foundation and Shipley College, Bradford City FC, The *Sentinel* – and the vast array of local traders, businesses, artists and craftspeople we have been able to showcase, as well as all the visitors new and old to all the events we have hosted.

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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.saltairevillage.info

NEWS REPORTERS ALWAYS WANTED

To fulfill its role as the local Community Newspaper, the *Sentinel* needs to contain reports as well as promotions. It is always pleased to hear from readers who would be willing to provide write-ups, on their own initiative and/or when requested, conduct interviews and accept invitations to various events on the editor's behalf.

SALTAIRE POLICE AND COMMUNITY CONTACT POINT

At entrance to Salts Mill
Wednesday 10am-1p.m.
01274 537416
contactsaltaire@yahoo.co.uk

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.

SILVER SQUARE LATEST

[Following our front page of November 2010]

Over the last weekend of the 2008 Saltaire Festival, Saltaire Village Society (SVS), helped by volunteers from the Kirkgate Centre, held a public consultation about what people would like to see in "Silver Square" (the flagged area on Caroline Street which used to be the washhouse). It was very clear that Saltaire residents would like to see the square made into an area which could be enjoyed by all and a welcome piece of green amongst the stone houses. Ideas ranged from a Saltaire themed crazy golf course to a car park. In 2010, when Cllr Kevin Warnes asked for ideas that the Local Councillors could spend their "community infrastructure" funding on, SVS suggested Silver Square – and Lo and behold, they said YES. Adele Adams the senior landscape architect at Bradford Community Environment Project is overseeing the work which will start this month. Ulrike Knox of SVS and Paul Haigh of Friends of Roberts Park have put together a plan including trees, flowers and herbs which combine much of the ideas from the initial consultation and are within the budget. SVS would like to thank the local Councillors, Kevin, Hawarun and Mike for the funding and Jane Hughes from the area office who has put a lot of work into helping this idea come to fruition. **A community planting day will be held in March. For further information and to volunteer for future maintenance please ring Rob on 01274 593585**

Rob Martin

Saltaire Cricket Club TABLE TOP SALE Victoria Hall Sunday, February 13th Doors open to public at 10 am.

Would-be traders are invited to reserve a table by calling **01274 787908**

BOOKSHOP HOURS

The Saltaire Bookshop, which is now located at **1, Myrtle Place**, continues to sell a wide range of new and second hand books with a fast efficient ordering service. **Opening hours are: Tues–Fri 11-2; Sat 11-5.**

david.ford4@btconnect.com

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTABLES

The House of Rose and Brown, which organises at least one event a month, has another Saltaire Antiques and Collectables Market in the Evans Room, Victoria Hall, on **Saturday, February 5th**, from 9.30am till 4pm. There will be many stalls of antique and vintage furniture, with homewares, jewellery and other items also on sale.

Admission is just £1

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