

The
Saltaire Sentinel
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ART ON ITS OWN TRAIL AN EVENT IN ITSELF

*The paper
 of the
 people of
 Saltaire*

CHARITY EVENT

A 'Family Day' at the Old Tramshed will help to raise funds for the Bradford Burns Unit on Saturday, May 28th.

Alison Newbold tells us: We are having adult and children bouncy castles, a bucking bronco, BBQ, and an auction for the charity, with items including sports shirts signed by the players (Bradford Bulls, Man City, Man Utd), a dart board signed by famous dart players, and various vouchers donated by local businesses.

Saltaire Arts Trail, initially established with the support of the Saltaire Festival, is "taking the plunge" to become a stand-alone event this month, writes Paula Dunn.

Now in its fifth year, the Arts Trail will again be showcasing some of Yorkshire's best creative talent, and there will be exhibitions to challenge and inspire, and everything in between, from canal boats to vintage fashion over the Bank Holiday weekend of **May 28th-30th**.

HOMES

Fourteen of the historic Village homes will be opening their doors to the public, playing host to exhibitions by more than fifty Yorkshire-based artists, some with established names at a national level, others recently graduated, displaying a range of art works.

The ever popular Makers' Fair will once again be held in Victoria Hall and will showcase quality products, every single piece having been made or designed by the stallholder. There will also be plenty to keep little hands busy, with activities ranging from felt-making to den-building, as the Children's Mini Trail team sets up camp on the lawn in front of Victoria Hall and across the road at Shipley College, with a strong "don't lose it re-use it" message.

CINEMA

As if all that were not enough, what could possibly be the world's smallest purpose-built cinema will be paying a visit – and offering exciting opportunities to would-be film makers of all ages.

For more about the "Smallest Cinema"

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BANDSTAND MUSIC

Sunday afternoon music at the bandstand in Roberts Park begins again at 2pm on May 22nd

with performances by Beckfoot School Music and Bradford Metropolitan Concert Band.

There are two more double bills this month:

Sunday 29th

Tim Moon
 Marcus Green

Monday 30th

Eddie Lawler
 The Broken Hearts Club Band

The *Sentinel* will keep readers up to date with the programme every month.

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THE WORKS TRIP

By Roger Clarke

Over the years there has been a tradition in Saltaire of a Works Trip, paid for by management for the enjoyment of workers. Titus Salt began the tradition by inviting his workers on a trip to Malham in 1849 – 2,000 workers from his Bradford mills went by train to Bell Busk and then 500 of them walked the five miles to Gordale Scar. Once established in Saltaire he invited 3,000 workers to his home at Crow Nest at Lightcliffe near Halifax – just three years after he had opened the Mill, with a sumptuous banquet. The occasion, in 1856, was his 53rd birthday. There followed trips to Manchester to see the artworks there, and to Methley Park for birthday celebrations once again.

In September, 1953, Coronation year, Salts (Saltaire) Ltd treated all its employees to an expenses-paid trip to Blackpool.

In this same tradition, though admittedly on a slightly smaller scale, five tour guides from the Village were recently treated to a drama performance in Bradford organised by **Salts Walks**. Drummond Mills had been taken over for a “promenade” event around the empty mill, following the story of workers lives across 150 years of history. This was the Freedom Studios production of “**The Mill – City of Dreams**” by **Madani Younis**. It was similar to an event staged by Jonathan Silver soon after he had bought Salts Mill when “**West Side Story**” was performed here, and the audience followed the story and the music as it was played out, moving from gallery to gallery. **Salts Walks** had adopted a similar format for drama walks for the Saltaire Festival in 2007 and 2008, when **Hattie Townsend** wrote the scripts for tours around the village, stopping to meet Victorian characters each with their own story to tell.

Hattie, with **Maria Glot**, **Sally Clegg**, **Sheila Lansdell** and **Roger Clarke**, were inspired by the stunning sets and the moving stories on their thoroughly enjoyable evening out.

We celebrated in style the fifteen years since Salts Walks were established, and five years since costumed walks were introduced.

MAGIC NUMBER THREE SETTLED IN SALTAIRE

Magic Number Three, the ethical clothing boutique at **No.2 Victoria Road** in Saltaire Village, has opened its doors again. "We had thought to be moving premises," says owner-manager **Georgia Mack**, "but we've decided that Saltaire is a good place to be based and we're really happy to be staying. The heritage of Saltaire Village echoes what Magic Number Three is about: good working conditions, building communities and fair wages for people who produce clothing. We are now selling worldwide with customers across Europe as well as in the United States and Australia, but at the core of our business is the principle of supporting and celebrating local communities and local skills, and we are really pleased to know that many people value our place in the Saltaire community."

The ethical nature of the brands sold at Magic Number Three means that the products are made under fair trade conditions. They are currently looking into a range of scarves made with alpaca (the wool that Sir Titus Salt famously imported to the UK) from a North Yorkshire farm, traditionally loom-woven in Halifax.

Magic Number Three are Georgia and Ivan Mack, who are also resident in Saltaire Village. The store first opened at No.3 Victoria Road in 2006 as a wholefood deli and contemporary gallery [soon becoming a popular outlet for the *Sentinel*] and moved next door to No.2 in 2007. It reinvented as an ethical boutique in January 2009 and now has an international online store at

www.magicnumberthree.co.uk

STARLEY EXHIBITION

The Half Moon Cafe in Roberts Park is becoming a popular venue for food, watching cricket, listening to music at the bandstand or just enjoying the park. It is also establishing a reputation as an exhibition space featuring local artists, showing new works on a regular basis. Throughout May and June it will feature oil paintings by Saltaire artist **David Starley**. Work on show includes views of Saltaire and the park and a new series, created for the Half Moon exhibition, showing landscapes in a distinctly Victorian style as befits the historic venue. All work is for sale and helps support the cricket club.

TALULLAS STILL IN TOWN

Talullas of Saltaire have recently moved premises to **65 Bingley Road**.

So there is no need to panic, ladies, as Saltaire still has a fantastic long-established boutique to cater for all your needs.

Talullas strives on helping the community and participates in lots of charity work with lots of in-store events and so far raising over £5,000 for the breast cancer haven.

Jennifer Davies

Saturday, May 21st
is the
34th
DAY OF DANCE
www.dayofdance.co.uk



SILVER SQUARE

The work done by local people on Silver Square (the paved area off Caroline Street, where the washhouse originally stood) has, as our recent photograph (*above*) shows, resulted in great improvement, but **volunteers are still needed** to help look after the space, water plants etc. People living near the square who would like to take part are asked to contact **Rob Martin** on **01274 593585**.

Meanwhile, Rob is also seeking a good, temporary home for the cardboard alpacas which featured in last month's World Heritage celebrations.

SMALLEST CINEMA

[From page one] What could possibly be the world's smallest purpose-built cinema, seating **only ten people**, is coming to Saltaire this month.

For the first time, Saltaire Arts Trail brings you Super8 films courtesy of Bradford City of Film's Mobile Cinema and the generosity of Cherry Kino and Shipley College. If you want to get involved, submissions are welcome from all, adults and children alike, whether you are a Super8 beginner or a well-seasoned aficionado. The closing date for submissions is 15th May, so "get spinning that film!" says **Paula Dunn**.

Further details about submission requirements can be found on the Cherry Kino website:

<http://www.cherrykino.blogspot.com/>

For full event listings visit the Arts Trail website:
www.saltaireartstrail.co.uk

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www.saltairvillage.info

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.

The First Public EXHIBITION of the YORKSHIRE FASHION ARCHIVE is open at Salts Mill until May 15th

HERITAGE CELEBRATION MAY BE ANNUAL EVENT

The four days of varied events last month in celebration of Saltaire's World Heritage status were a great success.

Rob Martin, Chair of Saltaire Village Society and of Saltaire Learning, says: "Thanks to all who took part in the World Heritage celebrations and from what people have said **there is plenty of support for doing it again next year –April 18th, 2012.**"

Dave Shaw, whose brainchild the Saltaire History Club played a prominent part in the celebrations, personally organised a timely visit by three descendants of Sir James Roberts (after whom the park is named) and reports: "The members of the Roberts family were very appreciative of the events - it allowed them to learn about Saltaire in a way that would otherwise not have been possible, and that will lead to a consolidation of their association with Saltaire in the years to come. Stimulated by preparations for the weekend, we have discovered quite a bit about the Roberts era in Saltaire. The timing and content of the weekend provides a format that nicely complements the Saltaire Festival. **It would be great if the event does become an annual one.**"

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**Saltaire Village Society
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Tuesday June 14th
7pm, Half Moon Cafe
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"There is nothing like an artistic trail!"

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