

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



RINGERS REQUIRED

TOWER TEAM TEACH THE ROPES

IT'S NOT THE PAPER PEOPLE BUY, IT'S THE PAPER BY THE PEOPLE

HISTORY CHANGE

The next meeting of the Saltaire History Club will be on Thursday, **December 1st** (at 7pm, in the Salt Building of Shipley College). Explaining what regular members will recognise as a change to the date previously advertised, **Dave Shaw** said, "We are mindful that on December 8th the Mill is having a late evening opening, featuring the **Hammonds Saltaire Band**, and we hope that the change will allow everyone to support both events."

Do you like to hear the bells of Saltaire United Reformed Church? Would you like to learn to ring?

If so, **Len Morris** has a welcome waiting for you.

Len, who tells us that the tower team has a few vacancies for new

learners, says, "If you are interested, come to the tower on a Monday night at 7pm, when we practice, and see what it involves and whether you would like to take up this offer." (The church is at the bottom of Victoria Road, opposite Salts Mill.)

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ART AT SCHOOL

An arts project which brings the internationally acclaimed **Tom Wood** to **Titus Salt School** as artist in residence will be launched with an Open Forum at the school, on Higher Coach Road, at 6.30pm on **Wednesday, November 2nd**. "The aim of this meeting is to give more details about the project and explain how to get involved. All interest and ideas are valuable to us", says the Creative Projects Co-ordinator **Heather Graham**.
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MUSEUM CLOSED

The Reed Organ and Harmonium Museum, housed in Victoria Hall, which attracted aficionados, academics and other visitors from around the world is, sadly, now closed.

Phil Fluke told the *Sentinel's* **Roger Clarke** that, owing to reasons including health, he and wife **Pam** had decided recently to put an end to the museum, which they founded in 1996 and have maintained ever since, in order to spend

more time together. **Phil** will remain caretaker at **Victoria Hall**, while most of his impressive collection of instruments will be stored in **Keighley**. It is to be hoped that he will continue to provide pleasure to us all with his musical entertainments at various local events. Although the museum is undeniably a sad loss to the Village, the **Flukes** are worthy of our praise, gratitude and all best wishes for the future.

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WALKING NATIVITY **TO RETURN TO NAB WOOD**

On December 11th the Christmas story will once again take to the streets of Nab Wood as the congregation of St Peter's Church take part in the 'Walking Nativity'. Members of the congregation, young and old, begin in the church with a dramatic presentation of the angel's announcement that Mary is to be the mother of God's Son, followed by the journey to Bethlehem and the birth of a very special baby. Along the way the travelling congregation meet with shepherds and wise men, who tell of their strange encounters with heavenly visitors. The journey ends in a local barn where carols are sung as we gather around the child in the manger, and remind ourselves of the original meaning of Christmas.

Revd John Rainer, Vicar of St Peter's, says that by presenting the story of Christmas in this way, we can become participants in it rather than passive hearers of a story. We are seeking to give our children in particular, an experience which highlights the crucial message of God giving the best gift of all to everyone in the world.

The Walking Nativity begins in St Peter's on Moorhead Lane at 3 pm on December 11th. Everyone welcome.

ARTS PROJECT AT SCHOOL

[From p.1] **Heather Graham** tells us: Tom Wood, an internationally acclaimed artist who has work exhibited in public collections all over the world, will be working with us here at Titus Salt School as an Artist-in-Residence for a period of 10 weeks over the next few months. Our plan is that Tom will not only work creatively with our own students, but also with staff, parents, carers, governors, primary school children, and local community groups. The intended outcome of this project is a large scale piece of art which will be exhibited on an external wall here at school. We are really keen to involve as many people as we can in this project. If the end result has included work from a broad range of social groups who have connections with us here at Titus Salt School we are confident that it will reflect their ideas and creativity and will give the final piece a feeling of great significance. We hope that this project will be a celebration and demonstration of our commitment to our place as a school at the heart of its local community

REINDEER STAMPEDE

A stampede of reindeer is set to take over Saltaire this festive season, as national charity Epilepsy Action launches a 5k fun run around Roberts park which will raise funds to support the 600,000 people affected by epilepsy in the UK. The event, on **Sunday, December 11th**, is open to anyone aged eight and upwards and participants will be encouraged to don reindeer antlers as they run, walk or jog the course, making it a great seasonal day out.

Michael White, Fundraising Events Officer at Epilepsy Action, said: "People in Saltaire and the surrounding area have always been very supportive of Epilepsy Action and we hope they will continue that tradition by supporting this event."

Louise Whalley, Press Officer for the charity, which is based in Yeadon, tells us: "This will be the second reindeer run we have done in Saltaire."

We are looking for runners to take part, as well as volunteers who may want to help out on the day. For more information or to sign up, visit www.epilepsy.org.uk/reindeerstamperde or contact the events team on **0113 210 8800.**

Saltaire Cricket Club TABLE TOP SALE

Victoria Hall
Sunday, Nov. 27th
from 10 am
To reserve a table, call
01274 787908

CUPPACARE

The café and bookstall in New Kirkgate, Shipley, is a non-profit enterprise, run by Shipley Christians Together, open 10am - 1.30pm Mondays and Fridays, celebrating its 25th anniversary this month.

INDY FILM

After a successful first course in September, *IndyFilm* is back to show you how to write, direct and shoot your own no-budget feature films. David Thompson, a man on a mission to inspire as well as educate, says, "Let's make Saltaire the UK's new hotbed for film talent!" The next course, 'How to Write and Direct Your First No Budget 90 Minute Feature Film' will be held in Salt Hall, Shipley College, over the weekend of November 26th, 27th and two one-day workshops, on Sound and Cinematography, are planned for December 3rd, 4th.

For more information:
www.indy-film.co.uk
or email
info@indy-film.co.uk



The *Saltaire Sentinel* JOHN NICHOLSON POETRY PRIZE 2011

Below, we are pleased to present the third of this year's three winning poems.

(The John Nicholson Poetry Prize is an annual event and entries may be submitted at any time.)

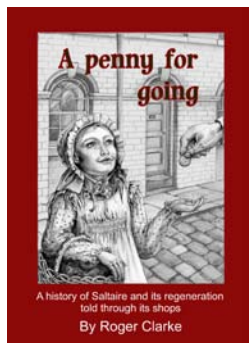
[John Nicholson (1790-1843), the 'Airedale Poet', died near what is now the bottom of Victoria Road. The picture of him above is an adaptation of the engraving by W.O.Geller.]

Saltaire at 13 o'clock

By Martin Ward

Each parent tells
Of things that happen;
Tales to tell:
When stone lions
Leave the Square
To quench their thirst
From the River Aire.
For Saltaire is
A magic place,
Beside canal
And mill race.
Where once the sound
Of clattering looms,
Laughter, crying,
Sweeping brooms;
Of women cleaning
Steps and floors
To keep up with
The ones next door.
Strict regimes
Of Church on Sunday,
Fish on Friday,
Wash day Monday.
Mum must work
At the Belfast Sink,

And Dad must walk to
Bradford
If he wants to have a
drink.
But all must sleep,
For the day ahead
Means long hours' work
To earn the daily bread.
So hush little child,
Do not awake,
For the stone lions may
Decide to take
A drink and MEAL
Beside the water,
And eat a naughty
Son or daughter.
So dream of Sir Titus
Astride a stone beast,
Roaming around
The silent streets,
Until the half-light
When the Knocker-
upper comes
To summon us to
The great mill's looms.



A PENNY FOR GOING

A History of Saltaire
through its shops
By Roger Clarke
With artwork by
Kate Clarke
£8.50

On Sale from Saltaire United Reformed Church
(All proceeds benefit the church) and other outlets.

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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.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.

SALTAIRE HANDMADE

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(downstairs)

Saturday,

November 19th

10am-3pm

enquiries@htgevents.com

HAPPY RECOLLECTIONS

Mrs Wendy Raspin, nee King, now living in East Cleveland, sent us this correspondence which may jog a few memories:

Last weekend we visited Saltaire, our birth place, when my brother came to see all the family on a visit from America. We had a walk in Roberts Park and were much impressed by the recent refurbishments and the information supplied. The village has improved so much since 1955 when I left home to go nursing, but even in its simpler form we had great fun in our childhood. We enjoyed fishing in the river, paddling at Hurstwood by-wash, picnicking in the park, roller skating across the old river bridge, climbing and swinging from the old gas lamps, playing marbles in the Hollows, guarding our 'prog' for the bonfires in the Bottom Hollows, visiting the Italian POWs in the camp adjacent to the quarry near Jeffries garage, trying to talk to the Polish girls who came to help at the mill and meals at Victoria Hall during the war. The biggest dares were watching the rats running around the mill canteen kitchen at 6pm. and looking for a witch at the Tower house on Titus Street. We all still hold Saltaire close to our hearts and enjoy our visits.

Thank you for preserving our heritage.

A CHANCE TO BE ON RADIO

Saltaire resident Kevin Archer is presenting two new shows this autumn on Bradford Community Broadcasting (on 106.6fm) 'Bradford Voices' aims to showcase people in the community, with usually three guests being interviewed and asked to choose a piece of music. 'Golden Years' will focus on a specific year between 1950 and 2000 and include contributions from local people recalling their memories of national and local events.

If you are interested in being a part of either of these shows, you can email Kevin at thisiskevinarcher@mac.com.

Past shows are on the website ClassCasts.com

RSPB Airedale and Bradford Local Group 40th Anniversary Year Friday Nov. 11th, 7.30pm.

Room 3, Shipley Library. Illustrated talk: 'Arctic and Hebridean Odyssey' by Gordon Yates.

Adults £3, children free.

Non-members welcome

WINTER BANDSTAND

Caroline Street Club is hosting a series of concerts, featuring the bandstand mix of bands large and small, singing, jazz and folk. The club opens at 12.15pm with performances from 2pm till 4pm every second Sunday of the month **Admission free**; there is a bar, tea & coffee and a collection.

Sunday, November 13th

Arconnia

The Broken Hearts Club

WORLD HERITAGE

WHEELIE

Does NOT talk rubbish



" Reindeer stampede?

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Not in my backyard! "

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