

The **Saltaire Sentinel**  
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 VIGILANCE

# HEAR LINKS LIVE SALT SONS SCHOOL SINGS

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The chapel choir of Mill Hill School in London will be making a special journey to perform in concert at the United Reformed Church in Saltaire on Saturday, March 24th.

commence at 7pm and the price of admission, to include refreshments, is £4, with £3 concessions. All proceeds will benefit the church's restoration fund.

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## BIG KNIT NEWS

Keith Lander writes: Word is nicely starting to get out about the Big Saltaire Knit, after only just a bit of publicity (e.g. in the *Sentinel*). Groups and individuals are already signing up, having decided what they will knit in, on and about Saltaire's heritage. Those already involved in some way include: Saltaire WI, Caroline Street Club, Aire Valley Arts, the College's 'Knit and Natter' group, Knitterati and local shops. To join them, contact: [lander\\_keith@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lander_keith@yahoo.co.uk)

No less than five sons of Titus Salt attended the school, which is proud to maintain links with the village he founded and church members are hoping that residents will turn out in force to return the compliment.

The choir's Northern tour includes only two other dates, at York and Beverley (Minster). The concert, including works by Stanford, Brahms and Mozart will

## FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY: MEN AS WELL

Saltaire Women's Institute will be offering a rare invitation on Thursday March 8th: Everyone welcome, men included!

Elsbeth Mosedale writes: 'Tim and Joe', the county's best known horticultural duo, who present BBC Radio Leeds' popular gardening programme, are on the

road and heading this way with their unique mix of humour, music, green fingered advice and competitions.

Doors will open at St. Peter's Church, Moorhead Lane, at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Admission for WI members is free (but please remember your membership card) and £5 for guests. Tea and coffee will be available and there will also be a raffle with a gardening theme.

For more info, e-mail: [secretary.saltaireWI@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.saltaireWI@gmail.com)

## EDDIE LAUNCHES NEW CD

Eddie Lawler will be introducing his fourth CD, "From 'Ere and From Elsewhere", at Caroline Street Social Club on Friday March 23rd at 7.30pm, in concert with the highly acclaimed triple-harpist Fiona-Katie Roberts. Admission £5.

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

[saltairesentinel@btinternet.com](mailto:saltairesentinel@btinternet.com)

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

## UNUSUAL NEW FINDS FOR ARCHIVE

**Roger Clarke writes:** The Saltaire Archive is housed at Shipley College Resource Centre, and maintained by staff and volunteers. Most donations are of individual items, but occasionally whole collections are deposited. Those of the late Albert Bowtell, Bert Thornton, Dorothy Burrowes, Peter Randall (Saltaire barber) and the late Clive Woods, have boosted the Archive over the past few years. Clive was Chair of Saltaire Village Society and housed many of their acquisitions in his shop on Victoria Road. Recently these have been transferred to the Archive and there have been some unusual finds,

### including:-

❖ Photographs of all sizes from very early images of Saltaire; Royal visits in 1887, 1931 and 1937, and the billeting of a detachment of the Royal Army Medical Corps in Victoria Hall in 1914 (right).



More recent photographs show Princess Anne's visit in 1996, the re-opening of Saltaire station in 1984; the Lord Mayor's Victorian Fun Day in 1985; and the spectacular water burst on Lower Coach Road in August, 1996.

❖ A poster advertising a choral competition held at Victoria Hall in October, 1894, involving choirs from all over the north of England with train excursions for them and their supporters.

❖ A number of glasses and glass tankards from the Saltaire Exhibition in 1887. There must have been a stall which inscribed glasses with the name of the purchaser, and many have survived.

❖ China plates and ornaments of all kinds, including a tiny 5-necked bud vase marked with the Salt coat-of-arms.

❖ Enamelled badges and medals, with one for Reuben Jagger, the rider with the fastest time on the Saltaire to Morecambe Cycle Race on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 1894.

❖ Newspaper reports, one of which demonstrates Titus Salt's personality:-  
"Salt had a dispute with a tenant farmer. He called in Dacre and Son, auctioneers and valuers, to arbitrate. They did a valuation and asked Salt for a 3 guinea fee before handing it over. Salt said he wouldn't pay for anything he had not seen. Impasse. 2 years correspondence. Salt didn't pay but didn't get his valuation either."

❖ Information about Harriet Byles, Headmistress at The Salt Girls' School between 1886 and 1920. She was so well respected that her colleagues presented her with a pony and trap following her retirement. A later letter from her describes how popular Nancy, the pony was with her neighbours.

❖ A 1d ticket to the Gaumont Cinema in 1946.

❖ Two more whole-school photos of Salt School for Boys in 1927 and 1932. We are building up an impressive collection of these.

**Please let the *Sentinel* know** if any of these donations bring back memories.

**If you have any items to donate to the Archive, please contact**

**Julie Woodward at the Shipley College Resource Centre on 01274 327225**

## THE STORY OF THE SENTINEL By Roger Clarke



James Duncan came to live in Saltaire in 1998, a time when the pace of change was increasing. The Village had been nominated for World Heritage status, and a sense of community was alive here. In 2002, James was elected Chair of Saltaire Village Society, well aware that the following year marked the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Mill, the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sir Titus' birth - and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his own! Plans were being made for the first Saltaire Festival to mark the first two of these events and with all this in mind, James recalled his old dream of editing a newspaper.

The title *Saltaire Sentinel* was soon selected, largely for the alliteration, but the logo and legend proved more problematic.

**The big turning point** came when he realised that the lion which he could see every day from his window on George Street was ["Your Lion of"] **Vigilance**. So, with a little help from old photographs and sketches, the *Sentinel's* 'own' lion was brought into being.

*All that remained was to make the content of the paper live up to the boast!*

## **VICTORIA TEAROOMS**

**8 Victoria Road  
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Village corner shop  
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Sun. 10am-10pm  
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EXHIBITION  
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THE HOME  
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## **'SUSTAINABLE' LATEST**

Following our front page article last month, **Andy Brown** of *Sustainable Saltaire* provides us with an update on 'work in progress': Shipley College has had its five year Carbon Reduction Plan approved and the principal has made a bid for £1m of lottery funding to make Saltaire a nationally recognised 'Sustainable Community'. Meanwhile, Bradford Council is working on a feasibility study for a hydro scheme on the weir at the bottom of Victoria Road. **We are undertaking a number of initiatives and will be hosting an event this month at the Salt Building to present our draft findings.**

## **ANTIQUES AT UNIT TWO**

**Angela and David Lloyd-Williams** are pleased to announce the relocation of their 35 year old business, Hawthorn House Antiques Limited in Unit 2 of the Carlton Antique Centre in Salts Mill. Angela and David, who set up the business in Malton and, after a period of Sunday Fairs across the Yorkshire region, have been trading in Pickering for the last eleven years, are already regular visitors to Saltaire. They tell us: "The challenge of a new venture, especially situated in a wonderful and unique community, excites us and we look forward to making new friends in the area. We are both of retirement age and our challenge is more of a hobby which is pleasant when we make a small surplus through the year. We have a tendency to supply decanters and glasses and related drinking and comfort items, although like all antique dealers we will go for anything that crops up and is interesting. We have already been complimented by a number of local people on the quality of our items - and the fact they are what we and they consider to be 'proper' antiques!"

## **SALTY AIR IN SALTAIRE**

The Cinema Organ Society starts its regular concert season at Victoria Hall at 2.30pm on Sunday, March 11th, when the highly acclaimed **Mary Ann Wootton** makes her first appearance at the Saltaire Wurlitzer. She will be joined by the Stoneyhurst College Big Band for several items throughout her concert. Tickets are available at £8 by calling **0845 400 2208** or on the door from 2pm. **Friday, March 30th** sees the 'Seaside Comes to Saltaire' with Ballroom Dancing to the Wurlitzer featuring **Phil Kelsall**, the resident organist from the Tower Ballroom, Blackpool. Doors open at 7pm.  
**Peter Rushton**

## **SALTAIRE BOOKSHOP**

**1 Myrtle Place  
Monday- Saturday  
10am - 5pm  
New/Second-hand books  
01274 - 589144**

## **VICARS**

**Café Bistro  
79 Victoria Road  
"Pop in and see us!"  
01274 - 597818**

## **CAROLINE STREET SOCIAL CLUB**

always has a warm  
welcome for all  
**Regular Events  
01274 - 585140**

## **ADVERTISING**

All the establishments featured in the 'small ads' above and on page 2 serve as outlets for this newspaper and are promoted on that basis.

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Saltire Sentinel*  
can also be found at  
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Saltire  
UNITED  
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CHURCH  
Saltire  
POST OFFICE  
Saltire  
MEDICAL  
PRACTICE  
Saltire  
VISITOR  
INFORMATION  
CENTRE  
(Salts Mill)  
Shipley  
LIBRARY**

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

## **SALTAIRE HANDMADE**

**Arts and Crafts**  
All handmade, all local.  
(new venue this year:)

**Caroline Street  
Social Club  
Saturday,  
March 17th  
10am-3pm**

[enquiries@htgevents.com](mailto:enquiries@htgevents.com)

## **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.

## **TEA DANCE DELIGHT**

There is a Tea Dance at Saltaire Methodist Church Hall, Saltaire Road on the second Monday of the month, 1.30 - 3.30 pm. Admission is only £2 per person, with free tea/coffee and biscuits, and everyone is welcome to come and join us.

Contact Shiela Jeffrey on **01274 585370** or Ann Mainman **01274 598898**

**The next Tea Dance is on March 12th.**

## **CRICKET LOVERS' SITE**

[www.cricketyorkshire.com](http://www.cricketyorkshire.com) is a website that covers all forms of Yorkshire cricket from Yorkshire CCC interviews, with the likes of Andrew Gale or Sir Michael Parkinson, to extensive coverage of Leagues & clubs. The website takes the form of feature articles, reviews of cricket books and equipment as well as monthly competitions and has an audience of cricket-loving fans, players, officials and coaches across the county and beyond. If you are interested in writing an article or have ideas on club cricket, please get in touch at [editorial@cricketyorkshire.com](mailto:editorial@cricketyorkshire.com). **John Fuller**

## **CONCERT AT SAINT PAUL'S**

Kirkgate, Shipley  
Friday, March 23rd. 7.30pm  
Peter Frank's Dixieland All-Stars  
£7 on the door  
**All proceeds to Organ Restoration Fund**

## **Saltaire Cricket Club TABLE TOP SALE in Victoria Hall**

**Sunday, March 18th 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, **10am-1.30pm Mondays and Fridays.**

**RSPB Airedale and Bradford Local Group  
40th Anniversary Year  
Fri. March 23rd, 7.30pm.**  
Room 3, Shipley Library.  
Illustrated talk: 'Bowland Raptors in the last 35 years' by Terry Pickford.  
Adults £3, children free.  
**Non-members welcome**

## **WINTER BANDSTAND**

**Caroline Street Social Club** hosts a series of concerts, with the bandstand mix of singing, jazz and folk. The club opens at 12.15pm with performances from 2 till 4pm. **Admission free**  
**Sunday, March 11th**

**Fairfax  
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Hot Aire**

## **WORLD HERITAGE WHEELIE**

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**"Come on, let's  
'return the compliment' !"**  
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