

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

WHAT A WEEKEND
EDDIE AND STUDENTS ENTERTAIN

*Celebrating
 Saltaire
 All Year
 Round*

**TALK THE
 TALK**

As already promoted in these pages, the special highlight of this year's Heritage Weekend is a (one-off) revival of the *Conversazione*, which was, and will be again, a unique mix of history, science, art, craft and innovation – not to mention *conversation*. Entry to Victoria Hall from 10am till 4pm on Saturday, 18th will be free and the Grand Opening will feature Donald Swift - arriving by Wurlitzer!

Saltaire is all set to celebrate its World Heritage Weekend for the fifth time on 18th and 19th of this month, thanks to *Saltaire Stories: Past, Present and Future*.

The occasion offers both residents and visitors a very exciting choice of activities.

Saltaire: Past Present & Future, an entertainment written and produced by **Eddie Lawler**, will be presented by drama students from Titus Salt School, with a choir from Saltaire Primary School, in Victoria Hall at 7.30pm on the Saturday, to launch an 'Evening's Entertainment', which will also include dancing to music provided by the Sultans of Swing.

Earlier in the day, treats will include a cafe run by the Travelling Tea Ladies and those who booked early enough (tickets sold out in February!) will attend a high tea with speakers from the Salt and Roberts families.

Saltaire Stories: Past, Present and Future, which was set up by the Salt Foundation, Saltaire United Reformed Church and Shipley College, is the education programme of Saltaire World Heritage Education Association (charity no.1158756)

It is committed to work alongside individuals and groups with similar aims. **For more details of events over the weekend and tickets where needed, please enquire at Saltaire Bookshop or Victoria Hall.**

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THE MILL –
THE
MISSING LINK
Plus
ALL OUR USUAL
UNUSUALS

**WALK THE
 WALK**

A Walk in the Park on Sunday, 19th from 10am until 4pm, offers boaters' games, stone carving and alpaca-making, with music at the bandstand from noon. Live alpacas will arrive around 1pm with Jamie Roberts from Kilnsey Park.

Saltaire Stories thanks the Friends of Roberts Park and the Canal & River Trust for overseeing the Sunday arrangements.
 Molly Kenyon

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

sentinel@saltairvillage.info OR c/o The Saltaire Bookshop, 1 Myrtle Place
The Deadline is always 20th of the month prior to publication.

EDWARD STANNERS' STORY

Roger Clarke writes: Our knowledge of Salts Mill and its operation is superficial. However, the *Sentinel* can now bring you a series of articles by **Edward Stanners** who was Managing Director of Salts of Saltaire between 1979 and 1984. Humorous and engaging, the first of Edward's recollections dates back to 1964 when as a 16 year old he was given the summer holiday job as Groundsman's Assistant's Assistant.

"The way in which I came to work at Salts in 1964 and the duties I carried out, or rather did not carry out, give a clue as to why the mill was in a mess fifteen years later when I arrived as MD. I had no experience at all in gardening, I simply wrote in and received a job offer. No one tried to establish whether I was strong enough for the job, which I wasn't. No one tried to establish if I was an early riser, which I was. In 1964 it was a long hot summer, but there were heavy dew falls most days and our first job in the morning was to sweep the bowling greens of dew with 12 or 15 foot bamboo canes. It was a very satisfying job because the dew would arc up, often creating a small rainbow, and would fall a full swish away. So you quickly saw something for your labour. That took us from say 7.00 until 8.30 when we would stop for the first of many breaks. By 9.30 or 10.00, depending on the sun's strength, we could do the first mow - we mowed the greens twice a day, always using a hand mower, and people wanted to play from late mornings on.

But here we struck a problem which was symptomatic of Salts - my skills, limited as they were, did not meet the job's needs. I was strong enough to push the mower forward, but I was not strong enough to push it down at the same time so that the roller could grip enough to drive the blades. When I mowed, the mower just slid over the grass and flattened the blades of grass so they sprung back up again a few minutes later. Hardly any grass was cut. I should have been fired, but instead I was either given the job of edge cutting or I would be sent off on some time-wasting mission simply to justify my existence. After lunch I could look busy by driving the tractor around (uninsured) or fulfil the very responsible job of making sure the haystack didn't blow away by laying, spread-eagled, across the top of it.

Later in the summer I was given a piece of real work - marking out the football pitch ready for the season. But, rather than using the corner markers and lengths of string provided to make sure my lines were straight, I remembered my Art Master's advice that if you concentrate on the far point all the time the line will be straight. I got on with pushing my three wheeled bucket, filled with white paint and weed-killer, around the perimeter. It was a disaster. There must have been many complaints, but no-one complained to me, which sums up what a forgiving company Salts was. However, my "training" at 16 came in useful when I returned in 1979, realising that Salts couldn't continue to "carry more passengers than British Rail".

More from Edward next month.

A fuller account of Edward's reflections can be found in the Saltaire

Stories from World War One

By Colin Coates

Recruitment Meeting

A recruiting meeting was held in Victoria Road outside the Saltaire Mills during the dinner hour on Tuesday, April 27th, 1915. The main feature of the meeting was the appearance of the Harry Lauder Pipe Band, which consisted of pipers and drummers drawn from police bands across Scotland.

In front a large crowd, speakers stood on a platform which was a wagon lent by the mill. The meeting was presided over by Mr. S H Servant (Unionist agent for Shipley). He was supported by Captain Burton (chief recruiting officer in Bradford), Mr. Chas Ogden (secretary of Bradford Citizens' Army League), Mr Percy Craig (manager of the Empire Theatre, Bradford) and Mr S McVeigh (Liberal agent for Shipley).

The chairman told the meeting that the 2nd Bradford "Pals" Battalion now had a strength of over a thousand, and they were anxious that the requisite number of 1350 could be made up this week. Over fifty employees at Saltaire Mills had joined the colours, but still more men were wanted.

If you have queries, or information on World War One, please contact Colin on colincoates@saltairevillage.info or (mobile) 0751520432

SERVICE FOR DENYS

A Memorial Service for **Denys Salt**, great-grandson of Sir Titus, who died on December 21st, 2014, will be held at Saltaire United Reformed Church at 4pm on **Sunday, April 19th**.

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PARISH COUNCIL PROPOSED

Vanessa Pilny writes:

Many things seem to be changing in Saltaire and unfortunately many people are feeling that their views are not being heard. Not having a time machine, we cannot put the mature trees back, but hopefully there are still ways we can influence the Victoria Road scheme and other upcoming developments such as the weir and the proposed new Sainsburys.

Saltaire people feel strongly about Saltaire and want to have more of a voice in what goes on, but unfortunately the Council's method of consultation does not appear to reach all those who want to be involved. This is a two way issue – the Council needs more innovative ways of reaching out and people need to spend more time looking out for notices through their letterbox or in local shops, joining local groups on Facebook etc. One thing that may help is the planned notice board near Caroline Street car park which will be maintained by the **Village Society** (SVS). Another opportunity is that SVS (or another group) becomes a designated body for the village; meaning that the Council would have to involve them in planning matters etc. A step further to local control would be to have a Parish Council which would have elected representatives and more powers to influence Council decisions.

We need to move beyond “us and them” towards a more democratic, collaborative approach.

Any ideas welcome!

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, March 31st at 7.30pm. Please let us know if you want to come as space is limited.

Contact us at secretarysvs@googlemail.com or via **Saltaire Bookshop** in person or on **01274 589144**

DOG DOINGS

There are a few things which are inevitable in life: taxes, death, and now it would seem, dog mess on the streets and pavements of Saltaire.

Despite the Council's 'Green Dog Walkers' scheme, which offers 'dog poo bags', and much else – apart from the obvious fact that leaving dog mess lying on the pavements and cobbles of our lovely village is totally disgusting - it would seem that many people think it is socially acceptable to do so. **It is an offence not to tidy up after your dog**, but the Council cannot prosecute without evidence. Perhaps we could police it ourselves, at least by taking photographs or shouting “PUP” (Pick Up Poo!) after offenders we identify. **Suggestions please!**

Dina Plowes

The SPA

21 Titus Street
The Authentic
Village corner shop
Open Mon-Sat
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VILLAGE WEBSITE

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SALTAIRE BOOKSHOP

**1 Myrtle Place
Tuesday- Saturday
10am - 5pm**

David Ford reports:

Saltaire Bookshop will be hosting a discussion of Daphne Du Maurier's time travelling novel *The House on the Strand* at 7pm on **Wednesday, April 1st.**

New people very welcome. Please contact the bookshop for further details.

We are putting on a series of events for children on Saturday afternoons. Planned to be once a month, they will involve parents reading to children, children's activities around books and invited authors. For example, we have a ghost stories events planned with a published author in the near future. **Please contact the bookshop** for more details and to be added to the mailing list:

01274 589144

TRAMWAY CELEBRATES

120 not out! Shipley Glen Tramway celebrates its 120th birthday this year!

Now staffed entirely by volunteers, the Tramway has always been a leisure/pleasure trip, and although the Fun Fair and Ariel Glide are now gone (and much missed by many) the Tram experience continues to give pleasure to generations, as grandparents enjoy bringing their family to prove there was a life before the internet and Facebook and Twitter etc. etc. (although we do have a web site:)

www.shipleyglentramway.co.uk

Amongst many of the special events this year are a 'Spot the Easter Bunnies' competition over the three days of Easter (Sat. 4th, Sun. 5th and Mon.6th, with a prize for each day!) and a celebration of the work of the original founder, Sam Wilson, over the World Heritage Weekend (Sat. 18th and Sun. 19th), with volunteers dressing in Victorian costume and granting free trips to anyone producing a pre-decimal 1d or ½ d coin.

Other events include a fundraising concert at Victoria Hall and, of course, the ever popular Santa Specials! **Watch this space!**

To volunteer at the Tramway for a variety of roles throughout the year please contact

info@shipleyglentramway
or Dianne on **07711857796**.

We also cater for any special group visits, including school trips during the week, volunteer availability allowing. Contact Richard on **0777 300 1250**. **Dina Plowes**

COLLEGE COURSES

Shipley College offers a wide range of part-time Horticulture & Gardening courses. There are various options from Saturday workshops to courses lasting several weeks, all run in Saltaire. Please see our part-time prospectus, *Ambitions*, for further course information or telephone **01274 327327** for more information.

Stella Downs

WINTER BANDSTAND

Free music concerts at **Caroline Social Club** on the second Sunday of every month from 2pm (club opens at 12)

**April 12th
GMC
Jazz**

Saltaire Cricket Club TABLE TOP SALES

**Victoria Hall
April 19th**

**Doors open at 10 am.
01274 787908**

Cuppacare

is a non-profit café and bookstall run by Shipley Christians Together in New Kirkgate and open to the public on **Mondays and Fridays from 10.am to 1.30pm.**

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Does **NOT** talk rubbish



"The Fifth World Heritage Weekend? It makes one feel one's age, doesn't it?!"

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