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Saltaire Sentinel

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PEOPLE

SUNSET DANCING

The Bandstand in Roberts Park offers a new attraction every month, beginning on June 13th:

'Second Saturday Sunset Dancing', from 7 to 9pm, will feature the bandstand in all its illuminated glory, with the Half Moon Café open to offer great food and drink.

[See Page 4 for the programme of free music every Sunday afternoon.]



The United Reformed Church, Victoria Road, will again be hosting the annual Village Fete on Saturday, June 27th from 12.30 to 4pm.

Janet Clark tells us:

There will be a wide variety of church and charity stalls, donkey rides, children's games and a tombola.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the

Hammonds Saltaire Band, The Peace Dance Academy, Glinda the Good Witch, Bingley Dancers, The Balloon Lady and the "church's own" Ukulele Henry (*pictured above*).

[His Bruce Springsteen routine just has to be seen and heard to be believed. —Ed.]

**Admission: Adults £1.
Children FREE.**

In this issue
RAMILA
Plus
RAMAN
Plus
**ALL OUR USUAL
UNUSUALS**

STRIKE A LIGHT!

If anyone is worrying about what happened to the old lamps taken out of Victoria Road, rest easy!

They have been moved to Shipley Glen Tramway, (thanks to Helen Thornton, our World Heritage Officer) and will be on view there once the marvellous maintenance team has sorted them out and bedded them in. Come and see for yourself!

Dina Plowes

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

sentinel@saltairevillage.info OR c/o The Saltaire Bookshop, 1 Myrtle Place

The Deadline is always 20th of the month prior to publication.

MORE OF THE STORY OF SALTS MILL

Continuing the recollections of Edward Stanners as recorded by Roger Clarke

(Edward Stanners was the Managing Director of Salts Mill 1979-84. A fuller account of his reflections can be found in the Saltaire Archive at the Learning Resource Centre of Shipley College, Exhibition Road, or online at www.saltairevillageexperience.co.uk)

“Salts was a huge site to watch over, even though we at Salts of Saltaire were not technically responsible for the whole.

Security for the site was handled by a four man team who gave cover for every hour of the year. Even so, we were vandalised, or worse, quite a lot of the time. And the most burgled area of the whole site was The New Mill which our offices overlooked, so we could spot criminals going in sometimes.

I often worked Sundays and Bank Holidays and one day when I was in alone saw two men going into The New Mill through a broken window. It seemed pretty certain to me that these were our lead thieves. My office was next door to our showroom, which had originally been the Boardroom, so it had views down across the sports grounds and park. It was around nine in the morning, so I thought there was a good chance that the local Police Dogs were being exercised on the sports fields - we had an arrangement that The Police could use our grounds as they wanted and they usually ran around just after breakfast.

Sure enough, the dogs and their handlers were there and within five minutes two very frightened looking men were hauled out. They looked grey-green with fear.

New Mill was also a repository for old equipment, and contained perhaps twenty dictating machines which must have dated from the early 30's. They were like old-fashioned gramophones and the dictator cut a wax cylinder, so the sleeve could be played back later. Where they ended up, I have no idea, but they would have been real collectors' items.

As well as keeping vandals at bay, we had a huge problem with weather. Just keeping the chill off rooms (primarily so that the sprinkler system did not freeze up) could cost over ten thousand pounds a week in oil. The section below the railway particularly could be lethal - it was a frost trap.

I used to park my car under the Mill. It held a treasure trove of cars, if you liked that sort of thing. I was allowed to borrow some of the IM cars if mine was off the road and they had one 'stormer', an old Vauxhall estate with a 3.3 litre engine. It was one of the fastest cars in Bradford and could go from zero to 60 in second gear. Without dwelling too much on cellars, the network of tunnels under the mill was like something out of a horror film.

One of our biggest challenges as managers was locating the maintenance men all the time. One day, I was so cross that we could not find the maintenance team that I ventured into the tunnels. Deep under the mill there they all were, in a room set up with all mod cons - cooker, kettle, toaster, radio.

We had the interesting job of managing an 1850's mill in the 1980's, with a customer base which was drifting off-shore too quickly for comfort and a workforce, many of whom were still living in the 1950's. It was quite a challenge.”

Stories from World War One

By Colin Coates

Shipley Volunteers

A branch of the Athletes' Volunteer Force, a national organisation with the Earl of Lonsdale at its head, was formed at a meeting of Shipley men held in the Council Chamber at the Manor House, Shipley on Friday, October 16th, 1914.

The active membership of the Force was strictly limited to men who were above the age for Lord Kitchener's Army of the Territorial Forces. It was expressly intended for the able-bodied men over 35 years of age who desired to learn the rudiments of warfare in case the War Office, for any purpose whatever, should decide to avail itself of their services.

A large number of branches had been formed in various parts of the country, and Lord Lonsdale intended by Christmas 1914 to have 100,000 men ready to place their services at the disposal of Lord Kitchener.

The interest taken in the movement in Shipley was evidenced by the large and representative attendance at the Manor House on Friday night. At the request of a number of ratepayers the meeting had been convened by the Clerk of the District Council. Although it was only intended as a preliminary meeting the Council Chamber was crowded, and there was a genuine business tone about the proceedings.

More on the Volunteers next month.

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RAMAN AND RAMILA

Raman and Ramila Lad of the Spa Shop (*See right*) are responding well to the challenge of super-market convenience stores by making sure that their version is competitive and even more user-friendly and ultra-convenient. They are, after all, literally just around the corner! They have a 5 star hygiene rating and provide a personal service, which includes an offer that if what you want is not in stock they will try to get it for you. A good example of this is a man who requested a device for cleaning his windows and Raman obtained it by the following day. Customer satisfaction is their paramount concern. They take a pride in locally sourcing the basics of milk, eggs and confectionary. Their bread is still baked from an original recipe and is always fresh, although no longer baked on the premises. They have a range of sandwiches, pies and samosas, which all sell very well, and they will take regular orders from customers as well as party orders.

A range of fruit and vegetables is supplied daily. They have overcome the supermarkets' advantage of price cutting by using the Go Local scheme, which ensures regular reductions on a wide range of selected items and offers monthly in-store deals.

They have had a cash machine in the store for some time, but **new additions to services offered** include Pay Point services which enable you to pay your household bills over the shop counter. Under this scheme, you can also top-up your mobile 'phone. You can even access your transport requirements because the store stocks M(etro) cards valid anywhere in West Yorkshire. They accept credit and debit card payments. If you fancy a flutter, they stock scratch cards and also 'do' the Health Lottery.

Raman and Ramila have run this business since 1992 and continue to provide a truly community service through their dedication to give value for money on your doorstep (as evidenced by the fact that they have provided an outlet for your *Sentinel* since it first appeared in 2003). **Roger Clarke**

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VILLAGE WEBSITE

The **Saltaire Sentinel** is available online, via the not for profit Saltaire Village Website, thanks to **Pamela Reynolds**, who manages the site at

www.saltairevillage.info

SALTAIRE BOOKSHOP

1 Myrtle Place
Tuesday-Saturday

10am - 5pm

The bookshop hosts a **monthly book club**; as well as regular events where readers and writers meet.

Please contact the bookshop for more details and to be added to the mailing list:

01274 589144

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JEWELLERY EXHIBITION

Rings ... The Changes, the 14th Annual Alternative Wedding Show at **Kath Libbert's** Jewellery Gallery on the second floor of Salts Mill, runs until June 28th.

NEXT MEETING OF HISTORY CLUB

June 4th

7-9pm

**Saltaire Methodist Church
Saltaire Road**

APOLOGIES

We apologise for the fact that, owing to technical problems (for which the Editor takes full responsibility), lines were missing from the 'street' version, although not the website version (*see left*) of last month's *Saltaire Sentinel*. Details thus omitted included an expression of appreciation, in our lead article on the restoration of the war memorial, of the contribution made by architect Bill Glaister "[whose expertise and] advice has been invaluable" – as well as contact details for both Shipley College and Saltaire Cricket Club table top sales (*See below*).

COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Shipley College has an Open Day on **Tuesday, June 16th** (3-7pm). Come along and find out more about all our full and part time courses, as well as apprenticeships. Gardening courses for June include Edible Hanging Baskets, The Productive Garden and Gardening for Pleasure.

For more information call **01274 327327**.

Saltaire Cricket Club

TABLE TOP SALE

Victoria Hall

Sunday, June 14th

Doors open at 10 am.

01274 787908

HERITAGE EXCHANGE

Some 20 local history, heritage and Friends' groups have already signed up to join the Local Heritage Exchange at **St. Paul's Church, Kirkgate, on Saturday, July 4th** (10am-4pm). Please come along with your memories and knowledge.

Further details from John and Mike on mikeandtish@hotmail.co.uk or telephone **01274 580875**

BANDSTAND

PROGRAMME

FREE music in Roberts Park every Sunday from 2.30 pm. This month:

- 7th OTRA
- 14th GMC Jazz
- 21st Bradford Metropolitan Concert Band
- 28th Jolly Jivers

VOLUNTEERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED to keep concerts running

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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.

WORLD HERITAGE WHEELIE

Does NOT talk rubbish



"I look forward to seeing you all at church on 27th
[See Page One]

- although I hope to be very busy !"

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dispose of this copy of the ***Saltaire Sentinel***. Please do so with care for our World Heritage Site environment.