

MORE BRIGHT LIGHTS ADVENT ILLUMINATION AGAIN

*Seasonal
Greetings
to all our
Readers*

FARM SUPPORT

Nick Salt and Jamie Roberts will be showing their support for the Milner Field Action Group when they meet members of the press and public at the farm on Saturday, Dec. 3rd 10.30am-12. Nick (great great grandson of Sir Titus) and Jamie (great great grandson of Sir James) have already written to the planners expressing their strong disapproval of proposals to 'redevelop' the site.

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The Living Advent Calendar is once again set to light up the streets of the Village, thanks to the hard work and Yuletide Cheer of many local residents.

Dave Starley tells us:

There has been much thought and preparation for this year's Calendar; not least by local resident Marnie Walford (age 7), who won a competition to design a cover for the new map of the trail which is now available from local outlets including the Visitor Information Centre.

As always, the organisers have no idea what designs will be unveiled, but on the first of December a bumper ten windows will be lit, followed by the usual one a night (4-10.30pm) until Christmas Eve.

For those busy in the run up to Christmas, the 'regular' windows will remain illuminated

until January 5th.

As the Christmas Eve Carol Singing is now under new management, this event will set off from The Cap and Collar at 6pm and will progress via a selection of windows to our sponsor for the Advent Calendar; The Edward St. Bakery.

Do dress warmly and in the Christmas spirit and bring a lantern if you have one. We are also hoping for an appearance by the Hall Royd Brass Band which may well be on December 19th but this date is not yet confirmed - so listen out for them.

Some of last year's windows have been featured in a set of 12 Christmas cards for charity, now available from the Mill, Visitor Information Centre, Salt's Pots and on-line through the Saltaire Inspired website.

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FROM
SANTA**
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HAPPY HISTORY

Saltaire History Club, will be celebrating its tenth birthday at this month's meeting on Thursday, 1st at the Resource Centre in the College's Exhibition Building, from 7 to 9pm. As well as the traditional Christmas Quiz, the meeting will include presentations of exciting new research findings and acquisitions recently added to the Archives.

Dave Shaw, to whom we extend congratulations on this very 'historical' occasion, reminds us:

All are welcome – and it's free.

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

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

THE SPIRITS OF CHRISTMAS

A seasonal poem, written for the *Sentinel*

by Lee Halliday

A young sleepy girl wakes up in the night,
From her window, the snow, it sparkles so bright.
Excited and giddy for what may have come,
Those presents galore - a quick peek? Yes, just one.
Silent and careful, she creeps down the stairs
But becomes sad and gloomy when nothing is there.
Back up to her bedroom she slowly does go,
And again, from her window, sees fierce driving snow.
Victoria Road, so grand and so wide,
Has a blanket of white and she's glad she's inside.

She's a girl of the present, the past is no fun,
But the present and past sometimes merge into one.
As she stands watching the thickening snow,
She's sure she can see these two figures below.
She strains hard to see them, they're a distance away,
But it looks like two men, not young men she would say.
They start to walk closer, her view starts to clear,
And they seem to be talking and laughing with cheer.
They're making her giggle, they look rather funny,
They both have white beards and they both have large
tummies.

Their clothes are quite different, one's gown is all red,
It's a large woolly cloak with white fur around the edge,
While the other man's clothes are quite formal and fine,
He could have come straight from a previous time.
He looks all around and starts laughing out loud,
He seems so familiar, content, and so proud.
Then they look at the girl and they smile two great smiles,
And it makes her feel joyous but shy all the while,
And she moves from the window and thinks she should hide,
But then she hears movement, downstairs not outside.

Seconds go by, then the silence returns,
So she creeps down the stairs, despite her concerns.
But then, at the bottom, a vision for sure
Of glitter and sparkles and cards by the door,
Of candles alit and of presents galore,
Of all that she hoped for, she could not wish for more.
She returns to the window and hears Christmas song,
There are carollers somewhere but the old men have gone.

That girl's now a woman with young girls of her own,
But she'll always remember her old Saltaire home
And that one Christmas night, so bright and so real...
She'll always believe.
She'll always believe.
The spirit of Father Christmas is true,
And the spirit of Titus, that lives on too.

COLIN'S COLUMN

A SOLDIER'S AWARD

Private Sam Jeffrey, aged 36, son of Mr and Mrs Henry Jeffrey of 14 Constance Street, Saltaire, obtained the "Certificate of Merit". The citation read as follows:-

"For gallantry and devotion to duty on November 13th 1916. When a dug-out was blown in by shell-fire he voluntarily dug out the wounded, and helped in removing them at considerable risk to himself, owing to the heavy bombardment."

Before joining the army, Sam was a gardener for Mr Hockley, of Nab Wood. Before that he had worked at Saltaire Mills. In his last letter home he said:-

"I am pleased to tell you that I have received the certificate of merit for helping to save wounded from a dug-out that had been blown in. I and a number of stretcher bearers were fastened in a deep dug out with six wounded men, and we had to dig ourselves out. We carried two of the wounded who had broken legs to a place of safety. It was very hot work at the time. I consider myself lucky to come out without a scratch."

Colin Coates

Details of all the men from Saltaire who served their country are online at

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN THE DISTRICT
EXACTLY A HUNDRED YEARS TOO LATE!

Richard Coomber shares with us this fascinating piece he found in the *ShIPLEY Times and Express* of December 15th 1916:

“Our readers will do well to note that next week the shops will be open until 8 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; 9 p.m. Friday; 10 p.m. Saturday; the Wednesday half-holiday not being taken.

Nevertheless it will be well for those who can do their shopping during the daytime to do so in order to avoid a rush in the evening. This will ease matters and be a great help to our tradespeople in these most difficult times.

We would draw your attention to the Christmas display of our advertisers. For a sewing machine (hand or treadle) which is a most useful and appreciative present, we recommend you to visit the warehouse of the Empire Sewing Machine Company, Low Well, Shipley. Go here before going elsewhere. It will pay you. Now, again, we have Blackwood, the clothier and jeweller where it would be easy for you to select a useful present for young or old. Give him a call. Step in next door, at the Shipley Fent Shop, the cheapest market for fents in the district. This tradesman has a wide reputation for big value.

Cromack's to the front! For anything in the seasonable line of Christmas gifts go into this shop where there is exhibited a speciality in the Regent Wristlet Watch, including many other articles, all suitable, gent's wearing apparel included.

Crossing over Briggate to Walker's, Wainman Street, here you will find a delight for the children in Christmas toys and presents too numerous to mention. There are delightfully set out windows and should surely attract attention.

Joyce and Wilkinson, the linen specialists, we understand, are offering a lovely little handkerchief, pure linen beautifully embroidered at the wonderful price of 7½d. This week, too, they are making a special display of their fancy linen goods for which this firm is noted. Just those dainty items so dear to the heart of a proud housewife.

We come now to Pullan's. Everybody knows Pullan's (late Dean Bros). Here we are in for a fine display. Their tastefully dressed windows speak volumes and are a good indication of what is to be found inside. Blouses made in the district are their speciality. You should see them for yourself to know what they mean to a nicely dressed lady. At Whelan and Horn's you can get stockings for the young and old, most acceptable presents. Here we may say the children require stockings for Santa Claus.

Do not forget to give the corset maker W Sowden a look in. We hear that the price of the material (steels etc.) is going to be greatly enhanced in price owing to the difficulty of obtaining them.

Coming into Kirkgate, John Whitaker, the umbrella man, is at your service as usual. A most serviceable present is an umbrella or a silver mounted walking stick. Across the road we have J C Hainsworth, who is showing a present that deserves the attention of all who have dear ones serving at the front, a life saver. See these for yourselves; no recommendation needed. Next door we have a glittering mass of silver and gold at the ring leaders, Butlanda's. A look at these well displayed presents is sufficient to touch the heart of the well disposed. A visit will certainly repay you. The Misses Fell, 63 Saltaire Road, deserve a mention for art needlework etc. Watch our advertising columns week by week. It will surely be advantageous even to the most careful of housewives. Look over them today; there may be something you require.

A Watkin, People's Exchange, is asking, through our columns, for second hand furniture, wringers, pianos etc. Just drop him a post card, he will do the rest.”

Richard's WW1 website can be found at shipleyww1.org.uk

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

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A LETTER FROM SANTA

I heard that Shipley Glen Tramway had had a few problems just after I left after Christmas 2015. The elves told me that the whole area was flooded and the Tramway had to close for a while (I was resting after a busy time).

I would like to show my continued support for the area, and the Tramway, by being at the Tramway to meet you all, every weekend in December from 11-4.30. Those who have been really good can get a gift! I hope to see you there. The elves tell me there may be singing entertainment this year; not by me I hasten to add, but I have heard the reindeer harmonising!
Best Wishes, S.Claus

BOWLING CLUB

Salts Bowling Club is a "hidden gem", with two greens between the canal and the river (follow the towpath from Victoria Road in the direction of Hirst Lock and pass the tennis courts), open all year round. As well as competitive matches, social bowling can be enjoyed on Thursday and Saturday afternoons during winter. Salts are a happy, friendly group who make visitors welcome. For more information or a membership form, contact Pat Allison: pat.allison@ofcts.com

M.J. Pitt

OBITUARY

We are sorry to report that **Peter Kassapian** (mentioned in our previous two issues, following the discovery of a tie in an Oxford pub) died on November 1st, aged 76.

Hamid Houman, a fellow member of Baildon Runners since 1986, remembers:

"Peter used to run every Thursday and enjoyed a drink or two afterwards. But since the mid 90's, he had to give up running due to joint pain. Those who knew Peter will remember that he did not have the natural physique of a runner but despite that, he ran the London Marathon and his enthusiasm for running was infectious. **He was a larger than life character who will be sorely missed.**"

WINTER BANDSTAND

**Free concerts at
Caroline Social Club**
on the second Sunday of every month. Club opens at 12pm with live music from 2pm. For more details, visit www.carolineclub.co.uk

CUPPACARE

CUPPACARE is a popular café and bookstall, open to the public on most Mondays and Fridays, from 10am to 1.30pm in New Kirkgate, Shipley. We are a non-profit service provided by Shipley Christians Together.

TRAMWAY

Would anyone interested in becoming a volunteer please ask for a form at the ticket office or call Richard on **07773 001250**. We would love to hear from you!

WORLD HERITAGE WHEELIE

Does NOT talk rubbish



"I wonder what I'll be getting for Christmas?
Probably what nobody wants!"

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