

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

MAKING LIGHT OF IT EDDIE, AS EVER, ON SONG

**THIS IS NOT
THE PAPER
PEOPLE BUY,
IT'S THE
PAPER BY
THE PEOPLE**

EASY RIDER

Dina Plowes writes:
If you have ever wondered not only *how*, but *why* people keep **ShIPLEY Glen Tramway** running, come to our **Open Day** from 10.30am on **Saturday, July 15th** to find out for yourself! Experienced volunteers will be there to tell you about the various roles, and encourage you to get involved in this unique local feature. So come and enjoy **free** education, **free** refreshments and, not least, **free rides on the Trams!**

Eddie Lawler, known locally as “the Bard of Saltaire” is set to go ‘hyperactive’ on the first weekend of July to celebrate two other famous Tykes, one an unlucky failure, the other a lucky success.

The unlucky one is Branwell Bronte of Haworth (200 years old on June 26th this year). The more fortunate one is Blind Jack Metcalf of Knaresborough, who is 300 on August 15th. Eddie will perform his song about Branwell, *Mr Might-Have-Been*, on **July 1st** when a permanent storyboard is officially unveiled on North Parade, close to the former location of the young Mr. Bronte’s portrait studio on Fountain Street. [That’s a little-known fact, is it not? - *Ed*] This event runs from noon until 2pm and is part of the Bradford Literature Festival.

On Sunday, July 2nd, Eddie joins poet **Simon Armitage** on a commemorative walk entitled (appropriately enough) *Wandering Bards*, starting out from Luddenfoot, which has Branwell railway connections.

Eddie’s presentation with original music, *Tracking the Brontes* can next be seen at Rawdon Community Library on **July 27th**. **But the Bard’s biggest 2017 project is called *Making Light***, a new play described as a “rollicking mix of history & mystery”, in which the 300-year-old Blind Jack meets the even more ancient Mother Shipton. This will be premiered by Shipley Little Theatre at Saltaire Festival on **September 14th** and then tour Leeds, Bradford and, not least, Knaresborough.

**In this issue
FINALLY –
FUN ON THE
FARM!
Plus
ALL OUR USUAL
UNUSUALS**

COLLEGE DATES

ShIPLEY College have an Adult Guidance Event at the Exhibition Building on Thursday, **July 6th** from 4.30-7pm. **Stella Downs** tells us that the new part-time course guide is out now, offering a wide range of options with professional qualifications and leisure courses. Please call **01274 32722** or visit **www.shipley.ac.uk**

The *Sentinel* offers profuse apologies to Shipley College for an error in our May issue which publicised an incorrect date for a forthcoming Open Day.

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

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

MILNER FIELD CELEBRATIONS

The story of the struggle to save the historic farm, established by Titus Salt Jnr. at Milner Field from 'redevelopment' is one which regular readers have been following for some months. (Back numbers of this newspaper are easily accessible on the Saltaire Village website.)

Although the following may not be 'hot news', such readers deserve to see what we all hope is a happy conclusion as reported by **Les Brook**, to whom we are grateful for keeping us informed throughout:

The planning application that sought the death of dairy farming at Milner Field finally met its own end on May 10th. The signs were already clear when papers for the decision-making May 15th committee meeting were posted. The officer's recommendation was that the beast be put down. Two days later, the applicant chose a mercy killing.

Alongside great rejoicing by those who lodged 1,355 objections (and some wailing from the six supporters), there were a surprising number of reservations, summed up in the comments of one of them: "Just means they will rejig the application and reapply".

But IMHO, they won't. The planning officer's recommendation sets out no fewer than seven reasons for refusal:

"The proposed development is inappropriate development within the Green Belt... [Any benefits] do not clearly outweigh the harm the development would cause to the Green Belt. The development would also cause substantial harm to the Saltaire World Heritage Site and erosion of its Outstanding Universal Value, harm to the historic landscape associated with Milner Field House, harm to the particular character of the local landscape, potential harm to the integrity of the Trench Meadows SSSI and harm through a reduction in road safety at the canal bridge on Primrose Lane. The benefits of the development/ other considerations put forward by the applicant clearly do not outweigh this cumulative harm."

Re-jigging won't cut it. Moreover, any radically different proposal will meet the same obstacles. The protections offered by Green Belt and the World Heritage Site remain in place and the dangers at Fisherman's Bridge are not going away.

Vigilance should be our watchword – but at the wake, champagne should be our beverage.

As we go to press this month, Farmer Downs is preparing to celebrate with family, friends and the many people who have supported his campaign, by hosting a 'Thank You Picnic', which he describes as "a village fete type event, with traditional sports for young and old", on **Sunday, July 2nd**.

Please note: For health and safety reasons, numbers were limited and **advance booking** was required. In the unlikely event that you read this in time, it *might* be worth looking for Eventbrite on the internet and following the link to Thank You Picnic.

The *Sentinel* is sorry that it was not able to give this event more publicity with sufficient notice. "Getting the dates right" is always, obviously, a stumbling block for a monthly publication which is not put together, printed and distributed overnight. This serves as a 'timely' reminder

[I'm sorry, I couldn't resist that pun – **Ed**] to would-be contributors that the earlier we hear from you the better.

COLIN'S COLUMN

A MILITARY MEDAL FOR A "LITTLE STUNT"

In May 1917 Mr and Mrs J C Cutler, of 2 Constance Street, Saltaire, received word from their son, Sgt. **J W Cutler**, that he had been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery in the field.

In a characteristically modest letter to his parents, Sergeant Cutler wrote,

"You will be very pleased to hear that I have been awarded the Military Medal for that little stunt I told you about." The "little stunt" consisted of his having come to the assistance of a British stretcher bearer upon whom one of the German prisoners had turned. The German had fixed his teeth in the stretcher bearer's hand and this return for the kindness shown by his British captors was more than Cutler could stand. He dealt with the German in such fitting manner, and protected the stretcher bearer so effectively as to earn himself the Medal.

Colin Coates

Details of all the men from Saltaire who served their country in the First World War are online at

salthairevillage.info

HELP!

The *Saltire Sentinel* is produced, distributed (and put online) by a small team of dedicated volunteers and regular contributors. Yet, in order to maintain its claim to be "The Paper of the People of Saltaire" it still needs YOU. Assistance is especially required in 'chasing up', reporting on and editing stories. Come and join us!

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SALTAIRE CANTEEN SPECIAL

Vicar's café was opened at 79 Victoria Road in the noughties by two vicars who wanted to show the local community in Saltaire a different expression of church. It ran as a café/bistro/community space until late 2014, when use of the building was taken over by the Shipley Food Project (SFP). The SFP was started by a group of friends, largely from St. Peter's church, in 2014. Our conversations were centred around finding ways of serving our local community, promoting stewardship of the environment and sharing our faith in creative and novel ways. The Shipley Food Project has three connected aims all linked to food: To address issues of food waste locally, through creative use of intercepted food and education, to help to alleviate food poverty, and to use food to build community.

In the two and a half years since SFP started it has, among many other things, grown and developed Shipley Foodbank centre in partnership with Shipley Baptist Church, Bradford North Foodbank and St. Peter's church. Last financial year alone we provided over 1300 people (over 400 of whom were children) with emergency food parcels. The Saltaire Canteen, as a part of the SFP, has utilised about 10 Tonnes of intercepted food, providing thousands of meals both in the Canteen and to groups outside of it, helped at least six volunteers to go on to paid work, and hosted community groups like a local book club, Tearfund, a poetry group, Veg on the Edge, Alpha, Knitterati, and Mental First Aid. None of this work would be possible without the generous support of our many community partners (and the landlords, who continue to offer us tenancy on a peppercorn rent).

Most of the food used across the SFP has been intercepted and would otherwise have been wasted. Generous support in providing us with food continues to be given by: The Real Junk Food Project, particularly from the Pudsey warehouse; Wrose Co-op; Gordon, the fruit and veg market stall holder in Shipley market; Edward St. Bakery – and You! We regularly receive donations of home grown fruit and vegetables or excess food from members of the public. Some of you even make delicious cakes!

The aspiration of the SFP has always been that it is an organisation for the community by the community and our plans for the future definitely align with this philosophy. As well as the café continuing to run on Fridays and Saturdays and regular bistro evenings we also have many exciting new ideas, so please

Come and talk to us about how you can work with us!

Just a few of the things you might like to consider are:

- Volunteering to help to run the café, bistro or shop. We also need help with admin, washing up/prepping food in the kitchen and collecting food if these float your boat.
- Donating food
- Helping to start a project that serves our local community in some way. (Ideas so far include school breakfast club, homework club, luncheon club, Cook and Eat sessions, Commuter community supper.)
- Making a regular financial donation to our work either as an individual or an organisation
- Praying for us if that is your thing. It is definitely ours!
- Simply paying for a drink or donating what you can for some food makes you a part of the enterprise!

**Help us to make the Saltaire Canteen a community building
that builds community! Please contact:**

theshipleyfoodproject@gmail.com

Or Angus on 07852435691

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.saltairvillage.info

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Saltaire Cricket Club

TABLE TOP SALE

Victoria Hall

Sunday, July 9th

Doors open at 10 am.

For further details or to book
a table, contact

Simon Hicks: **01274 787908**

MARATHON WOMAN

Sharon Kenyon, who works at the Cutting Jungle hairdressers in Saltaire, ran the London Marathon this year – and we are honoured that she wanted to share some reflections with *Sentinel* readers:

I have raised approximately £3500 pounds for Wheatfields (Sue Ryder) Hospice in Leeds. I completed the marathon in 4:58, managing to run the whole way. Three years ago I couldn't run for a bus! Now I can run a marathon. After I lost a close relative to cancer and receiving amazing care from Wheatfields, I decided to step out of my comfort zone and run the Leeds half marathon in May 2015, raising £1000. I then decided to try for the London Marathon. I am astounded at people's support and generosity in helping me achieve my goal and raise more money for our much needed Hospices. I am busy with the salon, studying and having a young family. I have managed to find the time to train in the evenings and weekends. It has been an amazing empowering experience. I would love to do it all again!

BIG BUS DAY

The third Saltaire Historic Bus Running Day is Sunday, July 2nd, (10am-5pm) based at the playing fields adjacent to the Tramway, with a free bus service and a chance to see Britain's last trolley bus.

GREENGAGES, PLEASE

Dina Plowes is asking if anyone can help her to find greengages which, it seems, are becoming increasingly rare. [There *might* be a jar of jam in this, as a prize, although the winner will have to wait a while because the plum like fruit does not ripen until autumn.] Regular readers will not be surprised to learn that when this request landed on the Editor's desk he read it as, "Can anyone help me to find Greengates" - and suggested that Dina set off down Saltaire Road in the direction of Leeds. [Now *that's* 'fake news', folks! - *Ed*]

BANDSTAND PROGRAMME

FREE music in Roberts Park every Sunday from 2 pm. This month:

2nd Schools Showcase
(n.b: 1-5pm)

16th Hot Aire

23rd Live at the Lounge

30th Anchorage Big Band

SHAKESPEARE

IN THE PARK

A Midsummer Night's

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Sunday, July 9th

2-4pm & 7-9pm

FREE no booking needed

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.

WORLD HERITAGE

WHEELIE

Does NOT talk rubbish



"This new re-cycling scheme is all very well, but how would you feel if told you are no longer officially 'allowed' to 'take' the *Sentinel* ?!"

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