

LET'S GET INVOLVED

VILLAGE SOCIETY APPEAL

*Celebrating
Saltaire
All Year
Round*

BEST WISHES

As always at this time of year, the Community Newspaper extends congratulations and all best wishes to the organisers of the Saltaire Festival, who have established their own excellent network for promotion of the events involved.

COFFEE FOR GOOD CAUSE

The Sentinel's own Dina Plowes will be hosting a Macmillan coffee morning on September 29th from 10am at 27 Albert Avenue.

Saltaire Village Society (SVS) calls on all residents, traders and social groups to save the future of our special habitat.

Drastic cuts by Bradford Council will mean the end of essential visitor facilities for our World Heritage Site. The end of September 2017 will see the demise of the Visitor Information Centre and March 31st 2018 the closure of the public lavatories in Caroline Street.

At last month's well-attended meeting, co-chairs **Ulrike Knox** and **Pete Chambers** explained that major tourist centres in the area, like Haworth, are likely to have their valuable information service taken on by the Bronte Society and the public toilets by the local Parish Council.

The Ilkley Parish Council, together with the Civic Society and volunteers work hard to ensure provision of these services.

Saltaire does not have a parish council, and so has no access to funding such as monies raised by a local precept or by a Community Infrastructure Levy. The SVS and stakeholders, who include Shipley College, as well as Saltaire Stories and the Salts Foundation have had discussions with the Council about the possibility of SVS taking the public toilets on lease and using part of the building to provide some visitor services. [What better "visitor services" could there be? A Tourist Info. Centre would seem appropriate – but in the loo? – *Ed.*]

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WALRUS

Plus

MARKI LINK

Plus

ALL OUR USUAL

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HISTORY CLUB

Saltaire History Club meets on Thursday, September 7th (7pm) in the Resource Centre at Shipley College's building on Exhibition Road. (Admission free)

Local historian **Allan Cottell** will give a presentation entitled, 'Titus Salt and his sons – a Farming Heritage?' and **Sally Stoker**, Head Teacher at Saltaire Primary School, will talk about using Saltaire's heritage in Primary education.

See Page 3 for another exciting History Club event.

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

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

FRIENDS OF ROBERTS PARK MAKING THE VISION A REALITY

We make no apologies for repeating the following article written by Stephen Ellwood:

Sir Titus Salt and Sir James Robert's original vision of a shared communal space for the enjoyment of all Saltaire residents lives on today with the Friends of Roberts Park! Join our group and help us organise free community events in the park such as World Heritage Weekend, the Roberts Park Bandstand concerts and Saltaire Shakespeare theatrical performances.

In 2018 we have plans to re-introduce both live Gilbert and Sullivan and large-calibre naval artillery to the park.

Unfortunately – and for this we *do* apologise, although it was due to technological problems beyond our control, essential information, regarding contact details, was omitted:

Web: www.roberts-park.org Email: forp@roberts-park.org

Facebook: **The Friends of Roberts Park, Saltaire.**

MAINTAINING LINKS WITH MARKI EXCITING EVENTS OVERSEAS

As always, we are pleased to hear from Bogusława Sieroszewska:

This June in Marki near Warsaw, Poland, a very important event took place. This was unveiling of an information plaque at the local church of St. Izydor in memory of John Briggs from Bradford and his wife Flora Briggs, who were co-founders of the first church in Marki 120 years ago. At the top of the grand marble plaque there is a carving of the coat of arms of Bradford with its motto, 'Progress Industry Humanity' to remind the people of Marki that the Briggs came from Bradford, West Yorkshire. The ceremony of unveiling the plaque was attended by the delegation from Bradford led by Dr Sarah Dietz and Ms Maggie Smith, the Mayor of Marki Jacek Orych and Ms Elzbieta Jasińska, the granddaughter of Charles Whitehead, the inheritor of Bradford Mills in Marki, the Briggs brothers spinning factory. The plaque was an initiative of the Society of Marki-Pustelnik-Struga, also attending the event, and was unveiled to celebrate the centenary of the parish.

Additionally at that time, the town of Marki celebrated its 50th anniversary and the delegation from Bradford attended the special session of the Marki Town Council on June 9th, during which Dr Dietz gave the presentation entitled "Celebrating Historic Connections between Bradford and Marki" and was rewarded the Medal of the 50th Anniversary of the Town of Marki.

On behalf of Bradford, the leader of the City Council, Susan Hinchcliffe and **Maggie Smith of Saltaire History Club**, passed on cordial wishes of success and prosperity for Marki and its people.

Another opportunity to promote Bradford and its people (the historic Briggs brothers, who came to Marki in 1883 and developed it so quickly that soon it resembled Saltaire) is a new play entitled 'The Dinner for the Donor' scheduled to be staged on Sunday September 10th by members of the Society of Marki-Pustelnik-Struga. The play, written by Bogusława Sieroszewska and based on newspaper cuttings dating from the turn of 19th and 20th centuries, shows the great involvement and financial support of the Yorkshiremen in the process of building the first church in Marki and aims at paying tribute to them and reviving their important input in the history of Marki.

COLIN'S COLUMN

A LOCAL HERO OF TWO WARS

Emmanuel Parker was just 18 years old when he joined the Army in 1893. He served his country for 27 years, only to die within a year of leaving. Emmanuel was born in Saltaire in 1875 to Thomas Parker and Elizabeth Blythe. Thomas was a draper and the family lived at 23 Mary Street before moving to 23 Shirley Street.

Emmanuel served with The Royal Highlanders (Black Watch), reaching the rank of Staff Sergeant.

He fought in South Africa in the Second Boer War and in France in WW1. In 1903, when stationed in India, he married Elizabeth Georgina Burgess. They had four daughters, all born in India.

Emmanuel was mentioned in despatches in 1901 for "distinguished conduct in the field." He died on August 18th, 1921. You can see his grave in Nab Wood Cemetery where he was buried with his parents and sister.

Colin Coates The Roll of Honour including Emmanuel's biography is available on the website: www.saltairvillage.info/WW1_Roll_of_honour.html

HELP!

The *Saltair 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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SECRET TUNNELS REVEALED
(FOR A SHORT TIME ONLY)



The entrance to the secret tunnel in Salts Mill yard, accessed via the steps or ramp from Victoria Road.

The Secret Tunnels of Saltaire will be open for two days this month!

Our World Heritage Site already attracts visitors from around the globe, but few are aware of the tunnels under this fascinating Victorian village.

On Saturday, September 9th and Sunday, 10th, as part of Heritage Open Days
www.heritageopendays.org.uk

the largest heritage festival in the country, the tunnels under Victoria Road and Exhibition Road can be viewed for the very first time.

Saltaire History Club will lead FREE guided tours of each tunnel between 10.am and 4pm on both days.

In the shadow of the huge mill that once boasted the biggest room on Earth, they will tell stories of:

A stuffed walrus from Hudson Bay

Seeking safety from wartime bombs

One of the world's first works canteens

The tragic death of a 38-year-old workman in 1889

The factory school for children aged 9-13

A fugitive slave called Jackson

Numbers are limited to ensure visitor safety. First come, first served.

Check in at one of the two marshalling points, both on Victoria Road: Victoria Hall or the Salts Mill yard accessed via the steps or ramp.

Les Brook 01274 590537 brookontheroad@yahoo.co.uk

BARD IN THE GARDEN

Eddie Lawler, known to regular readers (and so many others) as the Bard of Saltaire, tells us:

I continue to compose and sing my own songs wherever they'll have me, including at St Peter's church lounge, Saltaire where the Seniors meet from 2 to 4pm on **Thursday September 7th**, and at "Busker's Bench" (in the Washhouse Garden on Caroline Street) as part of the Open Gardens weekend, on **Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th**. If I'm not there you'll probably find me singing outside Victoria Hall to support a display by Friends of Bradford's Beck.

I have a website www.eddie-lawler.co.uk and a **NEW mobile number:**

07948 244777

eddie@eddie-lawler.co.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

VICTORIA HALL

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Saltaire Cricket Club
TABLE TOP SALES

Victoria Hall

Sundays,

September 3rd

October 1st

A wide variety of stalls offering jewellery, small collectible antiques, toy cars, books, good quality second-hand clothing, bric-a-brac and much more besides.

Admission 50p. Doors open for customers 10am-1pm.

To book a table, ask Simon Hicks: on 01274 787908

INCONVENIENCES

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Ulrike Knox advised that the Council would lease the toilet building to the SVS under a Community Asset Transfer, on a peppercorn rent for a minimum of 25 years. The SVS and other stakeholders would apply for grants to fund repairs and alterations and to support delivery of volunteer-led services.

Pete Chambers went on to say: "The SVS would need to raise funds to cover the £12,000 p.a. running costs." That is why they are calling on all stakeholders and the community to get involved.

Jane Bundle (SVS Secretary) said: "In order to achieve any measure of success we need volunteers to help prepare and submit grant applications, as well as legal advice, service development and project management, staff for the kiosk, fundraising to keep the toilets open, even skilled tradespeople to help transform the toilet block into a place befitting our UNESCO status.

EDITORIAL COMMENT: From the perspective of an elderly gentleman, it would be so much simpler if they had followed the advice of the *Sentinel* and not cut *all* those trees down.

AIREDALE & BRADFORD RSPB

Debbie White tells us: On Saturday, September 9th, we have a free guided walk across Baildon Moor. Meet in the car park opposite the entrance to Dubrodden Caravan Park on Bingley Rd. at 7am.

To learn more, Telephone: 01274 582078

E-mail: abrspb@blueyonder.co.uk

ARTS SOCIETY SALTAIRE

Marion Allinson offers an open invitation to this month's lecture, on

Wednesday, September 6th

at 2pm in Victoria Hall, when Jim Thompson will tell the **Story of Thai Silk**

Members: Free, Guests: £5

www.theartsocietysaltaire.org.uk

BANDSTAND

FREE music (donations welcomed) in Roberts Park every Summer Sunday from 2 pm.

September 3rd:

Roger Davies Band

WATCH THIS SPACE from next month for details of the Winter Bandstand held in Caroline Club.

BANDSTAND GOES TO THE FESTIVAL

Sunday, Sept.10th,

1-5pm, with Man Ooosh,
Emily Levy, Fuzzy Jones,
Rob Holden.

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.

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"With greatest respect to the History Society, I am the expert when it comes to Secrets of Saltaire!"

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