

The
Saltaire Sentinel
Your Lion of  *Published monthly*
 VIGILANCE

YULE ILLUMINATION

FUN, FAIR AND FARE FOR ALL

Seasonal Greetings to all our all readers

SET IN STONE

Saltaire History Club meets on Thursday, December 7th (7-9pm) to hear a talk about Saltaire with this title delivered by respected local historian **Les Brook**. There will also be a Fun Quiz “with a twist” set by **Colin Coates**. It is hoped there will still be time to discuss some of the acquisitions made by Saltaire Archives this year and what 2018 might promise. The meeting will be in the Resource Centre of Shipley College on Exhibition Road. All welcome.

7pm on Sunday, December 3rd is the time to gather around the tree outside Victoria Hall for the big switch on of the Christmas lights and community carol singing.

But the fun begins at 5pm with stalls indoors, all kinds of entertainment; Santa and his elves providing just some of the activities to keep the

children happy, and of course, there will be plenty of festive refreshment.

The whole event, made possible, as always, by Saltaire Village Society, is “proudly sponsored” by Edward Street Bakery, Knox McConnell Architects, City of Bradford MDC and Cap and Collar. [“God Bless ‘Em, Every One” – *Ed*]

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COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Shipley College has another Open Day on December 6th from 4.30 to 7pm in the Exhibition Building on Exhibition Road.

Stella Downs invites us all to find out more about the full-time and part-time courses, in addition to apprenticeships which the college has to offer, reminding us that, “This is a great opportunity to meet staff and receive guidance on future choices.”

Meanwhile, the full-time course guide for 2018/19 is now available.

For further details:

www.shipley.ac.uk

SEE SANTA BY TRAM

Dina Plowes reports: The times they are a’ changing at the historic Shipley Glen Tramway – but only for Santa Specials.

Every Saturday and Sunday in December - except Christmas Eve - the Trams will run from 11-4.30, so you can

visit Santa, collect a present and count the snowballs on the trip - all for £5!

tickets will be on sale only at the bottom station during this busy time.

The trams will also run on Tuesday 26th from 12 noon.

Hall Royd Band will be taking to the streets of Saltaire to bring us festive music on the evening of Monday, December 18th.

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

sentinel@saltairvillage.info

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

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
At Saltaire United Reformed Church
On Sunday, December 17th
at 6.30pm

**WHAT HELP THERE IS FOR THE
HUNGRY AND HOMELESS**

As Mollie Somerville writes: "As austerity bites and Universal Credit is introduced, as well as punitive sanctions for people who miss appointments for Job Seekers interviews, there are more people either homeless or on the brink of homelessness than for several years." Mollie has been kind enough to respond the *Sentinel's* request for information about what the good people of Shipley are doing to help at this time of year:

Bradford Nightstop will continue to provide a bed for the night over Christmas in the home of hosts for young people aged 16-25 as it has for the last 24 years, 365 days a year.

For more information contact Bradford Nightstop on 01274 776888
The Day Shelter will be doing a Christmas lunch. In churches will be hosting 12 homeless guests at First Martyrs church in Heaton from December 18th to 25th and At St Matthews in Wilsden over New Year.

Wellsprings Together are gathering all the relevant information and making it available in their online newsletter, which can be viewed at
<http://mailchi.mp/ce27e41ce46e/wellsprings-together-bradford-newsletter-1717?e=97abdaafde>

and they report, "As in previous years, we are producing a list giving details on food provision over the Christmas period [and] for the first time, we are also publishing a list of volunteering opportunities."

Wellsprings Together Bradford are based in Trinity Centre, John Escritt Road, Bingley BD16 2ST. **0113-3530294**

info@wellspringstogetherbradford.org.uk

ADVENT CALENDAR OPEN

- AND ARTS TRAIL APPEAL ALREADY

The first of the windows in the hugely successful Living Advent Calendar will be lit up on December 1st and the last on 24th, but the show will continue to illuminate the streets, as usual, until January 5th. Amazingly, the Calendar has been a regular feature of village life since 2006 and, thanks to the enthusiastic efforts of local people, has gone from strength to strength. As volunteer co-ordinator Kate Thompson says on the website, "2016 was our best year yet." A map showing where all the windows are can be downloaded and a set of 12 Christmas cards for £6 can be purchased online. Simply 'Google' "Saltaire Living Advent Calendar" and 'follow the links'.

The aptly named Saltaire Inspired, who organise this great event, are already appealing for residents who would be willing to support the other jewel in their crown – the Saltaire Arts Trail, for which people open up their homes as art galleries. Next year's dates are May 5th – 7th and anyone who would like to take part in any way is invited to e-mail team@saltaireinspired.org.uk

**COLIN'S
COLUMN**

**1917
CHRISTMAS
IN SALTAIRE
WAR HOSPITAL**

The following is an extract from the *Shipley Times* on how the wounded soldiers spent Christmas Day:

"The wards of the hospital were brightly decorated by the men themselves, and presented a riot of colour on Christmas morning.

The "Happy Christmas" greeting was accompanied by 2s 6d to each of them from the Christmas Fund. Miss Mollie Froom, Glenair, visited and presented each man with 100 Turkish cigarettes.

Carols were sung by the Saltaire Male Voice Choir. Dinner was served in the Lee Ward and consisted of turkey, plum-pudding and the usual Christmas extras. As a welcome extra surprise, Mr William Fry presented to each man, on behalf of Mr and Mrs T E Power, Underwood, Victoria Park, a new 10s Treasury note. Messages from the King and Queen were read.

In the afternoon five of the eighteen men went to spend the rest of the day at their homes in Bradford.

Those staying in the hospital were entertained by Mrs Swallow's "Little Patriots." The civilian patients joined in the good things provided for the military so far as their physical incapacity would allow; unfortunately they are all unable to leave their beds."

Colin Coates

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A special *Sentinel* CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Set by Colin Coates

1. Whose version of Silent Night is the third best-selling single of all time?
2. Bethlehem is presently in which country?
3. What decade was 'A Christmas Carol' published in?
4. Name the Oscar winning actor who was born on Christmas Day 1899. He was a founding member of the 'Rat Pack.' He died in 1957
5. 'Natale' is Christmas in which language?
6. Who wrote the best-selling song 'White Christmas'?
7. On what date will the Winter Solstice occur in 2017?
8. Boxing Day is which Saints day?
9. Christmas Island lies in which Ocean?
10. Which female Scottish singer was born on Christmas Day 1954?
11. Who played the lead role in the 1970 film 'Scrooge'?
12. The group Band Aid was founded in 1984 to tackle famine in which country?
13. In the song 'Twelve Days of Christmas' what gift is given on the eighth day?
14. Name the singer who starred in the film 'Merry Christmas, Mr Lawrence.'
15. George V read the first Royal Christmas Message in 1932. Who wrote it?
16. Where does the Queen normally reside at Christmas?
17. Who wrote the children's picture book 'The Snowman'?
18. What's the first line of the song Jingle Bells?
19. What is the largest city inside the Arctic Circle?
20. St Martin's Day is recognised in some European countries as the first day of winter. What month is it in?

Answers next month

Are you in a club or a society that needs to raise funds? Have you thought about running a quiz? They can be a fun way of doing it. I am more than happy to offer my services as a quizmaster. You can contact me by email – colincoates61@gmail.com

ROB HAS IDEAS FOR TOWN COUNCIL

Following last month's lead article, inspired by Pauline Bradley-Sharp, on the possibility of a Town Council for Shipley, **Rob Martin writes:**

Government cuts result in nowhere to P and nowhere to get advice. The public toilets in Shipley have been closed down and soon the public toilets in Saltaire will be closed. Before then the Saltaire Visitor Information Centre will be closed.

It is possible to do something about our loss of amenities.

Surrounding areas that have a Town Council – Baildon, Bingley, Ilkley and Haworth, for example, have a Community, Parish or Town Council (they all do the same; just different titles) and so have the ability to organise alternative ways to manage these services and some finance to carry it out."

I am forming a campaign group to organise the collection of signatures to petition BMDC and steer the campaign throughout the whole process to create a Shipley Town Council and I would like your support.

I believe that a Shipley Town Council would give residents a voice and an opportunity to deliver some services no longer provided by Bradford Metropolitan District Council. If you support this initiative and would like to be part of the campaign group please get in touch with me:

robmartin@phoncoop.coop or 01274593585. If you would like to discuss the issue further with me, individually or with your group, please get in touch with suggested time and venue. **I hope to hold a meeting of active supporters of a Shipley Town Council in January 2018 at the latest.**

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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Admission 50p.

Doors open for customers 10am-1pm. To book a table, ask Simon Hicks:

01274 787908

CHRISTMAS ROCK AT SALTAIRE BANDSTAND

Friends of Roberts Park invite us all to wrap up warm and come along to the famous bandstand in Roberts Park to start Christmas with **Dori and the Outlaws**, a modern four piece American band playing rock, country and blues, on **Saturday, Dec. 2nd 2-4pm**. Free, with donations gratefully received. [Supported by Shipley Area Committee.]

AIREDALE & BRADFORD RSPB

Fri. December 1st, Kirkgate Centre, 7.30pm
"How to Build a Naturalist" with **Jeff Clarke** peppered with humorous stories & anecdotes. Admission £3 adults, children admitted free.

Thurs. Dec.14th, Shipley Library, 7.30pm
Bradford Urban Wildlife Group's
Christmas Meeting

including a short talk on "Recent History of the Rustybank Fern in Bradford" by **Brian Byrne**. Refreshments, admission charge.

ARTS SOCIETY

Arts Society Saltaire will meet again in Victoria Hall at 2pm on **December 6th** to hear **Dr. Annie Gray** talk about 'Mrs Beeton's Christmas', using recipe books, such as Beeton's *Book of Household Management*, published in 1861, and other artefacts to demonstrate the development of the seasonal celebrations. Admission £5

www.theartssocietysaltaire.org.uk

OBITUARY

We are sorry to report the death, in November, of **Trevor Hart**, Treasurer of Saltaire History Club. Dave Shaw remembers:

"Trevor had served as Treasurer since our Club administration was put on a firmer footing a few years ago, and even before that had been a staunch supporter of the Club. His expertise and gentle nature will be sorely missed." Trevor's funeral was held at Nab Wood on November 11th and family and friends gathered afterwards in Victoria Hall.

WINTER BANDSTAND

Free concerts

(with donations to support the performers welcome) at **Caroline Social Club** on the second Sunday of every month.

Club opens at 12pm with live music from 2pm.

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December 10th
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www.carolineclub.co.uk

CUPPACARE

CAFÉ AND BOOKSTALL

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



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"Having been rejected for the Advent Calendar, I'm sure I deserve a place in the Arts Trail next year!"

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