

The
Saltaire Sentinel
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INCONVENIENCES

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 OF
 THE PEOPLE
 OF
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**THE
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 COMMUNITY
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**AN EVENING
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The public lavatories in the car park on Caroline Street are more than likely to be closed this year, as the Council struggles to cope with crippling budget cuts imposed by the government.

Kevin Warnes (Green Party Councillor for Shipley) tells us:

The bottom line is that the government has cut Bradford's budget by £180 million since 2010, and is cutting another £80 million between now and 2020.

As a direct result of these cuts, totaling £500 per Bradford district resident, the Council is having to do a lot less and there is very little that we as local councillors can do except to bear witness to this dismantling local government as we know it. Ultimately, if Conservative MPs at Westminster continue to vote for budgets that

cut grants to local communities such as ours, responsibility rests squarely on their shoulders and the good folk of Saltaire might bear that in mind the next time they walk into a polling station.

As ever, the Shipley councillors will do what we can to ensure that these toilets remain open, as we did in relation to the Shipley toilets a couple of years ago.

COMMENT

Many 'Old faithful' readers of the *Sentinel* will recall our long-running campaign to get the lavvies opened in the first place, and understand why this story is so important to this newspaper.

QUIZ

Name a World Heritage Site that does not provide public conveniences.

**In this issue
 SALTAIRE
 STORIES
 OLD AND NEW**
Plus
**ALL OUR USUAL
 UNUSUALS**

**COLLEGE
 INVITE**

Shipley College has another Open Day on Tuesday, January 24th (4.30-7pm), at the Exhibition Building on Exhibition Road.

Stella Downs says, Come and find out more about the full and part-time courses, as well as the apprenticeships which we have on offer for you.

As always, the Open Day offers an opportunity to meet our staff and receive careers guidance on your future choices. For further details and more about the college:

www.shipley.ac.uk

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

sentinel@saltairevillage.info

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

MILNER FIELD FARM MAKES NATIONAL NEWS

The campaign to save Milner Field Farm continues to gather pace.

Famous family descendants Nick Salt and Jamie Roberts visited on December 3rd. They were there to celebrate Saltaire's 15 years of World Heritage status and to announce their objection to two planning applications. If approved, these will result in the eviction of the farmer and the end of farming at the Salts' 1872 'model farm'. The local press covered the event, as did BBC's Look North. Three days later *The Times* joined the party, quoting Titus Salt's great, great grandson Nick as saying that approval of the planning application would spark "open season for destroying our cultural heritage" - and following up with a further piece the following day, columnist Alice Thompson declaring that "A century and a half after Sir Titus Salt's vision became a reality, surely we can devote just as much of our imagination to preserving our villages and countryside".

Pro-farm campaigner **Les Brook** was delighted at the coverage. He noted that the turnout on the 3rd included no fewer than five town and district councillors whilst three other local representatives plus Philip Davies MP expressed support but were unable to attend. "This number of public representatives standing alongside over 1,100 objectors shows the depth of public opposition to Hartley Property Group's plans", he said, but warned that "There's still some way to go. Further objections can be registered and will still be considered".

Les advises that the simplest way to object is to go to <https://planning.bradford.gov.uk/online-applications/> and search for applications with the postcode BD16 4QU. Two applications ('Proposed Innovation centre' and 'Change of use') will pop up. Click on the first and on the page that comes up, click on the Comments/Make a Comment tabs where you can fill in a form. Repeat the process to object to the second application. Persuasive reasons to object can be found at <http://www.milnerfieldaction.co.uk/index.php/reasons-to-object/>

DERELICT GARDEN CENTRE

Local Landowner Fails to Respond

Sentinel readers who enjoy the canal walk to Hirst Wood and beyond will be aware of the terrific work of the Hirst Wood Regeneration Group <http://www.hirstwoodrg.co.uk/> - and especially their nature reserve.

Readers treading that route will also know of the eyesore which used to be the Saltaire Garden Centre but which is now a derelict plot of twisted metal and broken glass. Saltaire councillors have been lobbying site owners Hartley Property Trust - who also own Milner Field - to manage their property responsibly. Councillor Kevin Warnes tells us that "The Trust has ignored our requests but we will keep trying to find a sustainable solution for the local community".

Les Brook

VILLAGE SOCIETY AGM

Saltaire Village Society has its Annual General Meeting on Thursday, January 19th (7.30pm) at Caroline Street Social Club. The meeting will include a discussion of tourism and the promotion of Saltaire. The Committee is seeking new, active members - but all are welcome to meetings (usually on the last Thursday of the month).

secretary@googlemail.com

COLIN'S COLUMN

A SOLDIER'S THANKS

The soldiers who found themselves in Saltaire Hospital during WW1 were well looked after by both the hospital staff and the community.

Here is a letter written to the *Shipley Times* in January 1917:-

"I have been in the hospital here for the past two months suffering from wounds, and now am happily discharged. May I crave the indulgence of a small space in your valuable paper to express my sincere and grateful thanks to the doctors, nurses and the whole of the staff for their kind sympathy and untiring efforts to alleviate the pain of the patients in their care. I, along with many others, will never forget our stay in the institution nor the many kindnesses we have received at the hands of the people of Shipley and Saltaire, not only for their gifts of comfort of the body, but the many excellent arrangements to cheer us up by concerts, etc.

To one and all a British Tommy expresses his heartfelt thanks.

Private James Fuller - Royal Sussex Regiment."

Colin Coates

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

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HAPPY MEMORIES OF ALBERT ROAD JUNIOR SCHOOL BROUGHT BACK TO MIND BY SONGSTER'S MUSICAL COLLABORATION

As part of the celebrations to mark the bicentenary of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal last year, **Eddie Lawler** penned a special song, *Canal Child* and, with help from Richard Coomber, Graham Wright, David Weber and pupils from Saltaire Primary School (the Albert Road Junior School referred to above and in the following article), put together an entertaining short film which can still be enjoyed on the internet [*See below*].

Sean Muirhead, who now lives in Pocklington but spent his childhood in Wensley Avenue and much of his adult life in Bingley, was prompted to contact Eddie and has given his permission for some of the memories which the film recalled to be shared with *Sentinel* readers:

I attended Albert Road Mixed Infants from 1959 to 1961 and then moved up to the 'big school' and attended the Juniors from 1961 to 1965. In the final year, I told my teacher, Miss Fisher that I was very interested in a book that had been in our family for a long time: *Through Airedale from Goole to Malham* by Harry Speight (I have recently found it online at: <http://kirkbymalham.info>).

I took the book into school and showed Miss Fisher the pages (210-237) devoted to Shipley and Saltaire. My two friends Robert Edwards, Alan Bairstow and I suggested that we should create a project about our local environment, covering its buildings, transport, history, geography and industry/commerce. In fact we extended the scope to include the Brontes and Haworth!

Miss Fisher spoke to Mr. Hutchinson, the headmaster, and it was agreed that the whole school would take part in this project, which spanned the summer term in its entirety. We mapped out the whole project and decided on the format of each subject – paintings, written work and model making (no music though).

We decided to include the canal as a transport/engineering topic and a model was made of Bingley Five Rise Locks out of card, wood and papier mache.

Mr. Hutchinson involved the local authority Education Dept. in the project and they loaned a 3D relief map of the area from Shipley Town Hall for the duration of the work we were doing and it was placed on tables up on the stage in the Junior School. I recall some of the pupils tried to make a similar map using the new stuff called polystyrene, cutting sheets that were about 1cm thick to match the contour lines of an OS map and then stack them up to make a relief model, which was then stuffed with Polyfilla. By the end of the summer term, there were paintings all around the walls of the main hall, above the doorways and windows of the classrooms. They were all done by myself, 'Eddie' and Alan, using pencil and charcoal outlines and Rowney powder paints. A special Open Day was arranged for parents and local people to come in and see our work.

I also worked with Miss Fisher to arrange an outing to Kirkstall Abbey as part of the Airedale study. I received special recognition for instigating the whole thing and helping to push it through. I was usually very shy and self-effacing but came out of my shell in that final year. Funny to think that I have spent most of my career at Bradford & Bingley and then at IBM in a Project Management role. So I am very grateful to [Eddie Lawler and friends] for prodding my old grey cells to bring back some very happy memories of that year at Albert Road Junior School.

Canal Child can be found at <https://youtu.be/clcqZ7w2Yw>

The *Sentinel* is always pleased to publish reminiscences like this; especially when they may inspire other readers to share their own.

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

Saltaire Cricket Club TABLE TOP SALES Victoria Hall

**1 or 2 Sundays monthly
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'STORIES' VACANCY

Having submitted a bid for two more years of Heritage Lottery funding, Saltaire Stories is looking to complete its board by appointing a Trustee with project management experience. Molly Kenyon writes:

Last year was very busy, and in 2017 additional time, skills and experience will be needed from the board. We don't expect one person to bring all the skills we need, but the list includes: project management, e.g. within a two-year delivery period; employer responsibilities in the voluntary sector; working with volunteers on a community project; financial management for a Charitable Incorporated Organisation; drafting policies; developing resources and widening support through good communication.

Full details have been posted on www.reachskills.org.uk and can be found by searching for Saltaire in the list of opportunities. Anyone interested is also welcome to email saltairstories@gmail.com for more information.

HIRST WOOD LIBRARY IDEA

Hirst Wood Regeneration Group has been successfully running a Little Free Library, close to your local play area. Lots of children and families have enjoyed reading the books. It has been suggested that a recycled BT phone box could be used to house the books in the future. Please let us know if you have any comments or suggestions about this proposal. Shipleigh Area Co-ordinator's Office, Town Hall, Kirkgate, Shipley, BD18 3EJ
Tel: **01274 437146**
shipleighareneighbourhoodforums@bradford.gov.uk

RSPB MEETING

Airedale & Bradford RSPB Local Group meets next on Friday, January 6th (7.30pm) at the Kirkgate Centre, Shipley. **01274 582078**
abrsp@blueyonder.co.uk

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!

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