

# The MUNDLING STICK



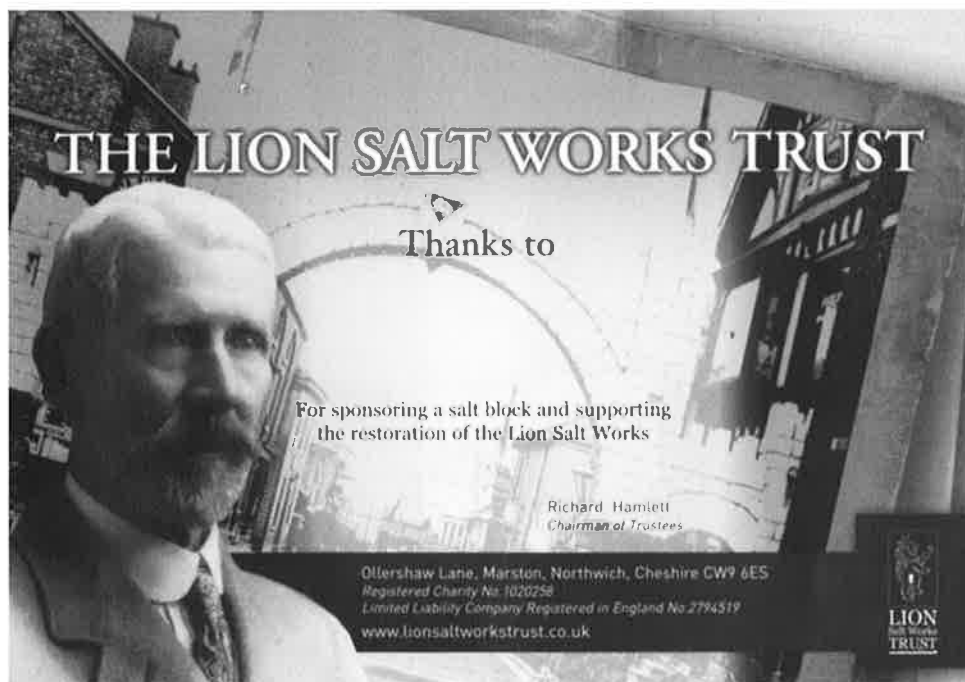
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## Pledges Urgently Needed

There is a very simple message in this last newsletter of 2006. The Lion Salt Works Trust has almost completed its preparatory work to design, cost and plan the restoration of the Lion Salt Works. We now urgently need to secure the match funding to be able to gain a Stage Two approval from the Heritage Lottery Fund and start to address the repairs and rebuilding work of this unique and important industrial monument.



### SPONSOR A SALT BLOCK

Salt blocks can be sponsored to help us towards our target of £2m match funding. Every donation, no matter how small will help us build towards reaching our total. To receive a certificate, please make a donation of at least £15. You can request a donation form by telephone, post or download one from our new web site. Our web site will keep you informed about how our fundraising is going

log in regularly to check progress. A diagram uses the salt arch as a barometer of our fund raising efforts.

The original arch was constructed across Witton Street, Northwich in 1894 to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. Contact Andrew Fielding about how you can help.

**mundling stick** *n.* ~tool used to pack salt crystals into the wooden tubs when making lump salt. This newsletter will likewise try to cram in all the latest information about the conservation and restoration of the Lion Salt Works.



## Update on BBC Northwest Tonight

At the beginning of January Project Director, Andrew Fielding and Site Steward, Alwen Farrow were interviewed by Kate Simms from BBC, North West Tonight. The piece was aired to highlight the match funding requirements that still need to be raised by the Trust in order to secure the HLF grant offer. Kate then moved down to Northwich to interview Frank Williams to see how one Northwich businessman was getting behind the project. (see opposite)



Bookkeeper Elsie Barber is waiting to receive donations from supporters and make claims to the Inland revenue to reclaim tax through the gift aid scheme. Donations to the Lion Salt Works can be worth an additional 22% if you are a UK tax-payer. Help us get something back from the government by ticking the Gift Aid box. (see opposite)



## Sash Window Conservation

An environmental grant via David Hayes at Vale Royal Borough Council is making repairs to the sash windows in our offices at the former Red Lion Inn. The work is being undertaken by Northwich based specialist carpenter and sash window repairer Martin Wilson. Each Window will be renovated with missing sash weights being replaced and draught proof strips added to all windows.

Malcom Sargeant and Peter Craven are also eagerly awaiting the new year visitors, though the wet and windy weather has seriously depleted all but the hardened tourist in December and January.

Congratulations to Malcolm who received a Silver Award at the recent Cheshire Awards for Tourism event in the 'Most Valued Volunteer' category.



## Salt Court

Local businesses were received by Deputy Mayor of Vale Royal Cllr Shingler at Wyvern House in November. Sponsors of the Trust's new presented with specially commissioned salt pigs decorated with their company logo's and a 'Salt Block' sponsorship certificate. Each was challenged to become an advocate for the Lion Salt Works and try to encourage other businesses to support the restoration of the Lion Salt Works.



Photographed opposite are left to right Steve Reece, Salt Union; Terry Cresswell, EDF Trading Gas Storage; Cllr Shingler, VRBC; Tom Smith, Designed4hits and Andrew Fielding, Lion Salt Works Trust. Salt pigs were also awarded to Mark Chitty, Brunner Mond and Rob Jones, British Salt.

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### SUPPORTS SALT BLOCKS

Frank Williams is supporting the restoration of the Lion Salt Works by donating a 'Salt Block' certificate to every purchaser of a house through Williams Estates this year. 1a Market Street, Northwich, Cheshire CW9 5BD

Tel: 01606 331784 Email: sales@westates.co.uk Web: www.westates.co.uk



## German Company Support

# Lion Salt Works



In 2006 the German company Ercosplan visited the Lion Salt Works as part of a work outing to look at the heritage of Northwich.

Ercosplan specialise in land remediation around the world particularly related to salt and potash mines. Having acted as a consultant to the Cheshire land remediation surveys Ercosplan arranged a weekend visit for their staff. Ercosplan have also kindly made a donation to the Lion Salt Works Trust of 1000 euros, to help us in our work to restore the site.

## Dates for Your Diary

### SCIENCE WEEK

11th - 18th March, 2007

#### How Salty is Salty?

The strength of brine is important when evaporating it to make white salt crystals. What is the difference between sea water and saturated brine? Why is it important to know this information? Come along and find out.

Tony Leonard will lead a series of special activities to help visitors understand what we mean by salty through simple experiments.

### UNDERWYCH

12-13-14 July 2007

Underwych, a community arts project investigating the impact of subsidence on Mid Cheshire's heritage, is inviting all people interested in performing arts to get in touch if they wish to participate in the production.

Underwych is supported by Vale Royal Borough Council, Cheshire County Council, Development of the Arts in Northwich (DAN), the Lion Salt Works Trust, Action Weaver Valley and the National Lottery through the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Since September, local writers have interviewed witnesses and experts, consulted the archives and looked into what is happening nowadays to remedy subsidence. This material is now in the process of being shaped into a play script.

The final performance will take place on 12-13-14 July 2007 in Northwich. Before that, the rehearsals will start in March or April. Underwych is looking for community actors, assistant directors, designers, prop makers, singers, musicians, dancers, stage technicians, stage managers, sales people and jacks of all trade.

The members of the Underwych company will benefit from several workshops delivered by experienced practitioners to develop their skills where needed.

Anyone wishing to get involved should contact Mathilde on 0781 357 4312 or [underwych@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:underwych@hotmail.co.uk)

## ORDER FROM OUR WEB SITE



Our new web site is now fully operational and allows e-visitors to order items from our shop or to make donations on line.

You can also register to receive this newsletter as a pdf file by clicking a button.

You will receive our information quickly and help us to save postage.

The simple navigation buttons provide background information about the Lion Salt Works and our vision for the future.

The site is also able to take credit card donations through Paypal. Check out the fundraising page and encourage others to support our Salt Arch match funding appeal.

Individuals can make a difference by becoming a Friend of the Lion Salt Works

by returning a standing order form. A Gift Aid form will add value to your donation if you are a UK taxpayer. Larger sums, or support from businesses may be pledged towards our work, which will be spread over the next four years.

Trust publications:

- *A Guide to the Lion Salt Works*
- *Research Report No.1 Open Pan Salt Making in Cheshire*
- *Research Report No.2 Salt Works and Salinas*
- *Research Report No.3 Salt Tellers*
- *The Salt Industry, A Shire Publication*

as well as other local history books by Tony Bostock and Colin Edmondson. A growing range of other items will appear there and can be purchased by credit card through Paypal.

The web site is already reaching new audiences and we have made sales to Japan, Germany and the USA.

### THE MUNDLING STICK *by post*

If you would like to have a regular copy of The Mundling Stick sent to you by post please send your name and address to The Lion Salt Works Trust, Ollershaw Lane, Marston, Northwich CW9 6ES or telephone/fax 01606 41823. Newsletters are currently sent free of charge. Cheques for donations should be made out to THE LION SALT WORKS TRUST. If you would like to provide long term support for the Trust please ask for a Gift Aid form.

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### OPENING TIMES

The Lion Salt Works is open each afternoon 1.30pm to 4.30pm. May be closed Friday and Saturday. Donations welcomed. Booked parties by arrangement. For further information call 01606-41823.

Web site address: <http://lionsaltworkstrust.co.uk>

Help interpret your local heritage to others. The Trust still requires additional volunteers to assist with maintenance and to open the exhibition centre especially on Saturday afternoons.