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Shipleigh College Opens the Door to 158 Years of History

People will soon be able to travel back in time and access a unique collection of artefacts that has documented life in Saltaire Village over the past 158 years.

From Monday, 1st August Shipleigh College will open its doors to the public as it launches the college's annual exhibition of the Saltaire Archive.

Visitors will have the opportunity to explore the unique collection which focuses on the history and present development of Saltaire Village, which is now a World Heritage Site.

This year the Saltaire Archive will introduce the latest addition to the collection – the diary of a former village resident which dates back over 110 years.

John Unwin, who lived on Fanny Street, meticulously recorded the events of each day, so visitors can now find out exactly what his life was like in 1897. There is also a family tree and a photograph to accompany the diary.

Visitors will also be able to learn about life working at the Salts Mill as well as community life, education and leisure activities, through books, maps, plans and illustrations that have been donated – including pieces from a dinner service made for the Salts Mill opening in 1853.

Nav Chohan, Principal at Shipleigh College, said: "We are once again delighted to be able to welcome the public to Shipleigh College as they discover the real history of Saltaire Village.



"The Saltaire Archive offers a truly fascinating insight into village life over the past 158 years. Every year there is always something new to see as people regularly donate new materials to the collection in order to keep them in the village, so it really is constantly growing."

The Saltaire Archive will be on display from Monday 1st August to Friday 12th August 2011, between 10am and 3pm each day, in the Salt Building of Shipleigh College, Victoria Road, Saltaire. Admission is £1.00 and refreshments will be available to purchase.

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