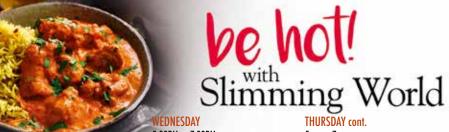
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Here we are at the end of another year as Christmas approaches and there is a sense of excitement. Are you the type who has it all sorted by now and you can put your feet up and fully enjoy yourself on the run up to the festivities? I'm notoriously 'last minute Liz' tending to enjoy the thrill of cramming one months work in to three days. Every year I say, "Next year I will plan ahead and avoid all this stress." More than anything I've learned it is most important to be kind to yourself than to slavishly stick to the 'To Do' lists. Finding a balance and flow is the in between sweet spot I aim to achieve.

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## Inside John Grogan's Office by Antony Silson

John Grogan was elected MP for Keighley and Ilkley with a majority of 249 in June; so what happened next?

Having interviewed John twice recently, it may surprise you to know exactly how much work there is to do above and beyond Westminster commitments. From local concerns about the building of an incinerator to constituent's issues concerning Personal Independence Payments John and his team are unbelievably busy people seven days a week. With up to 250 emails a day coming into his office at the Civic Centre in Keighley, John employs a team of two full time and four part time staff with an equal split of men and women. There are also plans to open an Ilkley Office after Christmas.

Joe O'Keefe. John's election agent told me that "With John's past experience his office very much hit the ground running, the first surgery taking place a week after he was elected. Surgeries take place across the constituency on a weekly basis and the issues they generate are dealt with by a team that offers experience, compassion and commitment to achieving a positive outcome".

John is down in London from Monday to Thursday, but certainly puts in the hours when he returns to numerous briefings, events and surgeries. His six hour Keighley Surgery alone means he is meeting. reassuring and helping upwards of 20



John Grogan in his office in the House of Commons office with Makenna Cherry from the United States who is on a student internship, and Carlos Wallhead who has recently graduated from The University of St. Andrews and is working for 3 months in Parliament.

people a week. You can appreciate the tireless, often heart-rending casework that results from people who are often at their wit's end. John and his team regularly travel to village surgeries that stretch along the KWVR line, then across to Steeton and Silsden.

Besides all this there are media releases. to send out to local, regional and national publications, Christmas functions to organise and the small matter of voting on issues that affect his constituents on a daily basis.

One thing that John did confide in me was that he was looking forward to a bit of a breather over Christmas, when he could spend a little bit of his time not trying to remember a 1001 things at once and take stock of his journey since June.

John's office can be contacted on **Q1535** 681433 or you can visit his website at www.johngroganmp.org.uk for details of his surgeries.

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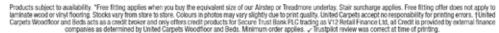
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## SMIthy'S Tech TIPS

by Liam Smith

### Broadband Unpacked

With streaming services gaining popularity, and smart technology becoming the norm in our homes, an adequate broadband connection is essential to sustain these products and services. What constitutes an adequate broadband connection is entirely relative to the total consumption of the home as a whole.

You may ask, isn't all broadband the same? Yes and no. Ultimately, you just want to be able to go about your day and access the service without thinking about it; search for a holiday deal, contact your friend on Skype, play a game, watch a movie on demand, right? Well all those activities take up varying capacity or bandwidth. Bandwidth is the volume of information per unit of time that a transmission medium (like an internet connection) can handle. The larger the available bandwidth, the quicker the transmission of data.

And there are different ways that bandwidth can be made available to you depending on who supplies your broadband and the technology they employ.

There are different options available with regards to broadband and we will look at three that are the most relevant to you.

The first option and the most widely available is fibre to the cabinet. In this scenario, fibre optic cabling is placed from the telephone exchange to the cabinet (mainly green cabinets you can spot by the roadside) and is distributed via copper to the house with the phone line. Whilst fibre is involved, the available bandwidth deteriorates relative to the length of the copper cabling to the house. The result

is a varying quality and sometimes poor service for those at the end of a long copper connection.

Secondly, there is fibre to the home, which uses fibre optic cabling direct from the telephone exchange to the property. This is an ideal solution as the quality of the bandwidth is consistent with no deterioration. The only downside is that this option can be expensive and unfortunately has limited availability to residences at this time.

Lastly, is fibre to the mast. A mast is supplied by a connection via fibre optic cabling and is distributed wirelessly to receivers that can interpret the signal. This type of connection requires a lineof-sight in order to utilise it. However, because there's no resistance from cabling and cabinets, this type of connection enables the end user to receive their full promised bandwidth and without the need for a phone line to supply the connection. A survey will need to be done to determine if your house is within line-ofsight for this service and there is normally a one off installation fee. This option is popular in rural or remote communities where it doesn't make economic or practical sense to provide fibre.

Check and see what is available to you: For Fibre to the Cabinet or Fibre to the Home visit: https://www. homeandbusiness.openreach.co.uk/fibrebroadband/when-can-i-get-fibre For Fibre to the Mast a new service is available in the area via Boundless Networks and Pennine Plus, their delivery partner in Keighley. Contact Pennine Plus to find out more details and whether this option is suitable for you. 01535 600700

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an establishedThomas the Tank Engine fan, we had no hesitation in booking our seats.

What was Jenson's favourite bit of the whole experience? Yes, meeting Santa and receiving an early Christmas present was great; watching Catherine enjoy a cheeky festive sherry and mince pie en route was also good; booing Scrooge out the carriage was a whole lot of fun: but it was the fantastic 'Winter Wonderland' display at Oxenhope that really captivated him. We watched the little trains going round and round and round the festive scenes for ages, along with plenty of other little boys and girls (and their grown-ups too!) who were doing just the same.

Whilst the Santa Specials themselves are now sold out (keep an eye on @worthvalley on Twitter for any late availability), we have our Mince Pie Specials running from Boxing to New Year's Day, so whilst Santa and his Pixies will be having a well-deserved post Christmas Day rest, we will still have Mince Pies and all the decorations on board, as well as the great display at Oxenhope. You don't need to pre-book for the Mince Pie Specials, and you can find the times and further details on the website or from information at our stations, so please do join us for some continued festivities.

We will then turn our attention to celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the reopening of the line. Our actually birthday is on 29th June,

but we are planning a week-long celebration around that date. The latest details of 2018's events can be found on the website www. kwvr.co.uk.

All of these activities take so much commitment and time from our volunteers and small team of paid staff, because there are countless hours spent preparing, planning and arranging each event, and then the dozens and more people needed to operate the Railway on the day itself. All of this goes on whilst we continue be one of the very few heritage railways that operates steam trains throughout the year, with trains scheduled every weekend as well as daily during holidays. As we near our very special 50th year of operation, I do hope that you will consider joining the volunteering team, however much or little time you can offer, or join us board to celebrate Christmas time during the Mince

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## LOOKING BACK OVER 2017

Branwell Brontë's bicentenary year is drawing to a close, and what a year it has been. Branwell's year was always going to be different from the celebrations that marked Charlotte's bicentenary and lengthy discussions were had about the way in which his life would be explored.



Branwell figures in the imagination of many (if he figures at all) as the black sheep of the family, the useless alcoholic who amounted to little. How on earth were we going to mark the bicentenary of such a man? And would our visitors be as interested in the Brontë brother as his more famous sisters? Two elements helped enormously with the way we approached Branwell: the timely screening of Sally Wainwright's To Walk Invisible. which chose to place Branwell at the heart of the drama: and our creative partner Simon Armitage, whose brilliant poems give Branwell a contemporary relevance that helped visitors get a sense of who Branwell was, and might have been. In addition, the amazing transformation (by the production team behind To Walk Invisible) of Branwell's studio into the dark, dank bedroom as depicted on the screen in Wainwright's drama, gave visitors a striking insight into Branwell's state of mind, and initiated conversation about personal and familial experience of addiction and mental health disorders. Inspired by the recreation of the Parsonage in To Walk Invisible, our curators adopted a more 'lived-in' approach to dressing the historic rooms,

and the use of costumes and props from the drama added interest for our visitors.

Visitors flocked to the museum after the screening on 29 December, and we were worried that numbers would drop off as time lapsed, but instead they continued to rise, and our visitor numbers exceeded 2016 even before the year was out. Simon Armitage was of course a big draw, and we were delighted to host the launch of his new poetry collection, The Unaccompanied, in March, and see Simon return in May for his exhibition talk, and again in the summer, to take part in our poetry festival and a 10 mile walk over the moors from Luddendenfoot to Haworth. The creative partnership with Simon has been a fruitful one and we shall miss both his creative input and sense of humour!

Incredibly popular this year was the opportunity to create a handwritten copy of Wuthering Heights. The original manuscript no longer survives, and so artist Clare Twomey, in a new commission for the museum, invited visitors to copy one line of the novel into a handmade book which will be exhibited in 2018. We had visitors queuing out of the door to have the chance to contribute to this, and many spoke of what a moving experience it was to be able to write a line of Wuthering Heights in the house where it was created.

We're hoping many will return to see the finished manuscript in 2018, when we will be celebrating the work and life of Branwell's enigmatic sister Emily.

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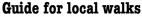
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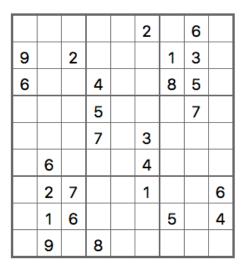
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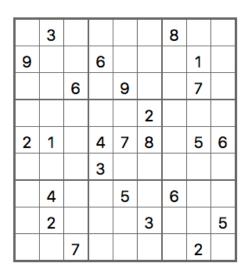


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1st - 24th Dec Christmas

Sun10th Dec 4pm Christmas in the Park An Outdoor Nativity in Sutton Park. Starting at the Bay Horse car park via the Kings Arms and Black Bull. Everyone welcome to join the procession. Mince Pies & mulled wine served afterwards a South Cravn Baptist Church.

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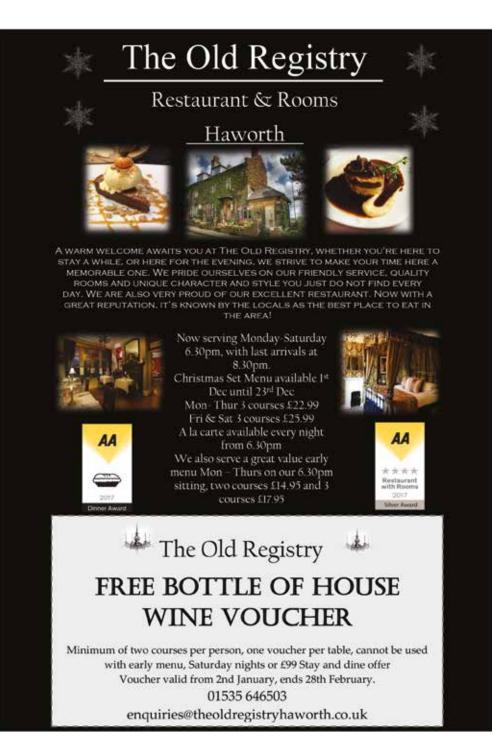
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## Keighley College student wins semi-final of regional welding competition

A student from Keighley College reached the semi-final of a World Skills Challenge. Carl Shore, a Fabrication & Welding apprentice competed against candidates from across Yorkshire and the North Midlands to win the semi-final of Skillweld November 2017.

Taking place at Derby College, the competition involved completing four test pieces in four hours using different materials. In order to get to this stage, Carl progressed through the first heat of the contest earlier in the year to secure his place in the semi-final.

The 24 year old has been an apprentice for Dyson Doors & Fabrications Ltd in Skipton since 2015, where he has grown his skills in fabrication, welding and site installations.

Ashley Fieldsend, Assessor in Engineering at Keighley College, said: "I'm incredibly

proud of Carl for this achievement. He is a humble young man who takes everything in his stride, his knowledge and competency are first class.

"Taking part in Skillweld was an opportunity for Carl to show off his talents and develop his skills further to prepare for the industry as a multi-skilled welder. We will find out later this month if he has qualified for the final heat at the NEC Birmingham in November."

Ken Dyson, MD at Dyson Doors, added: "We are pleased to see Carl's progression in the competition and excited to seeing him progress to the next stage. We are very proud of his progress and look forward to him continuing to be a fully skilled and dedicated member of our team."

Keighley College has now been approached to host the regional semi-final of Skillsweld in 2018.





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