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Any gardener will know that you only have to put a spade or trowel into the ground and a Robin will be there in an instant, singing while you work and waiting for the opportunity to grab a morsel you have uncovered. They are known for being bold and inquisitive.

Why is it that when the leaves fall and you can actually see lots more Robins around, they seem to become more secretive? It is a common belief that this is caused by the rivalry for territory in gardens, and it is certainly apparent. Robins are fiercely territorial and the richer pickings of the well stocked Bird Table are prime sites. No doubt this competition forces them to keep their visits brief.

However, there is another reason. Many of our iconic Christmas Robins spend the majority of their year on the European Continent and migrate here for the milder Winter. [Milder, I hear you say!! Well everything is relative!!] This swells the number, increases competition, and more importantly, the European Robin does not have the same relationship with people as our native Robin.

Why is this? Well it goes back to the days of Wild Boar in Britain - Robins followed them around and as the pigs grubbed up the ground, they provided Robins with a feast. When the Wild Boar were wiped out, fortunately for the Robins, man was there to take over, so they instead followed the spade. This association with Robins is unique to Britain. So if you want to take a photo of a Robin this Winter, it'll be easier if you

RURAL MATTERS by Rachael Moore

SEWING THE SEEDS

Autumn is a very busy, but important period in the agricultural calendar. With silage having been picked up from June - September and wheat harvested in July and August, the ground looks pretty bare. A blank canvas awaits the farmer's decision as to what next year's crop should be. Planning to harvest a crop 10 months in advance seems somewhat. optimistic as there are numerous challenges such as the winter weather conditions (frost bite can ruin almost any crop), what markets will be available the following summer, the price of seed and inputs versus returns and finally current ground conditions.

When preparing the land for the crop, its not just as simple as planting a seed. Firstly, the current crop remains must be destroyed to give new seed better chances. The grass could be killed with a herbicide then ploughed or rotivated. This process turns over the sod of soil as well as breaking it up, a bit like a crumble. Following which additional nutrients are applied in the form of farm yard manure and artificial fertiliser. Then it's time for the seed itself to be planted, having calculated the thousands of seeds required per acre, the seed drill evenly distributes them across the field. This is the point where you'll probably notice a fluctuation in bird numbers - scooping as much 'free' seed as they can.

To prevent patchy uptake of the crop and ensure the seed is firmly bedded in,



the land is rolled. The more compact the soil, the better the germination chances. All the aforementioned processes require stringent thought and precision.

Within a few weeks, the first green shrubs begin to peer through the soil. If you look carefully enough, you'll see the rows in which they were planted. Providing the ground temperature is still relatively warm, moist and has light, the grass seeds will thrive. Following a further fertiliser application and some light grazing, this crop will be ready to be harvested the following summer. Similar, but more complex processes are used to plant veaetables

So, when you see a 'naked' field, remember the processes and nurturing that are needed. When you're shopping at the greengrocer's consider the length of time, the inputs and the thought that was involved to grow these products.

FRESH N FRUITY FAIR TRADE PARTIES

In September we featured a business called Fresh n Fruity; two ladies who sell

and deliver organic fruit and veg boxes to local homes. This month we feature their second business venture, the newly formed Fresh n Fruity Fairtrade.

Jane Henry and Dawn Daykin have started this despite the current economic climate, and some may think it a brave or crazy thing to do, but they feel that, on the contrary, it is a good time to start a business.

WHY FAIR TRADE?

Quite simply the girls say, "We believe that fair is fair. We like to think that we are not responsible for damaging the earth or its population and although our two businesses seem unconnected, we feel that they have a very similar ethos, whereas we acknowledge that organic and locally grown food supports the environment, we also feel that goods traded fairly support people in some of the poorest places on earth. With Christmas around the corner we feel it would be good if some of the benefits reached people who don't often receive very much support." "We like to buy fair and ethically sourced products and suspect that many people will feel the same."

SO WHY IN THE HOME?

"At the present time many people do not feel it is as affordable to go out with friends as it was in the past; with this in mind we see our parties as a good night in; invite your friends around, ask them to

bring a bottle or just meet up and browse through our collection of fair trade products."

There is a lovely range of jewellery, bags and scarves and a large and varied selection of gift items starting from as little as £1.50 that make super stocking fillers for Christmas or even a treat for yourself. Many

recycled materials and all dyes used are azo-free which create a safer working environment. All jewellery is handmade and individual, therefore giving a wonderful organic feel and all metal used is lead and nickel free.

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But we're a group with a difference - while we have a structure to our group and meetings, there is no pressure to generate a set number of referrals each month and no membership fee.

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at the Kings Arms
Public House in Silsden, to promote our businesses to each other and gain "moral"
support from other members.. as well as doing a bit of socialising. The meetings start
at 5.30pm and last an hour which is usually enough time to get through the structured
introductions, requests for work and then it is down to each other to network.

We have a website that contains all of our members details, regular newsletters, and information about next meetings. It is undergoing a revamp presently to allow our members to control what goes on the site and what information is available to newcomers. www.avbn.org.uk

We also use the meeting as a forum for exchanging ideas for helping each other out. It is often where the best ideas for fund raising, training and business mentoring come from as well as any business opportunities that may come up!

It's a sociable occasion with a serious message, and we welcome all businesses, new and old to come. Remember the next event is on the 3rd November. See you there!







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WINED & DINED BY CLAIRE SMITH

I probably shouldn't encourage it; falling under a seductive spell of mellifluous sweetness is after all terribly

bad for you. Maybe I shouldn't mention honeycombed sweetmeats that melt on the tongue, or tantalisingly smooth chocolate, or the clouds of spun sugar that threaten to lead one astray; but we are only days away from the carnival atmosphere of bonfire night-crackling flames, roman candles and Catherine wheels; candy-floss, fudge and toffee apples; the scent of frying sausages and mounds of caramelised onions, potatoes baking slowly in the glowing embers of the fire, and pockets stuffed with sweet temptations.

When the air outside is cold and crisp. the sensation caused by the creamy embrace of a soft caramel pillow or the deep, crumbly butteryness of fudge is hard to resist. Though I find it difficult to decide just where my allegiance lies when it comes to choosing between the two, fudge definitely has the edge for me. Both are mouthwateringly creamy, but caramel can cause havoc if it gets wedged in your teeth, whereas a satisfying square of gloriously golden fudge melts slowly, possessing a crystalline fragility when in the mouth. It does need to be freshly made though; beware of fudge that is loaded with too many extras; if the sell by date says, "consume this century"; don't bother.

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From the smooth sophistication and dreaminess of fudge and caramel (butterscotch and treacle toffees fall into the same category) one might naturally progress to the ethereal realms of honeycomb, or cinder toffee as it is otherwise known. The alchemy involved in the process of making honeycomb lends an air of mystery to this sweet volcanic eruption. Covered in milk chocolate it is even better; exploring its secret labyrinths through a veil of melting chocolate makes it the champagne experience of the toffee world; the fact that it is so quick and easy to make only adds to the allure.

November brings an abundance of crisp apples to be coated and enjoyed by children and adults alike, and nights when the air will be filled with the sweet scent of waffles, doughnuts and clouds of pink candyfloss, but if you wish to take the sweet element of your bonfire night celebrations to a new level of sophistication try making your own sweet treats and presenting them in pretty boxes or tins to pass around the bonfire; clusters of fruit and nuts embedded in chocolate, and honey and nut chocolate tuiles to accompany steaming mugs of hot chocolate; cubes of soft buttery fudge to serve with coffee, strips of white chocolate" bark", studded with apricots, macadamia nuts and raisins and bite size cubes of ginger cake and treacle sponge. Sweet morsels that help to release the inner child whilst fireworks pepper the skies with shimmering colour and dancina liaht.











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In Flanders Fields

By: Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below. We are the Dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved, and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
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The Oakworth in Bloom Group have again been working hard at Holden Hall this year. The flower beds which were created last year have filled out and now look better than ever. Best of all, and with the support of Oakworth Forward and the Village Society, the area between the hall and the pavement was terraced and planted – what a transformation! The materials used look like traditional sleepers – in fact, they are recycled plastic; a product increasingly in use across the Dales Park.

The Group's hard work was recognised when Holden Hall was awarded a Silver Gilt award by Yorkshire in Bloom, with the judge recognising the commitment and enthusiasm of the volunteers both in carrying out the work, and in raising the funds to continue with it.

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a role which ensures that those who gave their lives for peace and freedom are remembered. The act of observing a Two Minute Silence began in 1919 following the Armistice at 11am on the 11th November 1918 at the end of the First World War.

In 1921, the year the Legion was formed, 'Armistice Day' was formed, 'Armistice Day' was positive agent for action and a positive agent for action and support.

Wars of was charged in its Royal Charter with organising "Festivals of Remembrance, services and parades to perpetuate the memory of sacrifices made during service with Our Armed Forces in war and peace".

In the 87 years which have passed since

then, the Legion has been responsible for organising national, regional and local ceremonies of Remembrance to reflect the nation's concern that the human cost of war should not be forgotten. At national level these include:

The annual Poppy Appeal. Every year the Legion mobilises a countrywide network of Poppy Appeal collectors to meet the

enormous public demand for poppies – the nation's symbol of Remembrance.

The Two Minute Silence at 11am on 11th November when the nation pauses to honour those who gave their lives for peace and freedom. The Legion has been instrumental in reinstating this in the nation's calendar.

This year marks the 65th Anniversary of D-Day and The Royal British Legion held special events to reflect this.

The annual Festival of Remembrance.

Every year the Legion organises a festival at the Royal Albert Hall to pay tribute to all those who have given their lives for our peace and freedom.

The Parade and Service at the Cenotaph in Whitehall on Remembrance Sunday organised by the Government and the Legion. Remembrance is not just about

those who fought in the two World

Wars of the last century, but also about those involved in the many other conflicts worldwide since 1945 and those still fighting for peace and freedom now. It is also about learning from the past and resolving to make the world a better place to live in the future.



Hayley Westenra and Dame Vera Lynn launch the 2009 Poppy appeal.

Forces sweethearts from yesterday and today joined hands to launch the 2009 Poppy Appeal in support of the Afghan generation of Armed Forces wounded and bereaved.

Dame Vera Lynn, the original Second World War Forces sweetheart who is once again at the top of the British charts, was joined by Kiwi songbird Hayley Westenra in launching the Poppy Appeal with a fundraising goal of £31 million.

Launching the campaign in a colourful ceremony from London's Horse Guards Parade, well known venue for the annual

Trooping the Colour, Dame Vera was joined by the Regimental Band of the Irish Guards and members of the Queen's Life Guards in full state ceremonial regalia.

My songs were very popular when the boys were away, and now the boys are away again and my songs are popular again," said Dame Vera, 92. "I hope the British public support the Poppy Appeal and for their sake, please wear a poppy."

"The Royal British Legion is the leading UK charity providing direct, practical support for our wounded heroes and bereaved Armed Forces families," said the Legion's Director of National Events and

Fundraising, Russell Thompson OBE. "The past 12 months of bloody conflict have increased the need for our help both today and for years to come."

Since 2003, the Legion provided financial help to 10,000 Service personnel and recent veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan. "We represented one-third of all the appeals for higher compensation payments for injuries suffered in Afghanistan," Mr Thompson said. "And, our campaigns have led to increased compensation awards which have placed an extra £7.5 million in the pockets of the most seriously injured."

The Legion currently spends more than a £1 million a week in its work helping over 130,000 other members of the Armed Forces Family – dependents, veterans and the bereaved. This year it hopes to extend its reach more than 160,000 beneficiaries. "In order to fund this work we would like this year"s Poppy Appeal to equal last year's record total of £31 million," Mr Thompson said.

The Royal British Legion's 2009 Poppy Appeal targets support for the wounded and bereaved of Afghanistan with a sobering poster campaign featuring a young war widow and a Royal Marine double amputee, both of them attending the Appeal launch. Using the motto, 'For their

sake, wear a poppy', the Poppy Appeal poster campaign also for the first time features a coffin being repatriated from Afghanistan.

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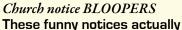
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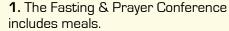
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appeared in church bulletins or were announced in services:



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- **3.** Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- **4.** The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.
- **5.** Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say

"Hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.

- **6.** Don't let worry kill you off, let the Church help.
- **7.** Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- **8.** For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- **9.** Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- **10.** The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing: "Break Forth Into Joy."
- **11.** Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.



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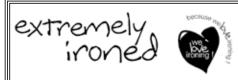
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1 teaspoon baking powder

1/4 teaspoon salt 175 g light soft brown sugar

2 eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Sifted icing sugar, for sprinkling (optional)

Sliced bananas, to serve (optional)

1 bag soft chewy toffees small tub of single cream

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 180°C/fan 160°C/Gas 4.

2. lay out paper cases on baking tray

3. Microwave butter, loosely covered, on HIGH 1-1 1/2 minutes or until melted, stirring after

every 30-second interval; set aside to cool.

 4. Toast pecans on a tray in the top of the oven • for a few minutes until crisp. Allow to cool and

finely chop pecans

5. Add brown sugar, eggs and vanilla extract to melted butter: whisk until combined.

2. Add the rest of the ingredients and fold together until combined (do not over-mix). Place one scoop of mixture into each well of prepared pan, dividing mixture evenly. Bake

18-22 minutes or until edges of cakes are golden brown. Remove from oven; cool 5 minutes in pan. Carefully invert cakes onto Stackable Cooling Rack: dust with sifted icina sugar. For toffee sauce, simply melt the toffees and half of the cream together in the microwave on a medium high heat, stirring every 30 seconds until creamy and melted.

Arrange five banana slices in a circle in centre of each serving plate, place 2 cakes on each and top with toffee sauce!

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Keighley 11.00 am. Thurs 5th Nov. Bolton Abbey Fireworks & Bonfire. In support of Manorlands. Gates open 6pm Bonfire: 7.00/7.30pm Fireworks: 8.00/8.15pm Food & Drink Hot fast food - burgers, hot dogs etc. Entertainment, DJ " children's entertainers Face painters, balloons, magicians, clowns, circus acts, etc. Book Now to avoid gueues on the night bo Tickets: £6.00 pp (0)1756 718155. Sat 7th Nov. Bonfire in Bradley. Bradley Green 6pm. £1. pie & peas, including rides & music from Drystone Radio DJ. Sat 7th Nov. 10am - 12 noon Coffee Morning St James Church Hall, Silsden. Various stalls, cakes, men's and ladies' clothing, books, bric-a-brac etc. Sat 7th Nov Steeton Male Voice Choir. St Anne's Church, Keighley£5 adult: £3 child Contact: Canon Gilligan 603356 Sun 8th Nov Remembrance Sunday. 9.30 am Parade to Shared Church followed by National Remembrance in Town Hall Square, Keighley at 11.00 am. 618252 Sun 15th Nov Exhibition of paintings by Sutton Art Club. 10am - 4pm. Senior Citizens' Centre, North Street, Sutton.

Sun 15th Nov. Glusburn Institute Art &

Sun 15th Nov. Keighley Farmers Market

at Church Green, Keighley 9:00 - 1:00pm.

Wed 18 Nov. Christmas Cheer at East

night opening in the shop, discounts and

Riddlesden Hall 5-8pm Christmas late

promotions. Tearoom open; Join the

Craft Fair. 10am-4pm.see more details.

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Glusburn Institute Crafts Fair

Christmas is not too far off and once again Glusburn Institute Craft Fair is ready to meet some of your Christmas needs. This event has now become an

annual, traditional, pre-Christmas event in the village. The Fair is on Sunday November 15th. The doors open at 10am until 4pm. Admission is free, their will be a raffle, and refreshments will be served all day.

There are 24 stalls booked to date but we could accommodate a few more. Pre booking is necessary. If you are interested in hiring a stall, please ring Jenny on 01535 637940. The majority of stall holders produce unique hand crafted items. We have a wide variety of craftspeople selling pottery, paintings,

illustrations and photography. Hand turned wood items, greeting cards, bags, beaded items, books and toiletries. Hand sewn goods, Christmas puddings, novelties,

flower arrangements and flower arranging accessories.

This event is always an ideal opportunity to purchase affordable Christmas presents with a difference.
An opportunity to Christmas shop locally, without the stress and

support local craftspeople and Glusburn Institute at the same time. The Craft Fair stall hire goes towards the upkeep of the Glusburn Institute, as does raffle income. So do come and join us, Guess the weight of, and win yourself a Christmas cake!



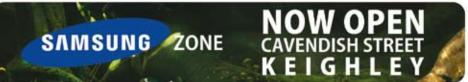
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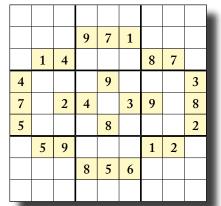
WEBSITE OF THE MONTH



By now you're probably racking your brains what to buy your kids or younger relatives for Christmas. Our Website of the Month may be the answer! Gogoblin enables children and teenagers to make free and secure online wish lists for Christmas, birthdays etc.

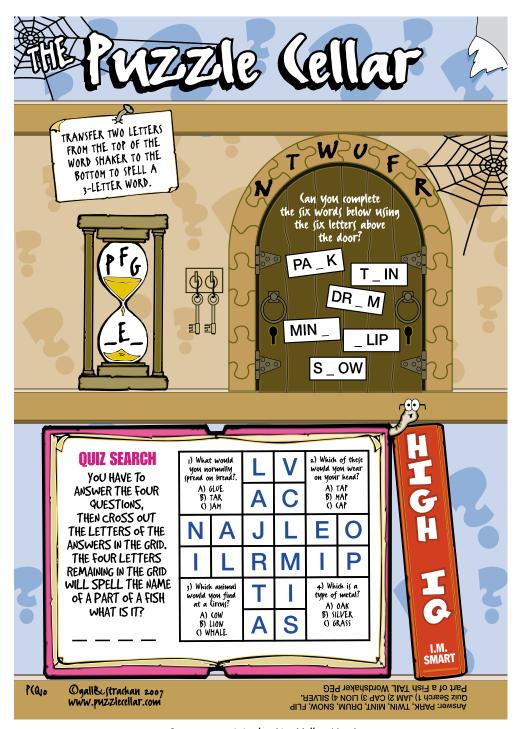
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Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 thru 9.

If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork.





Thinking ahead to the party season, a mini muffin pan is one of the most versatile and cost effective tools you can have in your kitchen; pair it up with a tart shaper and even the youngest members of the family can join in with making delicious and simple bite-size tarts and appetisers.

This month Aire Valley Mag is working with your local Pampered Chef consultant

to support Lilies of the Valley, the local charity that supports and encourages young mothers and operates from 72 Cavendish St. in Keighley. (www.liliesofthevalley.org.uk) For every mini muffin pan and tart shaper ordered this month. £4 will be donated to LofV. The mini muffin pan is so easy to use; just roll a small ball of ready made pastry fabout the size of a large marble), pop it in each cup and press firmly with the tart shaper. You can also use it for filo shells, tortilla cups or even puff pastry

with your favourite fillings.

A few delicious ideas to get you started – check out the news page on my website for another 30 ideas! www.pamperedchef.biz/nel

1.Goats cheese and caramelised red onion tartlets: - take a block of ready made shortcrust pastry and cut into 24 pieces. Roll each one into a ball and pop one into each cup of the mini muffin pan. Dip the end of the tart shaper into a little flour and press firmly on each ball to form

the tart shell. Fill with half a teaspoon of red onion chutney and top with a small slice of goats cheese. Bake15 mins at 200C, gas 6.

2. Crispy filo chicken baskets: take 2 sheets of filo together and cut into squares of approx 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " $\frac{1}{6}$ cm . Lightly spray the mini muffin pan with vegetable oil and put one set of squares in each one. Spray with

a little oil and then take another set of squares and put at a

90 degree angle to the first ones, and press the centre down and bake for around 10 minutes until brown and crisp.

Allow to cool and fill with a mix of chopped chicken, celery, garlic, zested lemon and a little mayo or crème fraiche

3.Easiest of all - Chocolate caramel tarts: shortcrust pastry shells with a rolo in the middle!

The deluxe mini muffin pan and the tart

shaper together are only £20.70 (Local UK delivery included) of which £4 will go to Lilies of the Valley.To order and support this worthwhile cause, go to www.pamperedchef.biz/nel and "our products" click "how to purchase" and enter "lilies of the valley" into the organisation name. Or you can email nel.hargrave@googlemail.com or text/or call Nel call on 07835 115900 evenings and weekends.

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