





September is that wonderful transitional month; summer often surprises us with a late burst of warmth before the crisp autumnal weather sets in. It is a perfect time to enjoy the outdoors. We continue with our series of local walks. Pull out the map from the centre spread and save it for just such an occasion.

This is also the perfect time of year to book a workshop, take a class, or learn a new skill. There is the Bronte Festival of Women's Writing (p12/13), a variety of courses at Keighley College (p29), personal & business computer classes at Airedale Enterprise (p22), and if you want a little job delivering the magazine, we are hiring! (see left)

Be sure to book your tickets for the FallFest...We'll be there sipping on gin and enjoying the festive atmosphere.

Enjoy!

Liz Barker, Editor



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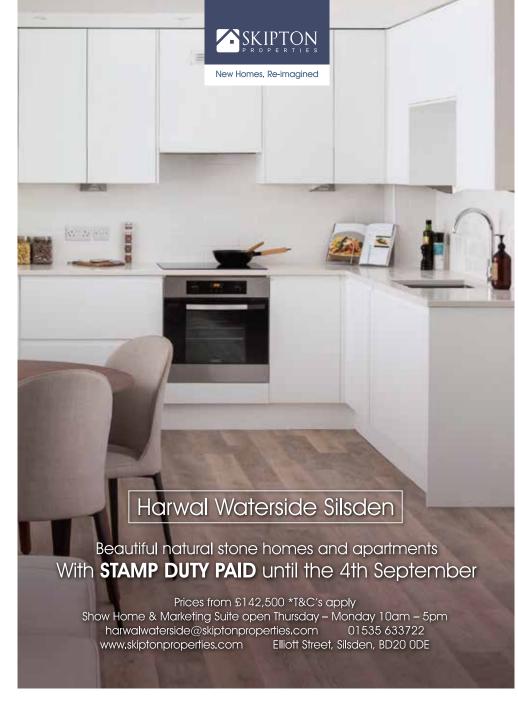
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Aireworth Dogs in Need (ADIN) is a local dog rescue charity. Many of the dogs joining the rescue are re-homed at the request of owners due to changes in circumstances but a significant number are picked up as strays having been abandoned or unclaimed from the dog pound.

One such dog was an 8 year old Staffy girl (Cath) found tied to a lamp-post in a sorry state. She had ulcerated sores, bald patches, some lumps and was underweight.

Luckily fate was about to play its part. Local family Maranda and Jonnie and their children enquired about fostering. They met Cath, chatted to volunteers and went away with some thinking to do! They offered to take Cath on a temporary basis to allow her to enjoy some home comforts, be assessed in terms of personality and temperament and crucially to start vet treatment. Cath made herself at home immediately. She proved to be the perfect house quest and



was fantastic with the children.

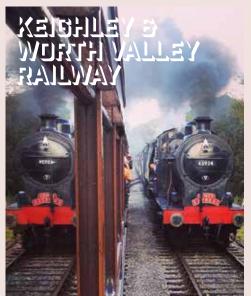
Sadly the news when she got to the vets was less positive. Tests showed the largest lump on her mammary was an aggressive type of cancer requiring surgery. The treatment was funded by ADIN who cover the costs of all medical treatment for dogs on foster. This can be a challenge for a small charity reliant on donations, the rehoming fee charged to adopters and tireless fundraising efforts by the team and supporters.

Surgery was successful and the vet was confident the cancer was removed. Being in a loving home environment ensured Cath's other sores, ulcers and bald patches began to heal. It was a stressful time for the family who had grown attached to her. They also worked on helping Cath feel more comfortable with other dogs and to walk nicely on a lead. 3 months later Cath had the all-clear and the family decided that having been through what they had she wasn't going anywhere! They asked ADIN if they could adopt Cath, by now renamed Daisy, and the trustees were delighted to agree. They family held an adoption day party to officially welcome Daisy to the family.

ADIN are always on the look-out for families to offer temporary and permanent homes to dogs in need. If you would like more information you can visit the website at www.aireworthdogsinneed. co.uk or find them on twitter and facebook.







Running the railway is a year-round challenge, not least because our events take months and months of planning. We're already looking forward, for example, to next year's celebration of the reopening of the line back in June 1968 and have just announced an 8-day long 50th Anniversary Event (June 24th - July 1st). Overhauling the locomotive that hauled the reopening train in 1968 has taken several years of work and nearly £300,000. We are nearing the end of the of overhaul process and very much hope that the efforts of our volunteers involved in the project will mean that we can recreate many elements of the actual train that reopened the line to passengers in 1968, including this special locomotive to head the train. As well as thinking about next summer, we are also already looking forward to Christmas, with our bookings for the 2017 Santa Specials now open and some days already selling fast, so please do book soon to avoid disappointment. We've been running the Santa Specials

for decades, having invented the format that many heritage railways have adopted, but we've come a very long way from the earliest days when a single carriage was run into Haworth station, from which Santa alighted to greet the waiting children. It's now an on-board experience, complemented by the fantastic Winter Wonderland at Oxenhope, with gifts for the children and a fantastic experience that many generations of families continue to enjoy.

Realising that we have been operating the railway for nearly 50 years, and how much the railway has developed in that time, reminds us of our responsibility to keep this really important part of history alive. That means we need to retain the engineering skills needed to overhaul steam locomotives and carriages, which gets ever-more challenging and highlyskilled as the rolling stock and loco's get increasingly elderly. We are also at the stage where we need re-invest in our operational infrastructure, so are currently running projects to replace the roof of the locomotive shed at Haworth and to protect the 'wheel drop' facility, both of which are vital to the operation of the railway. Keeping the wheels turning is an on-going challenge as we look for people willing to support and organise the events, train new volunteers and help us with responding to challenge of knowledge-sharing and -transfer from our senior volunteers to the next generation, as well as looking for more volunteers to work directly on the operation and the maintenance of the railway. I do hope that you will join us when we celebrate our 50th Anniversary next year and it would be even better if you would consider celebrating as a volunteer.

KWVR Chairman Matt Stroh

















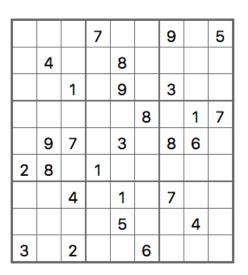




Sudoku Puzzles

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To solve a sudoku puzzle, each row of nine squares must contain the numbers 1 through 9. Each column must also contain the numbers 1 through 9, and each box must contain the numbers 1 through 9. See page 29 for solutions.



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Sat. 23rd (7:30pm Gala Event

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We've had a wonderful summer at the Brontë Parsonage Museum and have welcomed visitors from all over the world. While we're not saying goodbye to the long evenings and warmer days just yet, we're looking ahead to an exciting autumn, which kicks off with our seventh Brontë Festival of Women's Writing from the 22nd to the 24th September.

We wanted to find a way to celebrate how pioneering Charlotte, Emily and Anne were as women writers, and to mark just how much they still inspire literature today through the influence they have on contemporary authors. We hosted our first Brontë Festival of Women's Writing in 2010, and they've continued to go from strength to strength, showcasing and celebrating women's writing in all its forms.

The Festival begins with a free event at Cobbles and Clay on Friday 22 September, from 7pm.

An expert panel of writers will share their experiences on Getting Yourself Out There, and the importance of self-promotion as an author. Come along to hear about how to crowdfund a novel and the growth of self-publishing, and network with other local writers.

If you've ever thought about writing your own play or radio drama, why not come along to one of our **two workshops at**Ponden Hall on Sunday 24th September?

You can take tips from some of the best in the business – playwright Deborah McAndrew, whose adaptation of The Tenant of Wildfell Hall won plaudits at

York Theatre Royal, and novelist Rachel Joyce, who has adapted all of the Brontë novels for BBC Radio 4. Deborah and Rachel will also be talking about the process of Adapting the Brontës at West Lane Baptist Centre from 2.30pm on Saturday 23 September – how do you take some of the best loved texts in the English language, stories that are adored throughout the world, and remodel them for the stage, or for radio?

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The Festival headliner this year is Sarah Perry, author of the award-winning The

Essex Serpent. Chosen as Waterstone's Book of the Year for 2016, as well as being



shortlisted for the Costa Novel Award 2017, The Essex Serpent is a gothic Victorian tale which examines the clash between faith and science in a sleepy rural town in the 1890s.

If you'd like to find out more about any of these events, or book tickets, head to www.bronte.org.uk/whats-on or call 01535 640192.

Autumn at the Brontë Parsonage

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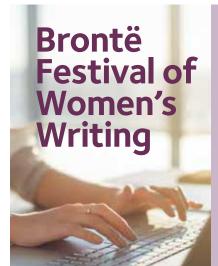
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Last month's location was The Roebuck, Utley. The winner was Alex Barnes from Utley.

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Brontë Parsonage

FRIDAY 22 - SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

A festival showcasing and celebrating women's writing – headlined by Sarah Perry, author of Waterstone's Book of the Year, *The Essex Serpent*. Visit Haworth for a weekend of talks, readings and workshops.







Rachel Joyce



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A roof over your head is a basic human need and something that we take for granted. At the very least, we all expect the roof on our homes to keep out the rain and wind so we can stay warm and dry indoors. But should we be expecting more from our roof, now, in 2017? The answer to this question is a resounding "YES"!

Nothing lasts forever ...

It is a fact of life that roofs don't last forever, 60 years being a typical lifespan. Leaks and general wear and tear eventually take their toll and mean that repair is no longer cost effective. Unfortunately, a new roof is then the only viable option. We call this a "distress purchase" - an unwanted expense forced upon us - but why not look at it from a different point of view? Considerable advances have been made over recent years resulting in new roofing materials and techniques capable of providing massive savings in energy, your carbon footprint and, of course, money.

Thinking outside the box Ploughcroft has long been "thinking outside the box" where roofing is concerned. With its innovative approach to roofing technology they consistently encourage homeowners and businesses to do the same. With several new roofing inventions and a successful pitch on TV's "Dragon's Den" under its belt, this is no ordinary roofing company. Managing Director Chris Hopkins explains: "We undertake new and replacement roofing of all types including heritage roofing, but a particular speciality is roofing difficult to heat areas like older buildings, bungalows or properties with an attic conversion, room in the roof or vaulted ceiling.

With this in mind, Ploughcroft has combined a re-roof with high quality

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Investing in a new replacement roof is therefore a great opportunity to think to the future. Modern roofing systems will not only make your home weather-proof but a lot more comfortable and energy efficient too. After all - there is only one way energy costs are going! Upgrading your home by bringing it into the 21st century could save a fortune on your heating bills in the long run, helping you pay for those essential home improvements along the way!

For further details about re-roofing options for your home, call 01422 202919



Walking in the Aire

Sutton in Craven to Lund's Tower, Wainman's Pinnacle (circular)

A walk devised by Lee Senior

Walk Distance: 4.6miles (7.4km) or 6.2 miles (9.9km) including the Hitching Stone. Maps required: OL21 Explorer (South Pennines) Grid Reference Start Point: SE 006 441

We start in Sutton in Craven at the bus stop on Main Street near to its junction with High Street opposite the pub.

Walk towards the pub along Ash Grove until the road ends. A willow tree is noticed ahead at the end of the road. Turn right here onto Bent Lane. Continue along the lane which starts to bear left as the road surface begins to deteriorate. Eventually we bear sharply left before the track gains a concrete surface now as it twists towards Bents Farm.

Tantalisingly our first objective, the impressive Lund's Tower comes into view at the top of the rocky Earl Crag. Continue on the main broader track resisting the temptation to veer off it. We head past Bents Farm Cottages on our right and into the farmyard. Go through a large gate ahead.

Just beyond, our track swings markedly left by a barn. Walk past the barn, again Lund's Tower is on the skyline ahead of us.

Keep ahead, on the now gradually ascending vehicle track. We go through two gates and continue towards another farm on our left. Ignore the barn and farm buildings, instead keeping on our track. A large gate is noticed with a small wooden stile to the left of it. Go over the stile and continue upwards climbing steadily on our broad grassy track, now bounded by trees on both flanks.

Soon we cross another stile ahead, also coincidentally to the left of a large gate. Continue on past a barn to our right, on this increasingly hilly path adjacent to a wall on our right. There is still a line of trees to our left. We emerge to see a small gate ahead of us at High Jackfield Farmhouse.

Go through the gate briefly before bearing right on to some stone cobbles. Continue as the cobbles soon give way to a concrete track. Head up the broad track and over a cattle grid. Don't be tempted to turn left off the track up the open fields which are private. Why not stop now for a brief moment to catch your breath while admiring a fine view of the Aire Valley below.

We find ourselves almost opposite the tower, yet paradoxically we have to walk slightly beyond it before we can begin the final assault to it. Eventually the track levels out. We reach an abandoned farm on our right where our main track bears left, twisting as it heads inexorably to meet Dick Lane at the top. A glimpse of Pendle Hill can be seen in the far distance on the skyline as we look half right.

Go through the gate ahead and turn left onto the road. Take care on this sometimes moderately busy road. There is no footpath here. We stay on the road for approximately five minutes ascending steadily as we go. We soon find ourselves almost adjacent again to the tower. As we look ahead, in between some telegraph poles a fingerpost is noticed (signed, Cowling Pinnacle, half a mile).

Take this well-worn, popular path that quickly climbs up some concrete steps. A few moments later we've joyously made it to the Earl Crag summit plateau. An obvious level hard standing path leads us to the impressive Lund's Tower (1,112 ft).

Upon leaving the tower our next objective is Wainman's Pinnacle. The Pinnacle sits proudly just under half a mile away also on the summit of Earl Crag.

Initially and briefly we retrace our steps. However this time we ignore the descending steps that we climbed earlier. Instead we retain our height and go through a gate ahead. Continue along the grassy and well-worn path along the summit top. Take care not to veer too far near the edge of the rocky outcrop along this section.

We soon pass a stone seat slightly set back to our left. Continue on our exposed path, as we make a beeline for the Pinnacle, which will become increasingly prominent. Soon an easy to walk on grassy path leads us to a gate. Go through it before joining up with a wall for the final short section. We head through a further gate continuing to soon reach the Pinnacle.

Having reached the Pinnacle there is now the option of heading to the wonderfully named "Hitching Stone" just under one mile away. The stone is well worth seeing close up for those wanting to extend the mileage.

However, stout walking boots are needed for this section. Essentially the land is rather exposed heather



moorland, which is rather boggy in a good number of places all year round. This is particularly true after recent rainfall. This section is perhaps not for young children or the elderly.

To reach this monumental stone takes approximately 30 minutes. To return back to the Pinnacle will take a further 30 minutes.

NB: Anyone deciding to head to the stone is advised to retrace their stepsback to the Pinnacle.

If you fancy walking to the Hitching Stone then please use the following directions:

With your back to the Pinnacle, head towards the wall corner ahead of you.

Keep to the right hand side of the wall and parallel to it. Continue along this grassy track passing a car parking area. Cross the minor road. Go through the smaller of the two gates ahead. Keep the same directional line as we had previously, fairly close to the stone wall. The Hitching Stone is now noticeably closer, directly in line with the wall. We are now on open access land. There are occasions when we need to briefly leave the wall to find a less boggy section underfoot! We head through an open stile as we make a final assault for the stone. As the wall ends a fence takes its place. Resist going through the gate. Instead continue as before, this time with the fence on our left. Very soon we find ourselves arriving at this impressive stone.

After enjoying the views it is time to head back to Wainman's Pinnacle. Simply retrace your steps, by keeping to the left of the fence and then the wall. Cross the minor road to find ourselves back at the Pinnacle.

We now begin our return walk to Sutton. The first task is to safely descend from the crag summit and reach Dick Lane which is visible below.

With our back to the Pinnacle, turn right on the well used and relatively level earth track, for a very short distance. Keep a careful look out on our right through the rocks; a narrow initially steep route is visible next to a large boulder. Please do stay observant here as this thin path is easy to miss.

Carefully negotiate this descending, briefly rocky path. The narrow route weaves its way through the rocks for a short while before linking up with a distinct, good-looking grassy path below. If you miss the thin descending path there are other similar adjacent paths that will take us to our objective of Dick Lane. Take this descending easy to walk on well used path. Soon another well used route merges into ours from the right. Continue to lose height until we reach a junction of paths. Here take the downhill path, remembering our objective is to reach the road. The route is easy to follow. We soon find ourselves leaving the crag side, reaching the road near a fence post. We join the road to the right of the sharp bend.

Turn right heading up the road, for a minute or so, taking care as there is no footpath. Keep a look out for a minor tarmac track heading to a cluster of buildings on the left. Cross the road and take this left hand descending vehicular track that takes us towards Craiglands Farm. Soon the tarmac gives way to a rougher surfaced track as we head towards a further building and barn. At the barn, keep ahead on to a

building and barn. At the barn, keep ahead on to a narrow grass path leading to a wall stile. A waymarker arrow is visible, to the right of the stile, encouraging us to continue ahead. Cross the stile and continue on the same directional line across the field. Next, we head towards some gate posts where a yellow waymarker points half left. Our route now leads us diagonally down a field to the right of the buildings at Crag End. Here we rejoin the vehicle track. We turn right along the track (away from buildings). We quickly pass a wooden post with a multitude of waymarker arrows on it. Continue along this easy track for only a very short distance until we reach a gate opening ahead of us.

Do not continue along the vehicle track any further. Instead at the wall in front look right to see a line of trees just beyond the wall. Although not initially obvious a small wall stile can be seen in the wall corner ahead of the trees. This is the next part of our route. Cross the stile noting a holly tree next to it. Continue into the next field which is level to begin with. A hedge is close to us on our

left. Keep close to the hedge as we descend into the field corner. A distinct and yellow marker beckons us forward over the wall. Now we gradually move away from the hedge, diagonally and always gradually descending. On the wall in front of us two large yellow waymarkers are spotted. Follow the arrows that lead us towards the field corner where three gates are closely situated together. Our path is towards the middle of the three gates. As we get to the gate we will see there is a small stile taking us through into the next field. Head into the field and we descend diagonally and straight towards the opposite corner of the field, passing a large gate in the wall to our left.

Don't go through the gate. Instead ignore it and walk near to the wall which is now on our left. A yellow waymarker confirms our route. We pass another gate to reach a rather unusual corrugated gate in the field corner. The gate has a white arrow sprayed on it confirming our route. Go through the gate and we find ourselves on a broader track, which is now rougher underfoot. The track swings left then right, before it turns into a short enclosed route as it descends to join a spring on the right. Continue as we negotiate a stile next to a gate at High Malsis Farm Cottages. Proceed on the obvious level track ahead on the right hand side of the cottages towards a wooden stile to the left of a gate. Don't be tempted to take

any alternative routes here. Instead we cross the stile into a level field before repeating the process again as we go over another stile also next to a gate, close to the wall on the left. We walk parallel to the wall then over a third stile in succession positioned next to a gate. Continue close to the wall to eventually reach a wooden gate with a very narrow stone stile to

the left. The stile is tricky to negotiate as it is protected by two posts. We now find ourselves back in familiar territory at Bents Farm.

Our remaining route now back to Sutton in Craven is the reverse of the outward leg earlier; simply head back through the farmyard at Bents Farm. Go down Bent's Lane, before entering the residential streets of Sutton in Craven. When we reach the willow tree on our right, this time we continue straight along on North Road instead of turning left down Ash Grove. At the end of North Road we find ourselves back on the High Street. Turn left here to finish the walk.



If you enjoyed this walk you will most likely enjoy Lee Senior's book,

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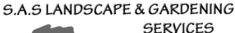
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Every Tuesday 10 am to 12 Sewing/ Stitch Group at Glusburn Insitute. Call Claire 07904 010430 or email cketterman@aol.com.

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at the Steeton Hub BLF Respiratory
Support Group Contact Ann Caden
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Time for Me (Carers Resource) is a monthly group for carers and over 50's. Fun activities and friendly support at **Steeton Hub**, Stone Grove. More info call Carolyne 01274 449660.

Dementia Friendly Keighley seated exercise classes are every Monday 11.15am - 12pm at Central Hall, Keighley, BD21 3JD More info call Maggie 07971 527525 or email info@dementiafriendlykeighley.org.uk.

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The Silver Line Helpline for older people Information, friendship, advice Calls are FREE: 0800 470 80 90 FREE, confidential 24 hour service www.thesilverline.org.uk. For a group talk/presentation about The Silver Line Contact the Community Engagement Volunteer, Jeanette House, Tel: 07873459188.

May until 5th November Welly Walk at Bolton Abbey. Tree climbing, tunnels, slides, bridges and beams, amazing fun, forget being clean!!! Follow the Welly Walk signs and enjoy a free woodland adventure trail from the Stepping Stones to the Cavendish Pavilion.

Sat 2nd Sept Keighley Horticultural Society 181st Annual Show held in conjunction with the Keighley and District Agricultural Show Society at King George V Playing Fields, Marley, Keighley, BD21 4DB.

Sun 3rd Sept Vintage Trains at Keighley & Worth Valley Railway.

These services are in addition to usual steam train services which will continue as normal. There's no need to pre-book your tickets – just purchase them on the day of travel. On each occasion of the Vintage Train, there will be a Brass Band at Oxenhope to add to the atmosphere. Thurs 7th, Fri 8th, Sat 9th & Sun

10th Sept 10am - 4pm Rail Story, Ingrow & Keighley & Worth Valley Railway. Part of the Heritage Open Day.Free Event. Fri 8th & Sat 9th Sept Hi de Hi by Sutton Green Hut Theatre Company at Sutton Village Hall. Licensed Bar & Supper £9 call 01535 632289 for tickets.

Fri 8th until Sun17th Sept Saltaire Festival at Saltaire Village. More info www.saltairefestival.co.uk.

Sat 9th & Sun 10th Sept 10.30am - 4.30pm East Riddlesden Hall - Heritage Open Day - Free Event. You can follow a colourful stick trail, make mud pies, build a den and play traditional games on the lawn. How about getting crafty, running through a willow tunnel, spotting bugs and tracing your way to the centre of a grass maze?

Sat 9th Sept 1pm Heritage Open
Day at Cliffe Castle Museum. Talk
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Student of the Year shines in the face of adversity

Student Ross Taylor was this year's Engineering & Motor Vehicle Student of the Year at Leeds City College. He joined the college in 2013 and has worked towards completing level 2 and 3 apprenticeships in Fabrication and Welding with equipment supplier, Hopkins Catering Limited.

During this time, Ross faced substantial adversity when his girlfriend was diagnosed with a brain tumour. He spent most of his time by her side at hospital while she endured invasive surgery but managed to continue his studies through his dedication and commitment to the course.

Ross said: "It was a difficult time for me but I wouldn't have given up on either. The support I received at college was fantastic and the compassion from tutors and fellow students was phenomenal. It certainly gave me the courage to continue and it feels surreal to look back on my experience with an award in my hand, proving that hard work and perseverance really does pay off.

"In the future, I would love to work for Rolls Royce or in the aerospace industry and thanks to Leeds City College; I'm on my way to achieving great things."

Ross first developed an interest in fabrication and welding when he got involved in his friend's engineering business



and the rest was history. The ambitious student even transferred to Keighley College in his fourth year when his tutor moved there to teach.

His tutor said: "Despite his care commitments, Ross has been an enthusiastic learner, gaining distinction grades in all modules, including additional ones he enrolled on for further development.

"Ross has always been there to support his peers and share his experience, after being appointed a team leader at Hopkins in recognition of his talent, where he helps develop new apprentices."

Ross is now on his way to achieving his dreams with his girlfriend by his side, who has fully recovered from her illness.

For more information on Fabrication and Welding courses at Leeds City College and Keighley College, visit leedscitycollege.ac.uk or keighleycollege.ac.uk.

Sudoku Solutions

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