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How are you doing with your Christmas shopping list this year? Keighley Market has some hidden surprises. Read my feature in the centre pages; pull it out and head to town! Airedale Shopping Centre opening times are included too, page 5.

Shake, rattle, and roll into 2016 with the American Diner in Keighley, New Yorkies. Find vintage vibes on page 6.

Read what's on in our community pages and have a magical festive season full of fun activities & special outings. Cath Bromwich shares an easy recipe for homemade stuffing on page 4.

We've included several puzzles this month to keep you pleasantly occupied while the sprouts boil on the stovetop and the rest of the family fight over the remote control for the TV.

Have a lovely Christmas!



Liz Barker



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Earlier this year I shared with you my simple gravy recipe, and with Christmas on the way I thought I would add my

solution for stuffing. I bake it spread out on a greased baking dish, with sausages on top. I don't get complaints! You can stuff the bird if you prefer, but don't pack it in. Like many traditional recipes, this is a good way of using up older bread. It is not an exact recipe, just a base for you to adapt

as you like. I far prefer it to packet stuffing, and people in my cooking groups love it – they are quite surprised at how good it can taste!

Cath Bromwich, a Silsden resident, is a cookery teacher and forager. Her livelihood includes foraging and cookery courses, such as cooking on a budget and outdoor foraging and cooking experiences. She trained at Ballymaloe Cookery School, Ireland. For more information, or to pass on your stories and recipes, contact Cath at www.facebook.com/foragercathyorkshire

Cath's stuffing

Oven setting: 180°C or gas mark 4

Ingredients:

1 onion, chopped small

2-3 tablespoons of oil

1 egg

4-6 slices of white bread

salt and pepper

1-3 tablespoons of fresh herbs (e.g. thyme, parsley and sage), picked off the stalks and chopped – or use dried if you prefer. Add more to taste - you can't have too many fresh herbs!

Instructions:

Add the oil to a pan, gently sweat the onion until soft, season well. Let the cooked onion cool a bit. Take the crusts off the bread, then make the slices into crumbs (tear them into small pieces, then pop them in a blender if you have one, but no problem if not).

Mix the bread crumbs into the onion and oil. Then add plenty of seasoning: salt, pepper and your choice of: herbs, a couple of pinches of nutmeg or the grated zest of a lemon (I sometimes use both lemon zest and herbs). You can also add a finely chopped apple. Mix, taste, adjust seasoning, add an egg, mix again. Put in a baking dish and cover with sausages (or loosely stuff your bird) and bake for 45-60 minutes, or until the sausages are well cooked. Alternatively, bake on its own until the top is crispy and golden. Make more if you need a larger quantity. If you are baking your bird unstuffed, then pop a sliced lemon inside and season the bird well.



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The stylish interior is the culmination of months of planning and preparation by the couple. The result is a "Happy Days" 1950's look with all the right stuff: a wall of comfy boothed seating with sleek chrome trimmed tables, a 'free play' juke box, vintage signs, checked 50's style flooring, and rooms currently decked out with tinsel & decorations for the party season.

As for the menu, how do buffalo wings with maple syrup glaze or portobello mushrooms with mozzarella sound?...Then ease into the main attractions: we like pulled pork, corn on the cob, and tripple

cooked sweet potatoes. But you won't be disappointed in a rack of ribs or a spinach and rocket salad which includes quinoa, blue cheese and roasted pine nuts.

The burgers are enormous and epic! Homemade and from locally sourced quality beef, it's hard to go wrong. Steak, gammon and homemade battered fish are all on the menu too, and so much more. As for the drinks and dessert menus...well, you really are spoilt for choice; smoothies, milkshakes, Kelly's brand quality icecream, cheesecake, pudding & pies, chocolate fountain...(You'll have to suspend the diet!)

So shake, rattle and roll into 2016. Join Fiona and Al for your own celebrations this month or book a table on Dec 31 and toast to the New Year with a free glass of champagne. Dress in 1950's style clothing and enjoy the vintage vibe at New Yorkie's Diner.

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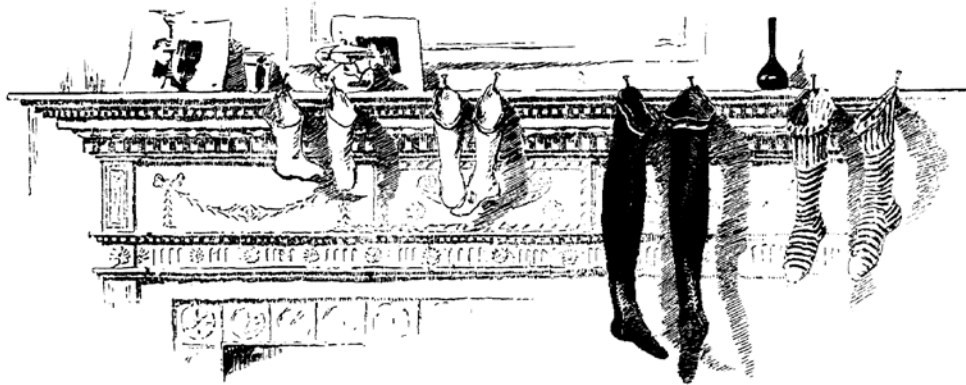
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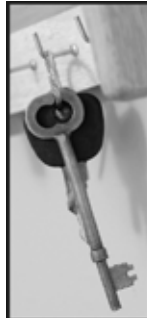
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The council car park at Church Green is conveniently located a few steps from the market and with a little patience it is not too difficult to secure a space. Getting to Keighley Market on

public transport is a cinch; all of the buses that take you to Keighley town centre can drop you within yards of at least one of the market entrances.

The first thing I notice when entering the market is the bright and clean appearance of the place. There is a certain pride and order that is evident. I don't know if I expected a chaotic mess, but it was



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As I make my way around the units, a pleasant surprise is the quality of the merchandise on sale. I was expecting to find mainly lower end quality items geared towards an elderly customer and priced as cheap as chips. There is some of that here. For example, if you are looking for a housecoat, thermal undies or a pair of slippers for under £10, you will find them



all in Keighley Market. Bargain books, discounted greeting cards, and all manner of haberdashery and craft supplies as well. (I've never seen so many colourful buttons and cotton thread on display!)

But beyond the things that one expects to find in a town market, there are some additional gems...and many to satisfy your seasonal shopping list.

Kipling bags and John Mackie giclee prints...who'd have thought you can find these in Keighley Market?

Coffee Love, the convivial coffee shop at the main entrance to the market serves great coffee and award winning cakes... and on the wall are some beautifully framed Mackie prints for sale. You can

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I love the little Eco Chic shopping bags. (Enjoy a 5% discount at Franklin; some restrictions apply but you'll find great value here.)

If you are shopping with the family you might need to employ a little harmless and enjoyable trickery...sit them down at Funky Monkeys (Canopy Unit 3) for yummy waffles and milkshakes and leave them with Grandma or Dad for a few minutes while you nip next door to Graham's Miniature Autos to choose a few stocking stuffers. Then head to Santa's grotto in the centre of the market to pre-book your slot to visit Father Christmas. The stall next to the grotto is worth mentioning...Rowan House Textiles. Check out the stunning fabric samples for soft furnishings and curtains. I noticed bright rolls of seasonally themed coated fabric; just the thing for covering the holiday table on the run up to Christmas and oh so easy to wipe clean at the end of a baking or craft session with

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It occurs to me, in our fast paced and increasingly 'online' world, you can't click on a smile or download the sounds and smells of this unique market experience.

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Having undertaken appropriate training and with close supervision,



the duties he has performed range from cosmetic restoration of our exhibits in Oxenhope shed, where the members of the Young Person's Group learn the

basics of restoration and the importance of protection and care of our magnificent heritage artifacts, through to helping out on Station duties, where he's learning about the importance of

passenger/customer-service and some of the challenges of booking duties. He's now (not very patiently!) waiting for his 16th birthday, which will permit him to train for level crossing-keeper duties, and beyond that on to Guard trains and other roles that appeal to him as he gains in experience and years. Our aim is to keep the youngsters engaged, interested and motivated to learn about the Railway, so that continue with us to be the drivers, engineers, station staff and all the other roles in the future.

It is thanks to the efforts of just those volunteers over the years that means that this year we celebrate 50 years of running our Santa

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can't join us before Christmas, our popular Mince Pie Specials run from Boxing Day through to the New Year, where you can enjoy the festive feel of the railway (and the on-train real-ale bar) with family and friends. Of course you can always follow in Harvey's footsteps, who still cherishes his Santa Special present from when he was much younger, and join the volunteering team.

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 **Mon 7th Dec 2pm Trinity Church, Fell Lane, Keighley.** Meeting Point "Looking forward to Christmas" with children from Nessfield Primary School singing songs and carols. Followed by mince pies and tea.



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Thurs 10th Dec 11am - 4pm Airedale Shopping Centre, Keighley. The Sea Cadets will be Face Painting, tombola etc.

Sat 12th, 19th & Sun 13th, 20th Dec 10am - 5pm Santas Grotto & Christmas Gift Wrapping (Sue Ryder Manorlands) at the

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Sat 12th & Sun 13th Dec Torchlight Weekend in Haworth.

An annual favourite. Saturday - Santa & Mrs Claus lead the torchlight procession down Main Street. Sunday - Torchlight Procession sees hundreds of torch and lantern bearers wind their way up the Main Street.

Sat 12th Dec 7.30pm Christmas Ceilidh Sue Ryder Manorlands.

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Sun 13th Dec. 11 am - 5 pm

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Mon 4th Jan 2pm - 3.30pm Trinity Church, Fell Lane, Keighley. Meeting Point is Mr Alan Rodduck - Travels to Egypt (slides).

Thurs 21st Jan at 7.30pm in Oxenhope Community Centre, Shaw Lane, Oxenhope We kick off our exciting new season with Ian Butterfield talking about the conservation work of Forest of Bradford. We are also welcoming new members to our club for this special 25th anniversary year.

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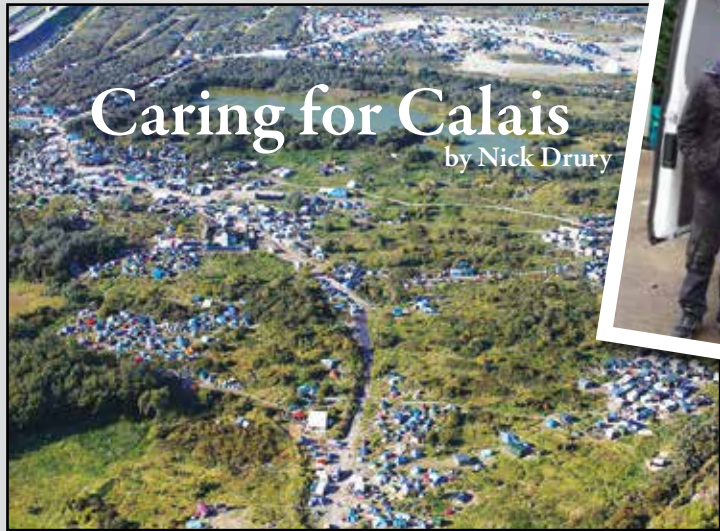
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Caring for Calais

by Nick Drury



(Left to right) Nick Drury joins Martin Kounnas and Luke Ferrey from the charity Fresh Waters in Keighley on a trip to Calais to distribute food and clothing.

I moved up to Haworth a few months ago to start training as a Minister at West Lane Baptist Church. Since then I've been involved in a number of different church and community initiatives, a key one is helping with the refugee crisis in Calais.

It's been amazing to see the response of the people in the Worth Valley. Many have come together to raise money and make donations of food and clothing for the refugees.

Last month I made a journey down to Calais along with Martin and Luke who head up the charity Fresh Waters in Keighley. Martin had access to a van through the charity, and we spent a number of weeks collecting, raising money, and sorting donations of different items including tents and sleeping bags to take to Calais.

Once we had stocked the van we made the 300 mile journey via the ferry. When we entered the camp it was instantly clear how great a need there is there, as there's approximately 7000 refugees camping in awful conditions. It is mostly young men in the camp from numerous different countries affected by war and poverty, however there was also a large women's section



in the camp, and a number of children too. We linked up with a local charity there called 'L'auberge Des Migrants International' and it was encouraging to see the volunteer work already going on there through the organisation, and people who had committed months of their time to help the refugees. However it was quite easy to feel overwhelmed by the scale of people

living on that wasteland. They estimate around 100 refugees are arriving every week, with no sign of them being allowed into the UK, or being given proper housing in France. None the less it was still encouraging to see the small but instant impact we had by providing the items we brought to the charity, and helping distribute coats to the refugees. It's opened my eyes to the need, and I look forward to exploring what more we as a church and community can do to help our fellow human beings.

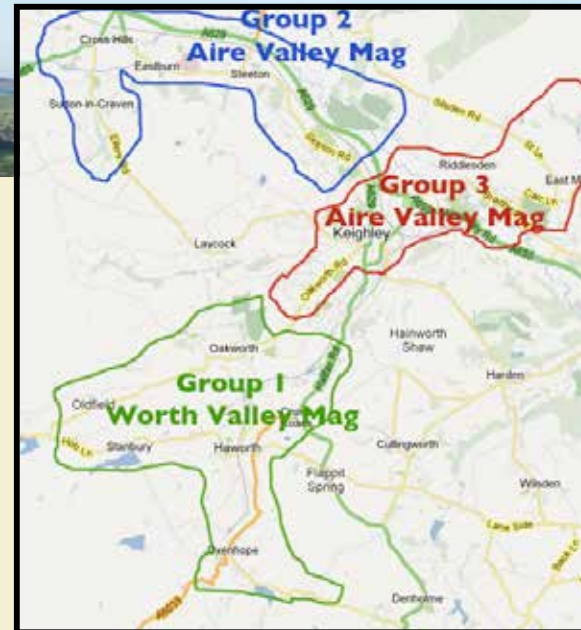
A massive thank you to all who contributed in the lead up to the trip. We were overwhelmed by the donations of items – we couldn't fit them all in the van! Martin is considering another trip to Calais and we are also exploring other ways of helping the refugees as some get placed in the Bradford area – so watch this space!

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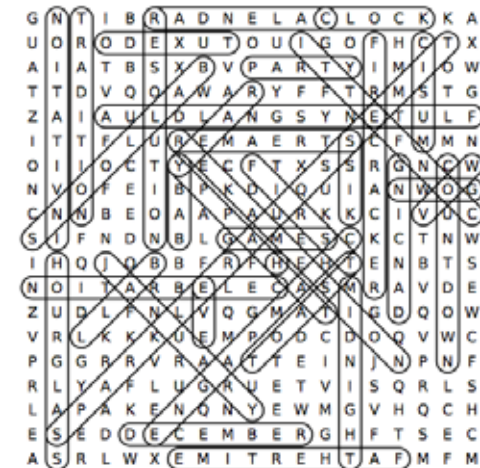
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