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It's no surprise the theme of this month is shopping. Between discovering the Magic of Haworth Main Street, the Keighley Town Centre Pledge, and the Airedale Shopping Centre late night openings, there is plenty of time and incentive to shop until you drop! But instead we are recommending you fully embrace the season, enjoy the experience, stop for coffee and cake, meet an old friend for a chat; take in a carol concert or pantomime. Make the most of the festivities and allow yourself to feel the joy!

The Steeton Village Hub Knitting Group has created a very impressive display in Saint Stephens church which is well worth a visit! (p26).

There is much excitement and anticipation around the impending

broadcast of the BBC Bronte themed drama 'To Walk Invisible' by Sally Wainwright. What a great occasion to gather and watch together. Set your TV to record Thursday December 29th, 9pm



BBC1. Local photographer, John Sargent, was privileged to take many behind the scenes photos on the sets in and around Haworth. You can view his images online or via his various social media channels (p22).

From the whole team at Worth Valley Publishing, we wish you a wonderful festive season. Be well and enjoy a happy and healthy 2017. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Liz Barker



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Christmastide Baked Apples

I love baked apples. And I love the spicy tastes of Christmas. This recipe is very similar to food people have celebrated with in Britain for a very long time! Good served with yoghurt, custard or ice-cream, for that cold/hot sensation.

Ingredients (per person):

Cooking apple
2-4 teaspoonfuls of honey
Tablespoon sultanas and /or chopped dates
Tablespoon of chopped nuts like walnuts or almonds
A couple of pinches of cinnamon,
little pinch nutmeg
A few drops of vanilla flavouring

Instructions:

Heat your oven to gas mark 4 or 180oC Grease a baking tin lightly with oil However many apples you want to cook, try and choose similar sized ones, so that they will be cooked around the same time Carefully cut out the core of the apples, while leaving a bit of apple at the bottom so that you make a sort of deep bowl. Try and keep this in tact so that the honey does not run out. Fill in the bottom if you cut away too much. If necessary cut the base of your apple flat.

Score all the way round the outside of the apple (its circumference) with a sharp knife. Just cut the skin, not deep into the flesh. This will help with cooking.

Mix nuts, sultanas, honey, cinnamon, nutmeg and vanilla together in a bowl and then spoon this into the apple holes (avoid honey spilling over to prevent burning) Fill all your apples you want to cook, place



on the baking tray. Place the tray of apples in the oven

Cooking time depends on apple size,

however a 250g apple takes 35 minutes, When cooked they should be soft and fluffy, and the top 'risen' from where you scored the skin.

Gently insert a fork to check softness (they may burn a little before they are all cooked through).

Note these are VERY hot when cooked. Leave to slightly cool if ouy are serving them to children.

Alternatives: Add some grated orange zest or mincemeat and chopped nuts mixed together

Cath Bromwich is a cookery teacher & forager. Her livelihood includes sessions such as Cooking for Special Diets, Cooking on a budget and outdoor 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





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Following on from our article last month, we take to the cobbled pavement again; this, our second visit, is in search of more magic on Haworth's Main Street.

We begin at the top of the Street at Mrs. Beightons where over 500 varieties of sweets including hundreds in traditional jars, await our selection. The range is mind



blowing...50 varieties of liquorice, 10 fruity flavours of Bon bons; it brings us

right back to childhood. With a bag of midget gems in hand we are suitably fortified and ready to head out on our retail excursion.

Straight away H&L Fashions catches our

eye with a male mannequin displayed in front of the shop dressed in a dapper tweed patterned suit. The shop offers a ' Not on the High Street' experience with both men and ladies clothing in an extensive range of sizes. Bargain



hunters will love to rummage through the bins of hats & scarves, as well as other accessories in the shop like snoods, gloves & costume jewellery. There is a Fabulous Christmas Stocking Filler offer, choose 5 items for $\pounds 20$.

> Two doors away, Firths Boutique mixes designer chic and quirky footwear as well as a new gentlemen's clothing

department. Joe Brown, Irregular Choice, Ruby Shoo, and Poetic Licence highlight the unique footwear; and Oxford Blue, a new luxury outdoor range, features quality waxed coats with hats to match. If you were thinking about buying a Barbour jacket this season, the Oxford Blue selection is a great alternative.

Around the corner and past the post office is The Cabinet of Curiosities, a sparkly addition to Haworth. Formerly known as The Apothecary and home to Rose & Co., the new shop, as the name suggests, has an intriguing array of gifts and curiosities, as well as the familiar potions, lotions, and hand-poured candles. Many of the curiosities are displayed in glass domed cases making quite unique statements. Faux insects, butterflies, skulls, shells, and all manner of unusual objects are displayed and for sale. A delightful pop up Christmas



shop at the rear sells beautiful ornaments, preserves, cakes, and sweets.

If vintage is your thing, our next destination is not to be missed. The Souk is a truly one

off opportunity to step back in time and get lost in a search for clothing, accessories, costume jewellery and selected bric a brac from the 20th century. It is a treasure trove like Aladdin's cave; the hat pins and brooches alone will keep you occupied for hours. If you have something specific in mind be sure to ask Diane the proprietor for help; she will make the most of your shopping quest for vintage treasures.

Wave of Nostalgia is located across from The Souk. It is really a shop of two parts. Initially it is a fun and cheeky gift shop, with things like Alice in Wonderland themed gifts, Audrey Hepburn 'Breakfast at Tiffany's' type cushions, stationery, and a small rack of interesting vintage styled clothing. Look a bit closer and you discover a made to measure service; garments created from unusual fabrics. Classic 40's 50"s & 60's style patterns are updated with cheerful and modern twists according to a customer's desire. [We'd choose the Audrey dress in the power women fabric]

Daisy Days is our next choice for serious

retail therapy. Mostly British made & ethically sourced clothing, gifts, cards, jewellery, and homeware fill the shelves as well as surprises like chalk paint for your very own DIY home projects. Brands include Avoca, Seasalt, and many independent artists and craftsmen. The Bronte themed flat caps by Yorkshire designer Rhian Kempadoo-Millar make a fabulous gift; and paper-cut-out lampshades by Hebden Bridge artist Hannah

lampshades by Hebden Bridge artist, Hannah Nunn, are also very popular. Solmate socks and Sew Heart slippers will make for smiles all around on Christmas morning.



Last stop and by no means least, one of our favourite spots on the Main Street is Hawksby's Gallery of Delights. It says it all in the name. This carefully curated shop with its whimsical spirit is certainly a delightful place to both browse and buy works of art in ceramic, print, sculpture, jewellery, and the odd antique. It also has the most beautiful range of private press and artsy cards in Haworth. We like the fact that Hawksby's is both unpretentious and affordable. There are some pricey

pieces, but the investment and pleasure value outway the strain on your wallet. You can't go wrong with Hawksby's.



A number of shops on Haworth Main Street will remain open until 8pm on Thursday the 15th (along with the Parsonage gift shop) and Saturday the 18th of December. Look out for special discounts and festive treats. Enjoy!



In a society where long distance communication takes no more than the click of the mouse or tap on a screen, loneliness is a silent killer affecting one million older people in the UK. Labelled 'The Age of Loneliness', there is nothing trivial, comical or romantic about this condition. Yet the deeply ingrained stigma surrounding the concept of loneliness prevails.

Loneliness is not the same as being alone but about not feeling connected. It is a complex and often unexplained emotional response to feelings of isolation or lack of companionship. Experiences of bereavement, divorce, relocation or starting university are some of the major life changes that can be a precursor to loneliness.

Whilst commonly accepted that loneliness is a great affliction that often affects the elderly, research concludes that loneliness affects people of all ages. In an increasingly ageing society, severe loneliness in the over 50's is currently rising at an astonishing speed. Britain is now known to be the loneliness capital of Europe.

Interestingly, married couples or those with a partner are not exempt from loneliness,

giving credence to the belief that it is not the quantity but the quality of relationships that are significant. An individual surrounded by lots of people can still feel lonely - hence the expression 'lonely in a crowd'. Yet there is nothing inherently problematic about solitude itself and some may prefer to be alone and foster solitude or simply try to achieve a balanced compromise. Whilst the evolution of the internet may appear to bring people closer, social media actually promotes superficial, less rewarding relationships that can result in isolation. Face to face interactions offer areater opportunities for more sustainable relationships.

The short dark days of winter serve as a reminder that loneliness can also be a signal, a pivotal time to motivate and connect with others. An awareness and compassion for those who struggle with everyday things like shopping, offering a lift or posting a letter could make a difference.

Volunteers are always needed to make a weekly phone call to a lonely person – or perhaps you would welcome a friendly phone call through the safety and security of the Silver Line? The Silver Line operates the only confidential, free helpline for older people across the UK that's open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There are no strict age limits so, if you think it's for you, it's for you.



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The winner will be selected from all correct answers received by 20th January 2017.



Last month's location was Kildwick Primary School. The winner was Barrie McWhinney of Silsden.

photo by John Sargent

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JANUARY

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Naughty but Nice Juice

This juice is basically a Bloody Mary for the 21st century. You can take it whatever way suits your temperament or mood. Keep it clean and cosmic or go full on galactic with vodka & spice. Either way, it will put a zing in your Christmas step and a smile on your face.

It may be winter but use the best tomatoes available, and make sure they are ripe! Add horseradish for additional pucker power. The garlic and jalapeno are antimicrobial, in other words, they will blast out whatever bacteria or fungi ails you! (Just tell friends it is a medicinal thing) Have yourself a very Merry Naughty but Nice Juice. Cheers!



- 8-10 large ripe plum tomatoes
- I stalk of celery (use small ribs and leaves as garnish)
- I large cucumber
- I green bell pepper
- I jalapeno (pull out the seeds & ribs if you like it mild or choose another chillie of choice)
- 2 carrots
- I clove of garlic
- 2 limes
- 2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tbsp. of tomato paste
- 2 pinches of sea salt
- cracked pepper to taste

vodka (optional) small inner celery ribs with tops



Haworth Wholefoods and Worth Valley Mag bring you fresh juice recipes to celebrate the launch of Haworth Wholefoods fruit & veggie boxes.

Method:

Rinse the vegetables and the limes. (No need to peel if you have a powerful juicer). Uice them up and pour into a pitcher.Add the sauce, paste, salt, and pepper and stir. Serve over ice. Add vodka if you'd like and garnish with celery tops. Yield 8-10 servings





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Diane Park at Wave of Nostalgia is delighted to introduce sewing classes at her workshop in Haworth

welcome.

needles. thread. a beginning February 2017, Students bring their own sewing machine and receive one to one tuition within a course handouts. small class environment. Beginners Contact Diane for details: and more advanced students are 01535 538352

Sew Happy!

The latest brain wave at Haworth's quirky gift & clothing boutique is the introduction of short courses in sewing. The workshops are project based, and run for 2-4 hours each. at the end of which, each student will create either an apron, a skirt, a dress. or a blouse. Each course includes a very snazzy project folder & carrving case, along with goodies like tailor's chalk, a 'quick unpick', pattern, and various



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SATURDAY 7 JANUARY, 2pm Parsonage Wrapped – Behind the Scenes at the Museum

What happens during our closed period? Experience the Museum as you've never seen it before.

SATURDAY 14 JANUARY, 2pm Meet the Author - Samantha Ellis

Samantha will discuss her fascination with Anne Brontë, the subject of her new book.

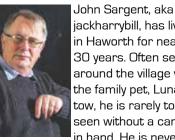
SATURDAY 21 JANUARY, 2pm Building the Brontës with Grant Montgomery The production designer of To Walk Invisible tells all

SATURDAY 28 JANUARY, 12pm, 2pm, 4pm Branwell Brontë's Haworth Haunts

Storytelling walks with Ursula Holden-Gill, suitable for all the family. The Museum will be closed 3-31 January but the shop will be open daily from 4 January. Visit www.bronte.org.uk for full opening times, booking information and tickets.

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jackharrybill, has lived in Haworth for nearly 30 years. Often seen around the village with the family pet, Luna, in tow, he is rarely to be seen without a camera in hand. He is never

happier than when using a camera for stills or video.

Find more of his prolific work, including behind the scenes on the film set To Walk Invisible, on the web via Instagram, Twitter, Facebook and Flickr by searching for jackharrybill (Youtube may even give you a reason for that handle!).

If you need a photographer get in touch with him via

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January at **Brontë Parsonage** Museum



Banish the January blues by feasting on our exciting programme of events

Brontë Parsonage MUSEUM



BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM



Everyone at the Museum would agree that one of the highlights of 2016 has been our involvement with Sally Wainwright's new Brontë drama, To Walk Invisible. Sally and her team have been regular visitors to the Parsonage and she has become an honorary member of the BPM team. Here's Sally to tell us more:

Tell us a little about yourself:

I am very boring. All I do is work. I can't be bothered with people in real life, I wish they would all leave me alone, I just want to live in cloud cuckoo land in my head.

Tell us about a typical day working on To Walk Invisible:

When we were filming out and about in Haworth, in Main Street and at the build on Penistone Hill, no one day was typical, but in the studio in Manchester our days were pretty regular: we started filming at 8am every day. I'd turn up at 7am and go through my shot list with Nathan, my 1st assistant, and then with David, the Director of Photography. At 8am the actors arrived on set. We would then rehearse the first scene we were shooting

that day. I usually rehearse for about half an hour, and then we show the scene to the crew. David then sets the lights and the actors go off for further dressing and make-up, and the art department dress the set adding anything particular to the scene we're about to shoot. The 3rd assistant brings me about fifteen cups of coffee while I wait for the lights to be set, and then we shoot the scene. If that makes it sound quick and easy, it'll be four hours before we're onto the next scene.

What is your favourite item in the **Museum's collection?**

Emily's bedroom (also known as the Children's Study)

And your favourite piece of Brontë writing?

The Prisoner by Emily Brontë: "Now dawns the invisible, the unseen its truth reveals. my outward sense is gone, my inward essence feels, its wings are almost free, its home its harbour found, measuring the gulf it stoops and dares the final bound, oh dreadful is the check, intense the agony when the ear begins to hear and the eye begins to see, when the pulse begins the throb, the brain to think again, the soul to feel the flesh and the flesh to feel the chain. Yet I would lose no sting, would wish no torture less, the sooner anguish racks, the earlier it will bless, and robed in fires of hell, or bright with heavenly shine, if it but herald death the vision is divine."

Anything else you'd like to tell us?

To Walk Invisible is going to be on BBC1 at 9pm on Thurs 29th Dec 2016. And I'm filming the South Bank Show at the Parsonage and at Shibden Hall in Halifax this week!

photo: John Sargent

Dementia Friendly Keighley seated excercise 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. Every Monday at 4pm (except bank holidays) Seasonal Walks - go walking with KHL. Short hour long walks around Devonshire Park. Cliffe Castle Park. River Worth & Parkwood. Starting from KHL, 13 Scott Street, Keighley, BD21 2JH (behind the library) More info call 01535 677177.

Every 2nd Tuesday 10am - 12pm 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.

Coffee Stop Every Friday 10.30am - noon at Trinity Church, Fell Lane, Keighley, Serving Fairtrade coffee & tea. Call in for a friendly chat.

Church Green 50+ Ruggers meet in the Shared Church Hall (between Church Green & Morrisons in Keighley) on the first Wednesday in every month, 10.00-12.00hrs. . £2 per session. Refreshments available in Age UK cafe next door. Phone Amy or Michael on 01535 669605 or email amy@oaktex.co.uk.

Sun 11th Dec 11am to 4.30pm Laycock Village Hall will be holding their annual Christmas Tea Room

Haworth Brass Band will be playing. Santa will be in attendance with little



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gifts for children. Come along to enjoy good company and a snack or light lunch and get into the Christmas spirit. Wed 14 th Dec 6 30pm Community Carols at Trinity Church, Fell Lane, Keighley to include Nessfield Primary School Choir. Followed by tea and mince pies. All welcome! Sat 17th & Sun 18th Dec Carol

> Singers & Enterainment in Haworth.

Festive family weekend, full

of Christmas Cheer, with various street entertainment up and down the charming Main Street, lined with gift shops & tea rooms. Lots to see and buy, you might even catch a glimpse of a very

special someone called Santa. Sat 17th & Sun 18th 10am - 4pm. Haworth Craft Fairs at Haworth Old School Rooms

Sun 18th Dec 10 30am Service of Carols and Readings at Trinity Church. Fell Lane, Keighley

Mon 19th Dec 7.00pm The Big Carol Service at Keighley Shared Church. Sat 24th Dec 4pm Christmas Eve

Communion Service. Led by Rev Brenda Sugden at Trinity Church, Fell Lane, Keighley.

Sun 25th Dec 12 - 4.30pm Community Christmas Dinner (3 course meal for those who would otherwise be on their own),Central Hall, Keighley Call Julie Lintern 01535 612500 booking is

essential.

Tues 27th Dec 10am - 4.30pm **Dec Keighley Model Raiway Club** Christmas Open Day at the Club Rooms, Keighley Business Centre, Knowle Mill, South Street, Keighley.. Adults £3.50 Children £2.50. Catering, free parking and lift access.

Sun 1st Jan 12 noon Funny Hat & Wig

Walk at Bingley Town Square 5 mile circular walk (bring packed lunch). Meet Barbara Walker at Bingley Market Square for a mainly flat walk on good path. Wear a funny hat! Weds 4th,11th, 18th & 25th Jan 9.30am - 11.30am Behind Closed Doors at East Riddlesden Hall. Have

vou ever wondered how the National Trust cares for historic houses? Experience a unique behind the scenes tour. Booking is essential call 0344 2491895.

Mon 9th Jan 2pm Meeting Point at Trinity Church, Fell Lane, Keighley Mr Robert Moorby "Entertains" 16th - 21st Jan Private Lives at Keighley Playhouse. Elvot and Amanda, once married and now honeymooning with new spouses at the same hotel, meet by chance, reignite the old spark and impulsively elope. After days of being reunited, they again find their fiery romance alternating between passions of love and anger. Their aggrieved spouses appear and a roundelay of affiliations ensues as the women first stick together, then apart, and new partnerships are formed. A

uniquely humorous play. Weds 18th .25th Jan 12.15pm -1pm Lunch time walk with Friends of Devonshire Park. Meet at Park main gates Spring Gardens Lane. Thurs 19th Jan 7.30pm Oxenhope Gardening Club in Oxenhope Community Centre, Shaw Lane, Graham Porter: Make the best use of small spaces. Taking time out from his work presenting the Sunday morning gardening programme on Radio Leeds, will give us ideas on how to maximise the value of your precious square metres in a small garden.Entry £3 nonmembers.

Sat 28th Jan 9.30am - 4pm Victoria Hall, Saltaire Vintage, Home & Fashion

Fair With 40+ stalls of vintage loveliness for you and your home including genuine vintage fashion, such as 1940's tea dresses, 1950's prom gowns, jewellery, accessories, furniture, homewares, vintage vinyl, toys, books, kitchenalia and collectables,

Sat 28th Jan - Sat 4th Feb Jack & the Beanstalk Pantomime at Victoria Hall, Keighlev.

Sun 29th Jan 2pm Music by Haworth Ukulele Group at Cliffe Castle Museum, Keighley. Join us for our first FREE musical performance of the new year Haworth Ukulele group consists of an informal and enthusaitic group of musicians of varying ability. Expect an ecclectic mix of musical treats from Bing Crosby to Boomtown Rats and anything inbetween. No need to book, just turn up and enjoy.

Mon 6th Feb 2pm Meeting Point at Trinity Church, Fell Lane, Keighley. Mr Maurice Baren "My Life without Flowers"

Please support local trade



Steeton Village hub knitting group have knitted a model of the village church and memorial. It is a beautiful hand crafted representation which will be on display in St Stephens Church for all to see for the next few weeks.

Diane Danby led the group of knitters who all contributed to the project giving their time and wools to help create the model. The group are extremely proud of their masterpiece. Any money raised will be donated to towards the vital repair work needed on St Stephens Church roof, £150,000 needs to be raised for the works. All donations extremely welcome for this good cause donation box is inside the church.

St Stephen's Church, Steeton will be open 10-12noon Saturdays for people to view. Please contact Diane Danby for more information on 01535 658285.







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Keighley & Worth Valley Railway Events 2017



Hosting the nation's favourite steam locomotive, Flying Scotsman, is something special and I'm very excited to be able to confirm that the National Railway Museum has announced the programme of events for 2017 and we are booked for a visit 1st to 9th April.

Further information will follow now that we can focus on the detail, having secured the visit. Flying Scotsman is visiting only three heritage railways in 2017, and we are the only one in the north, so are looking forward to a very busy few days of activity and passengers. As a result, booking for a journey behind Flying Scotsman will be needed and we will share details of how to book shortly. We are keeping this page updated with the very latest news as plans are finalised: www.kwvr.co.uk/ flyingscotsman/

Between then and now, we continue to have a programme of events, including Santa and his Pixies on board the Santa Specials in the weekends before Christmas. The Santa Specials are virtually all sold out, but you can still enjoy the festive atmosphere on the heritage diesel service that operates alongside the Santa Specials, with the added advantage that local residents card discounts can be enjoyed on tickets for the diesel trains. We then continue the festivities after Christmas Day, with our ever-popular Mince Pie specials, running from **Boxing** Day right through to January 2nd and pre-booking isn't needed for the Mince Pie Specials.

Next March sees the return of the Spring Gala weekend, when from the 3rd to 5th March passengers can enjoy seeing a

variety of services running, often including double-headed trains, demonstration freight operations and the chance to travel in rarely-used vintage carriages.

All of this couldn't be achieved without our team of over 500 volunteers, supported



by just a handful of staff. This year our volunteers have replaced Oakworth Level Crossing, which we know our neighbours are

grateful for, as well as dealing with plenty of other behind the scenes engineering and maintenance tasks. We also had to contend with the Boxing Day flooding, as did many of you I appreciate, which drew heavily on our volunteers to deal with the deluge. So I do hope that you will join me thanking them on your behalf for all their work to keep the wheels turning of our national treasure and will consider making a new year's resolution to join as a volunteer.







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