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It's the month we celebrate love. We are reminded to be good to ourselves, indulge someone who is dear to us, or

express our heartfelt desires.

In this edition we've placed love hearts next to various experiences and opportunities for you to participate in or ideas for treating a loved one: Enjoy a steam adventure on the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway, buy a Snappy Days photo gift voucher, escape to a beautiful villa in Spain; these are a few of the ideas brimming from our pages. Some are exclusive offers for this month only so scoop them up while they are going!

Jo Longbottom has shared a few of her beautiful poems on the subject of, you guessed it, love. Beware, they may bring a tear...so have a box of tissues on hand.

We are thrilled to celebrate the announcement that Le Tour de France will wheel its way through the Aire & Worth Valleys in 2014. What a privilege and honour to host such a prestigious and world class event in our part of the world. And what a great opportunity for us to showcase the beauty and distinctiveness of Yorkshire. Plans are already underway to take full advantage of this unique event and ensure a legacy is in place for the years that follow. If you have a particular interest or want to get involved in planning for Le Tour please contact us on 01535 642227, or info@ worthvallevmaa.co.uk

You will find more news on the Fairtrade front in the centre spread of this month's magazine. Congratulations Fairtrade Yorkshire for becoming the world's first FT Region! Have a great month! Liz

Liz Barker, editor @LocalGlobalGirl



TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL PARENT TEACHER MEETING



Preparing for the parent teacher meeting is important if you are to get maximum value from the opportunity. Parents evenings can be a little stressful, on both sides of the desk, and realising that

the participants are both on the same side - the child's - and knowing when additional help is needed are the keys to a successful parent teacher conversation.

Here is the Tutor Doctor list of tips for parents to help them get the most out of these critical meetings.

 First, ask your child if there is anything he or she wants you to discuss with the teacher. They are likely to know what they struggle with most and if there



are any other problems. If they are to attend you still need to have this conversation as part of your preparation.

Write your questions and concerns in

advance, and bring that list to the meeting and don't forget to refer to it.

- Arrive on time or early. There is often the opportunity to have a look at the work the class has been doing.
- Turn off your mobile phone or put it on vibrate or silent. Even it there is a babysitting crisis it can probably wait. The time in the meeting is precious and limited
- Thank the teacher for his or her time and hard work.
- · Take notes during the meeting.

• Do not rely on this meeting as the only opportunity to discuss your child's progress with the teacher. See if it is possible to set up regularly scheduled telephone or e-mail discussions with the teacher. If you have conserned ask for another in-person parent teacher meeting when you feel it is necessary to reassess goals.

After the meeting, consider ways to help reinforce what you and the teacher are trying to instill regarding academic, organisational and behavioural skills. These skills will be increasingly important as your child approches adulthood. There are

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Getting the Good Picture Buzz.

There are many reasons that we take pictures, but when it comes to the enjoyment of photography, what makes it worthwhile is what I like to call 'The Good Picture Buzz,' says Paul Barker.

and think, 'That is a great shot. I can't wait improve. to show it to someone else'.

Getting that feeling is within the grasp of anyone with a camera. It only takes a little coaching to move from taking basic snapshots to well composed, technically

well executed photographs.

If you are looking to get more from your camera, be it the simplest compact or the latest DSLR, a course taught by Paul Barker, professional photographer with almost 25 years experience working It's the feeling when you push the shutter for the national media, is a great way to

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Local business referral group, Airedale

Aspire, starts 2013 with the news it has generated around three-quarters of a million pounds worth of business during 2012.

As one of the most successful business networking groups in the area, Airedale Aspire is made up of a broad cross section of friendly business professionals who are all dedicated to helping each grow further.

"It's a great group to belong to," said membership co-ordinator
Steve Burles. "As well as being a really good way to meet other like-minded business people in the area, there's a good social side to the group."

Potential new members are encouraged to sample the group in action by going along as visitors to the regular Thursday morning breakfast meetings at Central Hall, Alice Street, Keighley. Or they can attend a special visitor day at Central Hall on Thursday February 21.

Said group director Mick Jordan: "Either way, people will have a good opportunity to chat informally with members and find out more. It's also a chance to see for themselves how business referrals work and how belonging to the group can make a real difference to their business.

"The meeting will begin at 7.00am, but because the format is so profitable, most of us arrive for networking by 6.45am. There is a nominal meeting fee of £10, which includes breakfast and the venue has ample free parking."

Anyone interested in attending should call Steve on 07778 489332 or visit the group's website, www.AiredaleAspire.co.uk for more information.

Members themselves receive more than

just good referrals (since it first started in 2010, more than 2,400 business referrals have been passed). Everyone is provided with structured training programmes that cover a range of subjects, from presentation skills to ideas for marketing your business.

Social events are important too - the last one being at Keighley Golf Club with a talk by a representative from local

brewery Timothy Taylors. And this year, Airedale Aspire is sponsoring the first ever Keighley Business Awards. It is sponsoring the Special Recognition Award, the only one voted for by the public.

Said training and events coordinator Tony Lee: "For local business people looking to grow their business, Airedale Aspire really does offer a terrific return on investment as well as the chance to meet and socialise with some of the areas most successful business owners."

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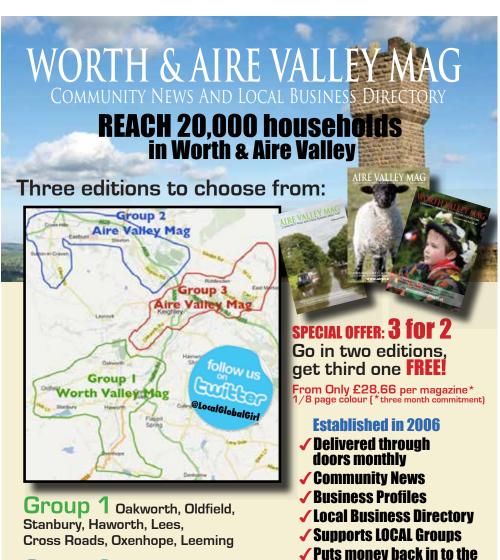
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COUNTRY COOKING & FORAGING FOR FOOD

For the promotion of Health & Wellbeing by Cath Bromwich

I recently completed a three-month cookery course at the renowned Ballymaloe Cookery School, in County Cork, Ireland. The Allen family, including Rachel Allen the TV chef, teach cookery here on an organic farm. This was very much up my street because of my passion for seasonal eating, local produce and traditional ways of feeding ourselves. Like the Allens, I am a keen forager and like to supplement a meal with food gathered from the hedgerows and fells.

I have a strong interest in the seasonal cycle of food and the natural rhythm of food production and consumption. Each month I will be giving you ideas and recipes to help you take part in this traditional cycle. I will be discussing the best times to eat certain meats, and giving you ideas about how to make your pennies stretch further by taking a tip or two from the past. I also hope to introduce you to some of the local producers of foods we cover in this column.

As we go through the year, I hope to introduce you to the joys and pitfalls of foraging to produce such seasonal delights as Easter Pudding using highly nutritious wild Spring greens, fresh wild garlic pesto, elder flower cordial, summer puddings including bilberry pie, autumn preserves such as blackberry and apple jelly; and to finish off the year with preparations to tide us over the lean Winter months including Vitamin C-packed rosehips gathered after the first frost (see photo).

What I am particularly interested in is what our grandparents would have been eating at different times in the year; what is traditional in this part of Yorkshire? And so I would like to ask you to share any family recipes and traditions you may have relating to seasonal and local food.

This month, I am going be collecting orange and lemon skins to make into

candied peel for cakes and buscuits...and even use some later in the year for next year's Christmas pud! (Top Tip: Freeze Seville oranges whole now, whilst in season, to make marmalade later in the year.)



Citrus fruit candied peel

Collect any orange or lemon peel if you have juiced the insides for other cooking purposes. You can keep them a few days until you have approximately a dozen. I'm going to try freezing a few to help me get to this amount

Put the peel in a non-metallic bowl. Add a teaspoon of salt and then cover with cold water. Stand for approximately 24 hours. Throw away the water and cover the peel with fresh water, this time in a pan. Boil gently for about 3 hours until soft. Take the fruit out and scrape out any flesh, leaving pith (white inside bit) and peel. Slice to shape desired.

Dissolve 3lb sugar in a generous pint of water. Gently simmer the peel in this for up to an hour.

When the peel is translucent remove and place in sterilized jars. Peel keeps up to 2 months or longer in the fridge. Use in cooking e.g. cakes and biscuits.

Recipe adapted but originally from Darina Allen, Forgotten Skills of Cooking

Cath Bromwich, a Silsden resident, a cookery teacher and forager with a background in health promotion. Her livelihood includes foraging, general and health-related cookery for different conditions such as diabetes and coeliac disease. For more information, or to pass on your stories and recipes, contact Cath at cath_bromwich@hotmail.com









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It's not often you'll hear the French and the English singing each other's praises. The age old rivalry between us 'Roast Beefs' and those 'Frogs Legs' goes back centuries, but now it would seem we have finally found something we can both agree on: Yorkshire is brilliant!

If you haven't already heard the news, then I'd like to take this opportunity to tell you (very proudly) that Yorkshire has been chosen as the starting point and host of two stages of the Tour de France 2014.

At a press conference to announce the route of 'Le Grand Depart', Christian Prudhomme (general director of the TDF) seemed genuinely blown away by our beautiful county, and cited our scenery and heritage as major reasons for the committee's decision to choose us over other strong contenders such as Edinburgh and Florence. After Team GB's recent exceptional performances in cycling, the organisers of Le Tour said they

Christian Prudhomme; a bromance made in Yorkshire!

Welcome to Yorkshire Chief, Gary Verity, and TDF Director

were keen to return to the UK 'as soon as possible'.

While the race has been through London and across the South coast before, it has never visited the North of England. It's a phenomenal coup for Welcome to Yorkshire, championed by Chief Exec Gary Verity.

Up to 3 million people are expected to line the streets along the route of the race, which is the biggest annual sporting event in the world, and over 3 billion viewers are expected to watch it on television.

Welcome to Yorkshire is calling this our 'opportunity to welcome the world', and that it will be a 'wonderful advert for our



county'. Hotels and B&Bs in the area have started getting booked up already, which is an indication of the the boost in tourism that the race will provide for our district. It's our chance to show off!

Plans to hold a cultural festival on the run-up to the festival are underway, and the excitement and coverage of Le Tour is sure to inspire people of all ages to get involved with cycling. Stage 1 starts on 5th July 2014 in Leeds, and goes through Harewood, Otley, Ilkley and Skipton before heading through the Yorkshire Dales and over to Harrogate. Stage 2 begins the next day in York, and continues on to Knaresborough, Silsden, Keighley, Haworth, Oxenhope, Hebden Bridge, Huddersfield and then to Sheffield. Go online to www.letour.yorkshire.com to find out where you can see the race when it arrives; maybe it's even going past your door! (report by @dollypop)

Welcome to Stanbury Le Tour de France

Residents in Stanbury were pleased to find out that their village will be included in the second stage of Le Tour de France Grand Depart in 2014.

Stan, the colourful sculpture sheep that depicts the local landscape and the newly appointed mascot of Stanbury has been placed at the village entrance with a sign reading "Welcome to Stanbury Le Tour de France" Plans are already under way to gather the community and celebrate this unique event.

Stanbury Parish Councillor John Suckling and wife Lynda pose with other village residents to show their excitement and enthusiasm.

"We are delighted to have this world class sporting event include our little Pennine village. We'll be sure to get the bunting out and make the most of it!"

photo by Paul Barker

Let us know how your community plans to celebrate the Tour de France 2014 and we might publish your story! 642227

"Things are changing, people are caring, world leaders are listening."

Just like Make Poverty History in 2005, the recently launched IF campaign is

expected to be huge. Led by around 100 organisations it aims to put an end to global hunger and is timed to put pressure on the world leaders meeting in Northern Ireland for the G8 summit in June.

www.enoughfoodif.org

The Fairtrade Foundation is to launch 'Make food Fair' during the annual Fairtrade Fortnight when events take place across the UK

These are just a couple of examples which demonstrate the call to action to stop the immoral use of the world's resources and exploitation of billions of people.

We simply cannot ignore the fact that despite there being sufficient food in the world to feed everyone, 2 million children still die each year due to malnutrition. This is utterly unacceptable and preventable

But, there is good news, from local to global.

On Friday 18th January, Yorkshire was declared the first Fairtrade Region This means that at least 67% of the



population of Yorkshire live in a Fairtrade place as defined by the Fairtrade Foundation. The all day launch event

began with a coffee morning at Riddings Hall Ilkley, which included a performance of a specially-composed Fairtrade version of the Yorkshire anthem "On Ilkley Moor Baht 'at" In Leeds, MPs Greg Mulholland and Hilary Benn attended an afternoon schools event at the Civic Hall, then the formal declaration was made in the evening at a reception at the Mansion House in York. Bruce Crowther the founding father of Fairtrade Towns and Adam Gardner from the Fairtrade Foundation joined campaigners and supporters from across the region including the Archbishop of York. The Lord Mayors of Bradford, Leeds and York also attended the events, along with representatives from The Co-operative Membership, sponsoring the day.

To quote Archbishop Dr John Sentamu, one of the speakers

"We should all be very proud today that we can stand up and say Yorkshire is a beacon, lighting the way forward for the rest of our nation, on issues of fair pay.



Dr. John Sentamu Archbishop of York

When we see unfairness and suffering we have a duty to step in and intervene with love, generosity and kindness. Not because it is the right thing to do, but because we have a moral obligation to do so. Fairtrade is not simply about generosity, it is about justice."

Yorkshire has a long association with the struggle for workers' rights and dignity, from Sir Titus Salt and the old textile mills of the West Riding, the famous anti-slavery campaigning of Yorkshireman William Wilberforce, to the Rowntree family, leading by example the issue of tackling poverty. We could also add the preachings and dedication of Patrick Bronte; they all strove to improve the lives of workers and promote equality. Fair trade is an extension of that vision and ethos for the wider world.

The Fair trade idea is not new, when the Haworth group started 10 years ago the

concept had already been around since 1946 with the first formal "Fair Trade" shop opening in the USA in 1958. It was when Fairtrade Towns came along in 2001 with a structure and direction that everyone previously involved in trade justice or who had environmental concerns, was given a voice to actually 'do' something. It's an initiative which has caught the imagination of the public and inspired hundreds of thousands in 24 Countries so far. We have become part of a Global movement which consists of Towns, Villages, Zones, Cities, Counties, Islands even. Now, from Holmfirth to Hull and Sheffield to Scarborough, Yorkshire is the worlds first Fairtrade Region.

Closer to home

During Fairtrade Fortnight, our area will be hosting a visit from Palestinian Fairtrade olive farmers on 26th and 27th February. Sales of Zaytoun olive oil, sun dried tomatoes, dates etc are providing a desperately needed economic lifeline for those farmers struggling to live in a conflict zone. Contact the chair of Fairtrade Bradford 07703 778261 if you would like to know more about the plans.

The Fairtrade Bradford zone groups will be getting creative and making a variety of objects from sculptured trees to altar cloths, all fabricated from Fairtrade packaging, the theme for this year. We'd love to know if you are doing anything yourselves or if you want to be involved locally, in your own workplace community group etc.; we have supporting materials and would be delighted to help you.

There are exciting plans for the launch of Fairtrade Keighley and work is already underway to work with schools and businesses in the district, again, we appeal to any supporters to contact us if you are interested to know more or be on the steering group.



What you can do right now

Haworth has taken up the 90kg rice challenge, this is the amount which a farmer in Malawi needs to sell at a fair price to pay for one year's education of a child, although primary education is free, only 30% can afford to go on to secondary education. The country is one of the poorest in the world but is very democratic, has a free press and a tradition of peace. For every 11 groups or schools in Yorkshire taking up the 90kg challenge we will have sold one tonne.

You can pick up a bag of brown or white rice for £2.99 kg from Sonias Smile, Oates and Wiles and Cobbles and Clay in Main Street or West Lane Baptist Church, Haworth.

So you see, it's easy to be involved, positive actions today on your doorstep feed into a massive and organised force with a clear intention. Created by ordinary people doing extraordinary things result in a powerful message, reaching and influencing those who will make the decisions in June, affecting humanity and the future of our planet.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT by Carole Hill of Skipton Wellness Centre

Former chain store manager, Carole Hill had to sample food products for her company and became a compulsive eater. She turned her life around, shedding 5.5 stone, and now helps others to achieve a healthy lifestyle through nutrition and exercise:

I understand the frustration of futile New Year's resolutions, after being trapped in a cycle of yo-yo dieting for 23 years. **So here are ten top tips to recover from a holiday hangover.**

- **1. Don't do feast to famine** Move from quantity to quality. Eat clean. Fewer high fat, high sugar foods. More lean protein and fibre foods.
- **2. Get rid of the goodies.** Not an excuse to eat them all!- Give it away, throw it away, freeze it, feed the cat or dog, and replace with healthier options.
- **3. Get off the sofa.** Add in small levels of activity don't go mad. Find something you enjoy, make it regular and build on it. Find an activity buddy for motivation.
- **4. Don't go on a diet!** Diets make you fatter. Focus on small, sustainable changes to gradually build a healthier, more active lifestyle.
- 5. Step away from the scales. Weight is the least accurate measure of shape change, health, body fat and anything that matters. Who's tried a few different scales for a better result? It becomes an unhealthy obsession. Focus on how you feel in yourself and your clothes.
- **6. Less is more.** Eat a smaller healthy option every two-three hours, so you are never far from your next 'feed'. This will burn more calories.
- 7. **Spice up your life**. Adding body heat speeds up your metabolism, burning more calories. Add simple black or chilli/cayenne pepper to your cooking.

- **8.** Become a big drip. You can get 90% of the effects of any 'Detox' plan by drinking 2 litres of water a day. Your liver needs water to burn fat. Drink water, cleanse your system and burn fat.
- **9. Restore routine.** Plan meals and activities. Quickly restore normal routines. The longer you leave it, the harder healthy changes will be.
- **10.** Have a goal and a reward. An outfit you'd love to wear, a special event. Focus on size, shape and fitness, not just weight loss. Reward yourself with a beauty treatment, a day out, clothes but NEVER a binge!

To find out more, visit www.skiptonwellness centre.co.uk or phone 01756 719504



Carole Hill prior to her weight loss.



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Carole slim and healthy maintaining her weight loss and new lifestyle.



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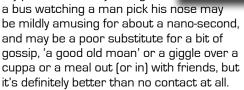
TOP TECH TIPS by Michelle Thompson of Cloud FreeIT

Skimming through the newspaper one Sunday last month, my attention was hooked by a single, somewhat ambiguous, headline – 'Is this the loneliest generation?'

The Government is worried that lonely people suffer ill-health and thus cost the state too much money, but do they mean tots, teens, twenty-somethings, or those of us that generally prefer to forget our age?

The young ones are always plugged into their gadgets – seemingly texting about nothing in particular to the very people they're sat in the same room with, using their 'super-quick' bionic thumbs. It doesn't appear very sociable to me! Or healthy...

Does the growth of 'one to many' communications (e.g. posting status updates to be read by anyone with whom you have a connection) help keep loneliness at bay? Perhaps. Reading that one of my pals is currently sitting on



When life takes us away from our roots, and we're working all the hours our chosen 'creation deity' throws our way, it's bound to have an effect on our ability to maintain close contact with our friends and relatives and this can have a negative impact on everyone.

People are living a lot longer than their predecessors. You may, like me, find you have quite a lot of elderly relatives you'd love to visit, but as no-one can change the number of hours in a day or days in a week, no matter how hard I try I can't get round to visit them all often enough. Now THAT

makes ME sick...

Apparently, one in three elderly people feels lonely at least sometimes, with more than half of retired people living alone and 17% having contact with family, friends and neighbours less than once a week! It's bound to be worse at this time of year too, with ice and snow keeping some people stranded indoors for days or even weeks at a time.

What strikes me as very sad indeed is that, given the availability of communication technologies, such as email, social networking and internet telephony there's still an awful lot of very lonely people out there.

At CloudfreelT, we've seen an increasing number of customers in recent years, wanting help with their computer problems or training in how to use Skype, Facebook and email so they can stay in contact

with people, but they're not the ones the Government is most worried about as they're already taking their own steps to avoid loneliness.

'Befriending' schemes work well in reducing illness amongst the lonely, but tend to fall down due to limited supplies of volunteers. If the Government's Digital Strategy to get more people online was implemented by befriending scheme volunteers, perhaps in the longer term more people would feel less isolated.

Do you know of anyone (old or young) who may be feeling lonely, and isn't yet able to access the internet? If they are 'up for it', helping them to get online could open the way to them feeling much less lonely. It could improve their sense of well-being and even their physical health may benefit too.



To Love You

by Jo Longbottom

I'm not sure how to love you.

You soared like an eagle
Over my horizon
And looked for me
When I was lost.
You sheltered me 'neath mighty wings.
You scooped and swooped me up
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So I could cast my heavy coat
That weighed me down so long.
To love you
I can give you only this....my song

Oaty breakfast muffins - wheat free and very tasty

These tasty little muffins are power packs of slow release energy -2 of these and a banana will keep you going all morning as a good breakfast on the go. They use oats instead of flour which makes them easier to digest too - a great kick start to a healthy spring.

- 100g / 1 cup porridge oats
- 200ml / 1 cup milk (any sort)
- 100g/ 1 cup oat flour (which is just porridge oats whizzed up fine in a food processor)
- 60ml / 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 50g / ½ cup sugar (brown or muscovado is best)
- 1 egg (or a mashed banana trust me on this)
- 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- Good pinch of salt
- An optional handful of dried fruit, nuts, seeds, or a teaspoon of orange extract, or zest of an orange, or even chopped up chocolate if you must!



Turn on the oven to 150-60 fan/ 180 electric, 4-5 gas or bottom of the top oven of an Aga). Put 12 muffin cases into a muffin tin. Put the milk and oats into a bowl and leave to stand for about 15 mins until they soften. Mix together all of the dried ingredients and add to the milk and oats, followed by the oil and egg [or banana] and stir well.

Pour into the muffin cases and bake for around 15-20 minutes. Delicious warm from the oven, and a great alternative to chocolate for that 3pm feeling when you need something to keep you going 'til tea time!



A Big Thank You!

Well, we never thought the day would come, but here we are announcing that Weaver's in Haworth will close its doors for the last time. It is the end of an era you might say!

Midnight on Feb 16th 2013 our boss, Colin Rushworth, will be saying hello to his 68th year and at the same time saying goodbye to 35 years spent running the show here at Weaver's, often labelled an institution.

He makes out he has done it all himself...i.e. introducing chandeliers to Haworth, the world's first fake fur beams, shabby chic, cow pie, wonderful haddock soup, dancing in the streets with umbrellas, etc. But we know Colin has had a host of stalwarts with wife Jane, daughter's Sally & Lucy, and son Tim playing a big part in the success; as did scores of local staff employed over the decades; Sue every lunch time, Ross Swinton the head chef, and his current apprentice Sam Smith.



Everyone here at Weaver's want to say a special heartfelt Thank You to all our loyal customers for their support over the years; some of you have stood by us for over 30 years; how did we deserve you?

And to all the wonderful characters who have cooked, served tables and washed the dishes, we were nothing without you!

Our boss, not known for his "outbursts of generosity" has promised he will put a bottle of wine on your table as a personal thank you...if he recognizes you! (And if you book a table with us, of course!)

Finally, if you fancy buying any of that shabby chic that adorns the walls and shelves of Weaver's we will be selling everything. It's started already and will end with an Open Sale Day 10am-4pm Feb 17th 2013.

Good bye and thanks once more, from all at Weaver's

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Shells to Sand

by Jo Longbottom

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And stormed since you were gone.

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So many rains have rattled down On landscape parched and dry, Now rid of all the brokenness, I'm learning how to fly.

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So many fragments of my heart, And tears that soaked my face Are gathered up and mended now, All neatly back in place.

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Where once my thoughts were clouded
There is pure clarity,
And left upon the tide-line
All trace of you and me.

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And should you go and gather them
Like shells one scarlet dawn,
You'll find them broken by the waves
Of time, the ocean's storm.

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Look at them a moment.

Broken in your hand.

Drop them, and in ten thousand moons
They'll all be ground to sand

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Bare feet will gently tread them,
No one will ever know,
They were my life, my hopes, my dreams,
A million moons ago.

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Sun 3rd March 7 mile (11.2km) Circular walk Silsden.

Bring packed lunch. Meet Ken John Allen at 10:30am at Wesley Place car park, Silsden. Some hills with good views at the top. Down hill all the way home.

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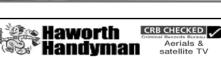


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Home-Start offers free support, friendship and practical help to families with at least one child under five. Families are visited regularly in their own homes by volunteers who have all had experience of parenting and know how hard it can sometimes be.

Home-Start Craven seeks volunteers to support local families in the Craven area.

Could YOU help us make a difference for families?

YOU could have the skills needed to make a difference to a family living locally. As a parent you'll know just exactly how tough it can sometimes be. Did you often long to have someone to



confide in or just have a chat with? Home-Start's families come in all shapes and sizes and from all different backgrounds. Some may be feeling isolated, they may be new to the area without the support of family and friends, or they may be parenting alone. Others may be struggling with difficult relationships, have an illness or a disability, or have several pre-school children. All have one thing in common, the need for someone to listen and be there just for them.

Will I be the right sort of person to support a family?

Home-Start volunteers are all ages and from all walks of life. All we ask of you is that you have experience of bringing up children and can spare a few hours a week. Initially we ask you to complete a 'Volunteer preparation course' these courses are run regularly and are free. The course usually takes place one day per week for around 10 weeks. Both day time and evening courses may be available.

Volunteers will all have to agree to undergo a full enhanced CRB check and provide 2 references. Home-Start values its volunteers highly and provides full support and training and all out of pocket expenses are reimbursed.

If you or anyone else you know, think you can spare a few hours a week to become a friend to someone in their own home in the Craven area, we would love to hear from you. Wendy Barrett: Co-ordinator Home-Start Craven Based at: South Craven Community Action The Bungalow, Holme Lane, Cross Hills, Nr Keighley,

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PEBBLEDASHING More Than Meets The Eye

In a sentence, dashing is an attractive finish and will give your house a pleasant facelift, but just as importantly it provides waterproof protection and additional insulation for your property. We all know how important this has become over recent years in this region!

The term Pebbledash is somewhat misleading nowadays, as most finishes are Spar Chippings. This finish has the advantage of superior adhesion to the property walls. New dashing is often used as a cure for penetrating damp due to it's water-resistant constituents. Spar chippings come in several colours and you can also change the look by using white cement

"DIY Dashing" is very difficult as two of the main ingredients are experience and speed to avoid a patchwork effect and unsightly lines and joints. The most efficient way for dashing is to use a team of three or four men, to ensure a professional finish.

in the finish coat.

Additionally, patching to existing dashed walls is not recommended as you will always see the join of new to old, and does not carry a quarantee.

The modern way of dashing is to use various types of angle, stop and bellcast beads to give a clean, straight look to all corners and edges. The main purpose of the bellcast bead is to prevent bridging the Damp Proof Course (DPC) and protect against rising damp.

The perfect scenario is to have each elevation of the property fully dashed so that the work can be guaranteed. Carrying out the work professionally includes

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Local Dealz launches into Keighley

Here at Local Dealz our mission is pretty simple: To give people the tools and incentives they need to find and support independent, locally-owned businesses. With Local Dealz, users enjoy incentives for 'keeping it local' and get the satisfaction of supporting a favourite business or discovering a new favourite. Business owners get what they want most - happy, loyal customers who are likely to spread the word about their experiences. That's what we like to call a WIN-WIN!

Local Dealz was founded on the belief that we should, to the best of our abilities 'Keep It Local' and in so doing keep our local communities vibrant and self sufficient. Here at Local Dealz we have developed a website to help businesses communicate with their local customers as well as assist customers to find what they want and need within their area

quickly and simply. Most importantly its completely free for users.

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To celebrate the launch of Local Dealz for the month of February we are running a promotion for Keighley and the surrounding area, we will have lots of prizes and givegways so keep an eve out, or, if you would like more information go to www.localdealz.co/keighlev. see the back cover of this magazine for more details...



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