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It is hot, hot, hot, as we head for the press on our summer edition of the Worth Valley Mag. I hope you will enjoy a break and get out in the sunshine at some point.

We've been reflecting on where we were last year at this time when the county was fully ensconced in the Tour de France. What does it mean to us now and what is the legacy of Le Tour?

Leeds City College Keighley Campus is looking forward and asking us where will we be one year from now...The college is shifting its focus and championing the industrial centre of excellence.

Don't miss out on the offers in the magazine this month...Firths Boutique is having a Sizzling Summer Sale July 10th and Bristles is running a Summer Sweep Special which enables readers to save at least £30 on a chimney sweep, to name but a few.

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The hopes of Le Tour: Oxenhope CofE Primary School

Dream - of Yellow, Green, Red and White. Youngsters crouched in front of TV sets listening for their cycling heroes, dreaming of the winding road twisting through turn after turn in glorious foreign lands. Making the race, shaping the race.

Reality - a flash of Yellow, Green, Red and White. Young and old clambering for the best viewpoint, heroes lost and found for a new generation. Prepare. Prepare. Prepare. Then over in a breath. The roads that shape the race are now our own and will remain so.

Legacy - memories of Yellow, Green, Red and White. School children raising money to keep their



dreams safe, to keep their dreams alive at school and beyond. A new tour passes through and the buzz is shared and taken on anew. Aspirations raised. Momentum gathered needs direction.

It was a grand day in Oxenhope for the Primary

School Bike Shed opening - Gary Verity (now Sir Gary Verity) was guest of honour on June 11th. The school turned out with friends, parents and partners in the community to both celebrate and showcase the work of the cycling club and the fabulous transformation of the bike shed. Drama and poetry highlighted



the event with a dash of good humor all around. Many thanks were expressed by Kathrine Nutting, Headteacher, and John Parkin, Deputy Headteacher, who lead the project. Both were keen to acknowledge the support from many in the community, some of whom were present: John Dennis was there as UAK Cycling Hub Cycle representative, Worth Valley Ward Councillor Russell Brown, Paul Munton and Paul Atkins from Aire Valley Forge, Robin Bradbury from Robin's Nest, the Bronte Tykes coaches, Peter Charlton, and Anthony Gill, and Ken Eastwood from Oxenhope Parish Council as well as others, including parents and carers involved in fundraising.

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An interview with Sir Gary Verity, chief of Yorkshire's tourism organisation, Welcome to Yorkshire, and the person responsible for bringing the Tour de France to Yorkshire.

This year brought The Tour de Yorkshire to our towns and villages. While the fanfair was modest compared to the Tour de France and the weather was variable, the event was nevertheless a triumph and one that will prove to be a lasting legacy for years to come.

What other positive things do you see happening as a result of the Tour de France?

We are working with Yorkshire Bank on Bike Libraries for children. Basically getting people to recycle the bikes their kids have outgrown. Our aim is for every child to have access to a bike regardless of their social or economic background. The fact that you see more people out on their bikes is evidence of the positive legacy of the Tour de France.

It is not just about cycling, its about raising the profile of Yorkshire in general. We

have seen increased visitors, and more money going in to the economy as a result of those numbers going up.

What part does politics have on legacy? It is very important that Yorkshire plays a lead role in the Northern Power House and the work we've done with the Tour de France has put us in a good position. Yorkshire is stronger when we unite. There is nothing ever I've seen that has united us like the Tour de France. **Going forward, what else will you do to take Yorkshire to the world?** Cycling and the Tour de Yorkshire will continue to do that as it has a international appeal. We will focus on showcasing the arts & culture of the region, film, food, drink; anything that can be an ambassador for Yorkshire whether it is a person, an artist, a sportsman, or something less tangible, we harness that and highlight it to the world.

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Denise & Tony, looking forward to retirement.

For Denise and Tony Holmes of Oakworth's Golden Fleece, the pub has been the centre of their lives and livelihood for the past 8 years. Situated in the heart of the village, The Golden Fleece takes centre stage in community life.

As joint licencees, the couple's commitment to the vibrant pub is exemplified in the activities they host and support as well as the annual fun day and other events that have raised funds for Sue Ryder Manorlands hospice. [Over £13,000 and counting so far]



Annual Fun Day for Manorlands

"There is a lot going on here...pub quiz night, Tuesday club, pool team, community meetings; and in terms of wider services to the community, we cater for private parties, funeral teas, christenings, etc." "It's a lovely place to work and we enjoy being a part of most things that happen in the village," said Denise. Tony agreed, and added, "We're now ready to retire and hand over the baton to someone else. We would like to be sitting at the other side of the bar as customers." Tony and Denise are including the 16 year,

"Our hope is that the pub will go to someone who will maintain the community links and support the village. There is now a fantastic opportunity for a couple or an individual to take over the reins from us and build on what is already a successful and well established business, having had only three licencees in over 30 years." - Denise Holmes.

partially tied, lease for free and are only taking offers on the fixtures and fittings including the spacious three bedroom living accommodation up stairs.

"It is a surprisingly affordable proposition and one that we hope will keep the pub in the hands of a local person."

"It's a chance to live in the country and create an idyllic life. The fantastic thing is that it is all set up as a going concern. The new lease holders can just step into the business. No reasonable offer will be refused and we will take serious written offers between July 1 and Aug 31st," **Questions, queries, or for more details contact: Tony or Denise: 01535 645930 email: tonyholmes999@me.com Written offers with contact details to The Golden Fleece, Oakworth BD22 7PR.**

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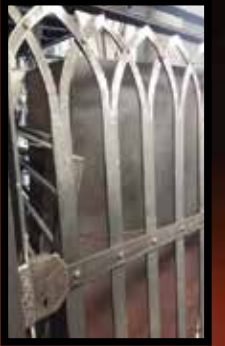
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Back to my duty, I unlock the station buildings and move the trolleys and other vintage paraphernalia out on to the platform to set the Edwardian scene before the first train arrives. I let Damems station know that the station is open by sounding the block bell '5-5-5' (five rings, pause, five, pause five), and get their reply to confirm that they are on duty too.

The first train leaves Oxenhope at 9am and a little later the 'treddle' bell sounds, alerting me to the train passing over the sensor at it leaves Haworth so I know it's only a matter of a few minutes before it will arrive at the signal just down the line. The bell is my cue to don my hat to complete the period uniform and to leave the confines of the beautifully maintained booking office. After checking for traffic and letting one final motorist through, I close the gates to the road, take the two interlocking keys from the gate mechanism and use these to unlock the ground frame, releasing the levers that operate the



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After the train goes, and I've shown the passengers round the booking office, let them operate the gas lighting (there's no electric lighting anywhere in the station) and taken them to the waiting room with its period vacuum cleaner, it's time for a quick polish of the brass, a cup of tea and then to wait for the next train to arrive before Mr Perks-ing all over again.

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CONNECTING IN THE COMMUNITY



Liz Barker receiving the Community Impact award sponsored by Morrisons at the Sue Ryder Yorkshire Women of Achievement Award ceremony.

It is one year since the county was painted yellow and festooned in seemingly endless strands of bunting. For for my part, this time last year I was immersed in Fields of Vision, a landscape art project that placed the Worth Valley in the eyes of a global audience, culminating with significant media coverage throughout the weekend of the Grand Depart and a great swell of pride in everything Yorkshire.

Local schools enthusiastically supported and participated in the spectacle and the various opportunities for engagement. Worth The Tour, the community group set up to make the most of the Tour de France in Keighley and the Worth Valley, was equally active in pulling resources and people together.

On reflection, some of the biggest 'take aways' from the experiences of last year have to do with the benefits of building community cohesion and connectedness. A shared vision along with shared resources enables big ideas to flourish. In addition to the obvious interest in

everything cycling, a renewed willingness to work with others with different perspectives continues to be a legacy of the Tour de France.

The truth is, we can achieve so much more when we pull together; like the saying goes, we are stronger together. Focussing on the things that unite us and not getting hung up on taking 'sides' frees us up for real collaborative and creative work. Understanding that each individual has a unique part to play and is valued is also essential for sustaining vibrant community life.

In May this year I was honored to receive the very first Community Impact award at the Sue Ryder Yorkshire Women of



Achievement ceremony held at the Royal Armouries in Leeds. It was humbling to be in a room with seven hundred guests, many of whom were community champions and committed contributors to various companies, organizations, and schemes fixed on making Yorkshire a better place to live and work.



I was inspired by the enthusiasm in the room and went away thinking about how I could continue to support the good work that is going on in the Aire and Worth valleys. It is sometimes difficult to know in which

direction to put ones energies, but I feel excited by the prospect of continuing along the collaborative and creative routes that were established when the greatest cycling race passed our doors. Liz Barker, editor

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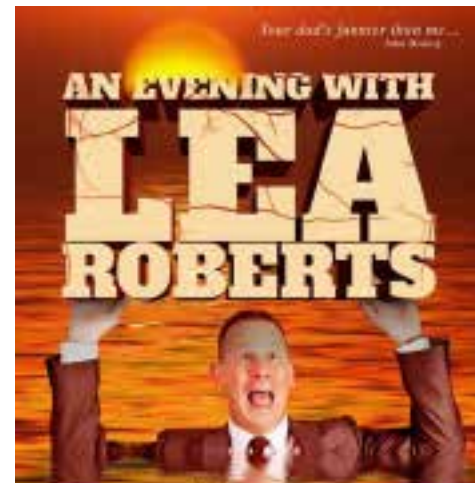
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COMMUNITY PAGES

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The Worth Reading Group If you enjoy reading do come along. We meet on the **first Wednesday** in the month at **7.30 pm in the White Lion Hotel, Haworth.** The book for July is 'Americana' by Chimamanda N. Adichie. Call Jo: 01535 645275.

Ox'nops Tiny Tots - group for under 5s and their parents/carers, meets every **Tuesday, 1.15pm to 2.45pm at St Mary's Church, Oxenhope.**

Little Owls Toddler Group for under fives and their parents/carers meets at Tree Tops Children's Centre, Haworth. Weds 9.30am to 11.30am and Fri 10am to 11.30am. All welcome.

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Bronte Scenic Tour Bus Service 812 will run every Sunday & Bank Holidays until the 31st August. A pocket timetable and route map is available from Keighley Bus Station. More info call 07961 174295.

Sun 5th July Oxenhope Straw Race.
Fri 10th July 3.15pm - 5pm Lees Primary School Summer Fayre.
Sun 12th July 10am - 5pm The

Bronte Parsonage Garden Plant Open Day A chance to meet our team of volunteer gardens at the Museum and ask them how their garden grows! Bring along a plant to swap, or just enjoy the opportunity to acquire a cutting from the Bronte garden for your own patch.

Sun 12th July 11 am - 3pm Picnic at East Riddlesden Hall Bring a picnic, play games and hangout with your friends. Local schools, community groups, children's centres. You bring the food and we'll provide the games and entertainment!!

Mon 13th July Stanbury & District WI 7.30pm West Lane Baptist Church, Haworth. Belly Dancing .
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Sat 18th July Haworth Car Boot Sale 12 - 4pm. All weather Sports Pitch, Acre Lane, Haworth.

Sun 19th July The Bronte Sportive The Bronte Sportive is a challenging cycling event in the heart of Pennine West Yorkshire. The event starts and finishes at the Keighley Campus of Leeds City College and riders can set off between 7:30am and 9:30am. More info visit www.sueryder.org

Sun 19th July 2pm - 4pm Hot Aire Concert Band. Enjoy a Bandstand

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Sun 19th & Sun 26th July Vintage Trains will be running t the KWVR.

On each occasion of the Vintage Train, there will be a Brass Band at Oxenhope to add to the atmosphere.

Thurs 23rd July Oxenhope Antique and Collectors Society 7.30pm Community Centre, Oxenhope.

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Sat 1st Aug Oxenhope Levadas at Oxenhope Village 7 1/2 miles walk.

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Sat Aug 8th Fairy Fest 12 - 5pm at Holden Park, Oakworth.

Sun 16th Aug Bandstand Concert at Central Park Haworth 2pm - 4pm. Herr Jen's Band.

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Sun 30th Aug 2pm Haworth Oxenhope Lees & Crossroads Gardeners and Allotment Holders Association will hold their 97th Annual Show At the Haworth Village Community Centre Hub and the subjects for the photography class are livestock and snow. All proceeds will be donated to the new hub committee to fund development of the centre. There will be an auction of produce in aid of Manorlands. Schedules available from Geoff Wilkins on 01535 642633.

Sat 29th Sun 30th Mon 31st Aug Haworth Craft Fairs at the Old School Rooms, Haworth, 10am - 4pm.

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100ml Olive oil
 1 tsp Worcestershire Sauce
 1 tsp Dijon mustard
 1 Tbsp Lemon Juice
 40ml Apple cider vinegar
 Salt and Pepper
 (Option: reserve 2 anchovy filets to chop and place on top of the salad before serving along with a little of the grated cheese.)

Put all dressing ingredients into a blender or food processor and blend well.

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Behind the scenes at the museum

The summer is always a busy time for visitor attractions – lots of events and activities happening and lots of news to tell people about. In our next instalment of People at the Parsonage, we meet the Museum's Marketing and Communications Officer Rebecca Yorke.



Tell us a little about yourself.

I grew up in rural mid-Wales but have lived in the north of England for over 20 years. As I'm married with two daughters who keep me very busy, I don't ever seem to have 'spare' time, but I'm an avid reader and enjoy writing. I also love being outdoors and am a member of Calder Valley Fell Runners. The Museum is the perfect place for me to work - it's an inspirational mix of literature and landscape.

How long have you worked at the Museum?

I started in January this year, so I'm one of the newest staff members. I feel like I've been here a long time now though - hopefully that's a good thing!

Tell us about a typical day.

I haven't had one yet! There's always a lot going on. The day might start with a meeting with colleagues to discuss events that need promoting, or speaking to journalists about forthcoming news items. I am also responsible for our leaflets and adverts, our website (www.bronte.org.uk)

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I'm still finding new things to wonder at. I love listening to my more knowledgeable colleagues talk about the collection and have been fortunate enough to observe our Collections Manager Ann Dinsdale share some of the special items with visitors on the Treasure Tour – a real treat! I am fascinated by the letters, notebooks and diary papers in the collection, but am always drawn to Emily's paintbox.

And your favourite Brontë novel?

I'm currently rereading 'The Tenant of Wildfell Hall' which is great, but my favourite is still 'Wuthering Heights'. I first read it when I was 16 and it has stayed with me. I have a very battered copy on my shelf at home.

Anything else you'd like to tell us?

I love working in Haworth and getting to know the people who live and work here. I'm a great believer in 'joining things up' and think that we can all achieve more when we work together. I'm really pleased that we're building on our relationship with Keighley and Worth Valley Railway and look forward to developing more partnerships with local businesses throughout the bicentenary period.

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Marathon Man

An interview with Steve Thorpe, local gardener and community champion.

Who or what motivated you to take up the challenge to run in the London Marathon this year? My mum had passed away in Manorlands; she had Leukemia and spent her last few weeks there. I had fairly bad depression after she died. I wasn't sleeping and went on to the internet and was looking at the marathon on the Sue Ryder website and clicked on the button to say that I was interested. I forgot all about it and a few weeks later I got an email notification saying "You are in our team!" And I thought, What team? I forgot all about it...Everyone at home was rolling around on the floor laughing when I told them...the thought of me running in the London Marathon! I felt committed then.

Have you been a runner in the past? I hadn't run for 35 years, since I left school. I used to run cross country but I hadn't done anything like that in a long time.

How did you prepare and train for the race? In the New Year I set myself some targets. I looked at various plans they send you, a 16 week guide. I wasn't sure what level was right for me. In my third session I was surprised to do a 15 mile run. My initial idea was to run into Keighley where my son, Joe, was working and I thought he could drive me home if that was enough but I kept on going and made it to Airedale hospital; I thought if I collapse there I was in a good place, but I just kept going. I decided to do what my body told me. I also did lots on the all weather pitches. Gardening about 14 years a day helped too! I enjoyed training in the winter. **What were your biggest challenges?** My biggest challenge were my knees. A few weeks



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into my training and I had a lot of bother with my right knee. I could hardly put any weight on it. I decided to do a lot of biking and I then went to see a physio and he sorted me out. Luckily it was fine on the day.

What was the result of your fundraising efforts, where did your support come from?

I'm up to nearly £5,200.00 and my target was £1,750. It was mostly from individuals. People who I never imagined would sponsor and help me did. And some people who I expected to get behind me didn't make as much of an effort. It was a bit of a roller coaster. Overall it was amazing and the support was just brilliant.

On a personal level, what were the main things you took away from the experience?

It gave me confidence, really. My confidence was low to begin with; I was feeling depressed and wasn't sure if I could do it. I'd never gone above 15 miles in my training. I can honestly say I enjoyed every single mile of it. I felt like I was walking on water. Going around, people were so encouraging. It was emotional at times because I was doing it for me mum. Running around I felt like a world champion. The streets were lined with people and they were shouting my name and the

kids were giving me high 5s. I'll never forget that. **Will you do it again?** I'm going to definitely do it when I am 60. That's my target. I hope to keep fit enough to do that.

What tips would you give others who are thinking of running the London marathon?

I'd tell them to just do it. It is just such an unbelievable experience. Don't over-face yourself with training. Listen to your body. If I can do it, anybody can do it. The whole experience was brilliant, honestly, the best in my life.

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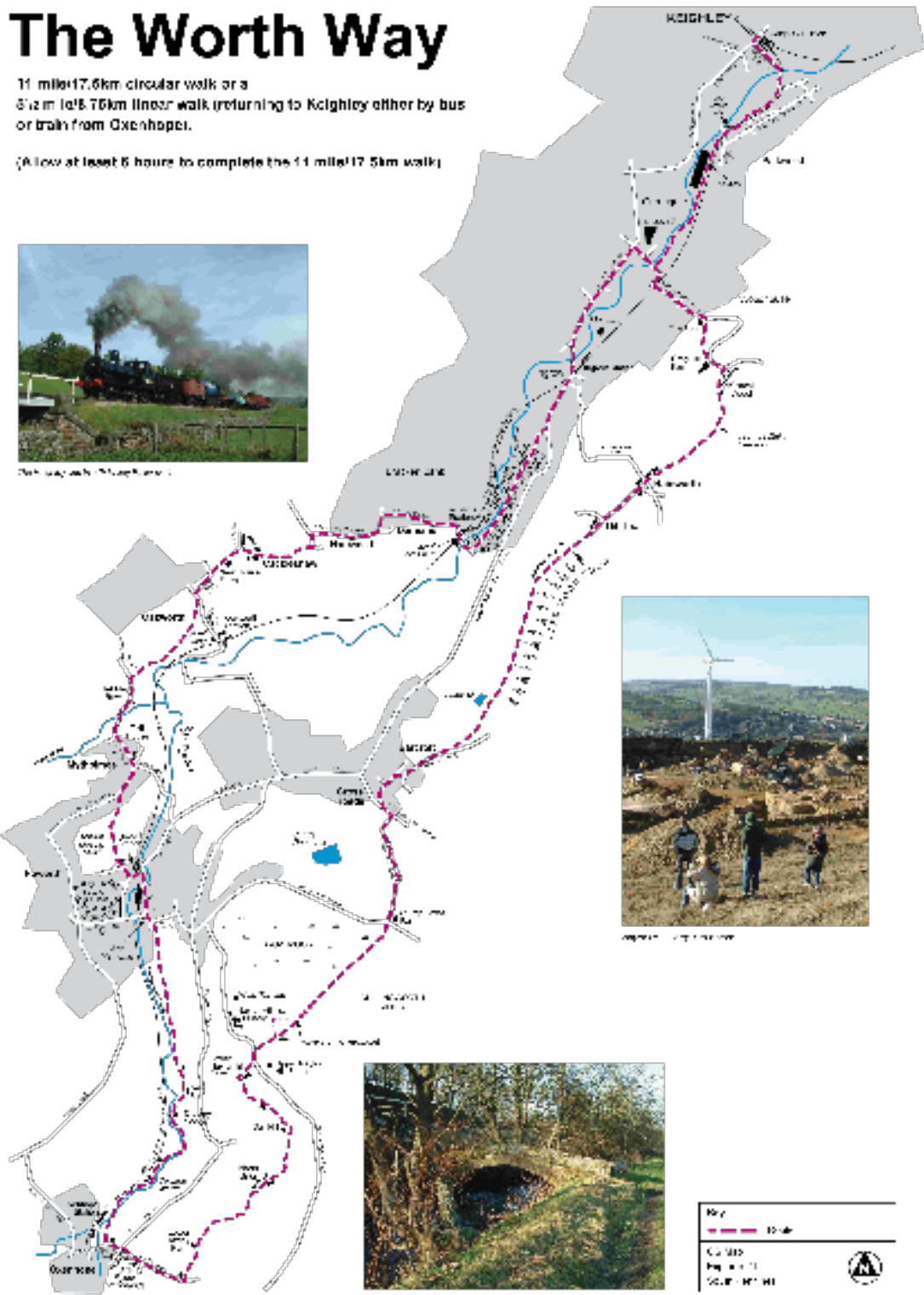


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The Worth Way

Ordnance Survey Map Explorer 21 South Pennines covers the whole route.

The walk has been devised by linking existing footpaths, tracks and roads and is best described as strenuous. Walking boots and good wind and waterproof outdoor clothing is strongly advised. It is essential to carry enough food and drinks to last throughout the day. Refreshments may be available at Oxenhope station when the trains are running. There are also several food shops and a public house near Haworth station. Public transport information:
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Points of Interest Along the Way

Low Bridge Mill, Keighley - a listed building. Look for the three carved stone heads built into the chimney, who they are and what they represent are a mystery.

Hainworth - a quaint hilltop settlement, look out for the unusual plaque built into the wall of the row of cottages on the right.

Naylor Hill Quarry - a short diversion of the route whilst crossing Brow Moor will give the walker an overview of the full extent of the working of this family run quarry. This vantage point also offers a panoramic view to the west of Haworth and beyond to the county boundary on the skyline with Lancashire. Please take care on the edge of the quarry.

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Keighley Station - a listed building. Platforms 1 & 2 are for main-line

operations and platforms 3 & 4 are for the Worth Valley line and retain many of their original features.

Ingrow Station - re-built by the Worth Valley Railway from a disused station building at Foulridge Lancashire, following total vandalism of the original building after the line was closed by British Rail. Nearby is the museum of rail travel, a collection of period railway carriages and other railway memorabilia, rated second only to the National Railway Museum in York. Exhibits are often used for period filming.

Damems Station - Britain's smallest station which is often used in filming, the most recent being 'Ormsdon' in the BBC series 'Born and Bred'. Nearby is the Worth Valley Railway line passing loop **Oakworth Station** - a well preserved Edwardian period, gas lit station used many times for film and TV productions, the most famous being the 1970 film 'The Railway Children'.

Haworth Station - head office of the Worth Valley Railway. Nearby are the engine sheds and maintenance workshops.

Oxenhope Station - terminus of the Worth Valley Railway. Here is an exhibition shed with a display of locomotives and carriages. There is also a picnic area and buffet car, which opens when the trains are running.

Footnote

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**Oxenhope
Horseshoe Dam**

While returning home from delivering the May issue of the Worth Valley Magazine, I couldn't help noticing how badly overgrown and neglected Horseshoe Dam had become. The dam originally belonged to the mill at the opposite side of Station Road in Oxenhope. It was made from concrete and was in the shape of a horseshoe; hence the name.

The land surrounding the dam was bought by Skipton Properties in the mid 1990s and developed into housing. The dam was partially filled in and made into a duck pond, with the overlooking properties being aptly named 'Mallard View'. It became a popular feature of the village where there would often be dozens of ducks in residence.

Thanks to Facebook, I soon found that other village residents had also noticed how neglected the pond had become. The water had become stagnant due to being overcrowded with bulrushes, irises and weeds. The banks were covered with coils of dead brambles and willowherbs. It was no longer an inviting place for ducks or any other wildlife.

The answer was to start by collecting all the bottles, cans, broken glass and other

rubbish from the site, and we soon had a group of like-minded people who worked together to tidy the whole area.



The brambles were removed, bulrushes pulled out of the water, dead branches pruned and cleared away. Things soon started to look much better, and although we still have more work to do, I think we have shown how a bit of effort and co-operation can make areas such as our Horseshoe Dam a more pleasant place for everyone.

Roger Smales, Oxenhope www.rogersmales.co.uk

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Horseshoe Dam Before & After clean up



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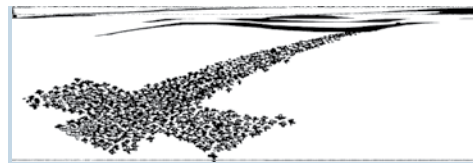
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Also from 23rd July a formal service every 4 weeks both at 10-30am.
We would love to travel with you, please join us.

The small, friendly congregation at Haworth's West Lane Methodist Church is pioneering twice-a-month Thursday morning worship. The premises opposite the Old Sun Hotel, don't look like a church, being converted from a former day school. The main hall, part of the Methodist Grimshaw Centre, is well used by the local community. But few people share in Sunday services, hence the six-month trial which began last month. The second Thursday of each month will continue the informal coffee and prayer times which have been running successfully for the last nine years while the fourth will try out a more traditional service. Both begin at 10.30am. Sunday morning services will continue on the first and third Sundays of each month. Anyone calling in will be assured of a warm welcome.

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