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We are wrapping up the year with gratitude and looking to the festive season with anticipation and wonder. What will 2015 bring us? It will be difficult to beat the thrill and excitement of 2014 when the Tour de France came to Yorkshire...but new challenges are just around the corner! As we prepared this double edition we

As we prepared this double edition we added extra pages for your amusement including a word search, dingbats, and the ever popular sudoku puzzles.

Nel from Damside Mill shares her Festive Florentine recipe with us...they are ever so easy to prepare; see p6 for these jewel like treats. And when you have had enough feasting, turn to page 10 to blow

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**Festive** Florentines



A Florentine is just a mixture of the most delicious things in the culinary world, chopped up, baked in a toffee and coated in chocolate. What more indulgence could you ask for over the festive season?

They are remarkably easy to make at home, and make lovely gifts, wrapped in cellophane with a sparkly ribbon.

If you have people around who, like me, can't have wheat or gluten, the amount of flour is so small that it is easily replaced with either ground almonds or gluten free flour and noone will ever know the difference.

### You will need:

2 heaped tablespoons of chopped mixed peel 2 tablespoons chopped crystalised ginger 5 tablespoons of interesting dried fruits 2 tablespoons of pistachio kernels, roughly chopped (walnuts, hazlenuts or pecans work fine too) 6 tablespoons of almonds, chopped lengthways and then toasted to bring out the flavour 1 tablespoon plain flour 2 tablespoons of butter (about 50a) if possible, not the spreadable butter

4 tablespoons brown sugar (any type works well) 1 tablespoon double cream

A good pinch of salt 100g good quality chocolate (one with orange in it is particularly good with the ginger)

## Method:

Heat your oven to gas mark 4 / 150-180. Line a baking tray with parchment paper (please do this, because they really can stick). Throw all of the fruit. nuts and flour in a bowl and mix until well coated in flour.

In a small pan, heat the butter and sugar together and allow to bubble furiously for a minute or two, but stir so they don't stick to the pan. Take off the heat, add the cream and salt, quick stir and pour on top of the fruit and nuts. Mix well so everything is coated in the toffee mix, and then put dessert spoon (or teaspoon if you want mini ones) sized dollops on the baking tray, flattening them as much as possible, and leaving space between them to spread in the oven (you might need to do them in two batches) Bake for 8-10 minutes until golden brown - they should all have changed colour, but the fruit shouldn't be too dark. At this stage, you can gently push any random edges back into a more pleasing shape.

Leave to cool on the baking tray. If they are too chewy for your taste, just reheat the oven and pop back in for a few minutes, covering the tops with parchment to stop them burning. Once completely cooled, melt the chocolate in a basin on top of a pan of hot water. Turn the Florentines over and one by one, put a dollop of chocolate on the bottom, and spread gently around the base. Now walk away from the Florentines and lick the bowl free of chocolate. Enjoy!

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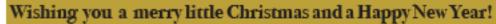




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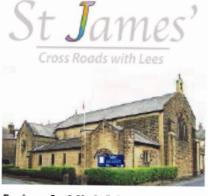
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## What Christmas Means to Me



"Feigning joy and surprise at the gifts we despise over mulled wine with you" and so plays out the words from a 21st Century "Christmas Classic" by The Darkness. An ironic name from one of the few bands who have had a 21st century Christmas chart hit!

"The Christmas song is dead!" "Christmas has no meaning anymore!" The Band Aid backlash and the countdown to Christmas reign on twitter with marketing gimmicks galore. "Christmas means company. Company means cleaning. This is my cleaning supply list..." How bad can it get?

"Bah humbug!" says Scrooge, taking us back a hundred and eighty years. And still it remains?

"Peace on earth, goodwill to all", naïve piety or the desire for a harmonious humankind where all know love, joy and prosperity? The retail advertisers certainly want to sell

by Nigel Wright, Vicar of Saint Mary's, Oxenhope

#### us the dream.

Yet I have always loved Christmas. It wasn't a church thing or a religious thing, my parents managed to raise me perfectly well without either. It wasn't money, we never had lots (but we always had plenty). I loved the lights, the decorations, the gifts, the food the drink and the parties. I still do! But there was something more...

It was the way people seemed to change, just for a while. There were feelings and emotions I couldn't describe. A little more patience and promise. Hope in a birth of a baby born poor. Laughter, excitement and sharing.

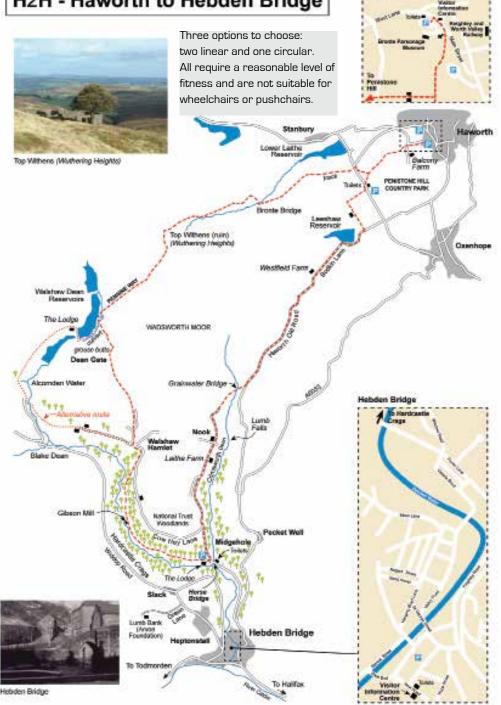
The world seemed to change, somehow, just for a while.

And now? As I see through the eyes of my children those feelings remain. There is a magic, a sparkle, a wonder.

As we gather as family and friends in our 21st century setting, those feelings and emotions (I couldn't describe) are with us again. Yes there are the hurts and the pain that all families have. The lost ones, the sick ones and the dead. Yet the peace and the joy are there if we choose it.

Through the wisdom of time I can see the faith we were raised in. It was a faith in a Christmas that means so much more. You see we need Christmas, more than it needs us! It is sacred and holy and full of delight. It is friendships, relationships, connections, and love. (Join Nigel and the parish of St. Mary's Oxenhope to celebrate this festive season. See the community pages for more details.)

## H2H - Haworth to Hebden Bridge



Haworth

#### The Walk route (Linear route - using Haworth Old Road = 6 mile /10km)

Exit the Parsonage car park down the steps, coming out onto West Lane alongside Aitches Guest House in Haworth. Turn right and follow the road downhill until you get to the Church on your right hand side, take the paved footpath to the side of the church. From Haworth churchyard to Balcony Farm, follow the path onto Penistone Hill. A marked path across here follows the high ground. The track forks; to the left to take the route using Haworth Old Road or follow the right hand track to use the Pennine Way.

Haworth Old Road route (Linear route - using Pennine Way = 10 mile /16km)

#### (Haworth to Hebden Bridge)

A short moor side section and a field track past Westfield Farm brings you to Leeshaw Reservoir. From there Haworth Old Road continues as a very obvious old route, mainly between walls, along Bodkin Lane, and Stairs Lane with a steep climb to Top of Stairs. The route is then mostly level or downhill to Hebden Bridge. At Grainwater Bridge take the right hand track at the junction with Old Road and follow the stoned track through to Nook. then it is downhill all the way to Horse Bridge through Crimsworth Dean.

Pennine Way Route (Circular route for the brave = 16 mile /26km)

### (Hebden Bridge to Haworth)

Starting from the point the previous route finished. follow the main track through the National Trust woodlands from The Lodge. Keep to the route along the valley bottom

to Gibson Mill, once past the Mill, stay on this path until it forks, then bear right up the hill. The track continues towards Walshaw. Turn right at Walshaw and climb up onto Wadsworth Moor<sup>\*</sup>, past the grouse butts to Walshaw Dean Reservoir.

Join the Pennine Way which is signed, until you get to Top Withens, then branch right down the hill to Bronte Bridge. Follow this path to the road, you can then either walk back to Haworth along Cemetery Road, or turn right for a short distance along Moor Side Lane and retrace the route back across Penistone Hill.

We hope you enjoyed your walk. If so tell your friends, if not, or you have encountered any problems please tell us at: Jacobs Well, Bradford BD1 5RW Tel: 01274 432666 www.bradford.gov.uk/countryside

## Places of interest along the way

- Bronte Parsonage Museum www.bronte.info
- Keighley and Worth **Valley Railway** www.kwvr.co.uk
- **Penistone Hill** site of notable local geology www.wyorksgeologytrust.org/ sitesbradford.html
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Ofsted rate Oxenhope preschool as "good" and give special praise to the commitment of the staff, commenting that the children make good progress as they engage in purposeful learning experiences.

Oxenhope pre-school was established in 1960 by a group of local mums who recognised the need for a toddler and pre-school provision in the area for their children.

It is a non-profit making, charitable organisation which is run by gualified and caring staff and a volunteer committee. The committee is an essential part of the preschool as it cannot run without one and new members are always welcome.

The pre-school provides a fun: caring environment for children aged between 2 and 4, and has good links with the local primary school making transition to school as smooth as possible.

Oxenhope pre-school is a much valued part of the community which is why in the summer of 2014 the Ofsted inspection rating of 'inadequate' was a real shock to the staff and parents alike. Since the inspection, staff at the pre-school, headed up by manager Paula Williams. has worked tirelessly to carry out the necessary changes required, by following the recommendations of inspectors to improve





the pre-school not only to fulfil the Ofsted requirements but to improve the facility for the children.

Parents really do value their preschool and this was mentioned in the Ofsted report. Thankfully due to the outstanding work of the pre-school staff and committee, and the support of parents, when the preschool was reinspected in October 2014 it was described as 'good' by inspectors. This is a fantastic achievement for everybody involved.

Pre-school relies heavily on fundraising and their next activity is the Preschool Christmas fair which takes place on Saturday 13th December **11.30 to 1pm** with a Santa's grotto, tombola. raffle. Christmas cafe for refreshments and a special visit from some members of the Steeton male voice choir who will be singing carols to get everyone into the festive spirit!

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If you would like information about the pre-school, or joining the committee please visit the website www.oxenhopepreschool.co.uk or call 07851 702283.

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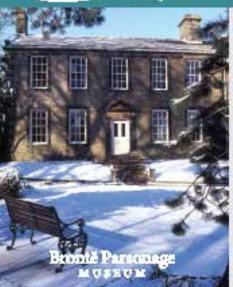
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Craig and Kathy would like to welcome customers old and new to the Goats Head this Christmas and New Year! Craig and Kathy took over as proprietors in August 2013, and have enjoyed a successful year in Steeton. The Goats Head is a popular pub serving four real ales with live bands playing monthly, karaoke every Sunday from 6 and darts and dominoes teams during the week. There is a beer garden with smoking shelter to the rear, and a cosy open fire inside. Families and dogs are both welcome... we hope to see you soon!

**Opening Hours** Mon - Thurs 3-12 Fri, Sat, Sun 12-12



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After conversations with young people in Oakworth and Bradford Youth Service, HHUGs (Holden Hall

Users Groups) made a successful application to the BIG Lottery Fund and secured funding totaling £11,000 to run a youth café project from Holden Hall, with the primary customer being kids aged between 11 and 19.

The idea was to provide a safe, managed and neutral meeting point for young people, offering traditional youth club activity but also encouraging young people to establish their own social enterprise. This was underpinned by the provision of accredited training and trading opportunities in catering and hospitality. We hoped promoting a spirit of enterprise at the core of the project would engage the kids and create a sustainable outcome. With an initially difficult start including many frustrations and setbacks, the project has been recently bolstered with three volunteers for another 6 months

to see the programme through until its completion.

Bradford Council has given permission to refurbish a room within Holden Hall which will be dedicated to Young People and provide them with the resources they might need to sustain a café project long term; this will be supported by Youth Services and a solid commitment to have a presence in Oakworth long term-beyond the grant funded period.

The grant funding will end in May 2015, but the youth activity has a cracking chance of continuing way beyond that date as the investment will provide a dedicated, accessible and compliant space; qualified and experienced young people and importantly agreements between Bradford Council departments which have reduced charges to virtually zero. This gives the young people every opportunity to enjoy the space and develop their own programme of activity without the burden of unnecessary charges. Fingers crossed!

Want to know more? Contact Bradford youth service worker Taraf Yagub 07836540617 or email Shaun: shaun@kivca.org.uk

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Dec until 11th Jan Small World Postcards of Keighley at Cliffe Castle Museum. Features paintings of Keighley created by the public,

community groups, schools & youth groups. Exhibition celebrates the town of Keighley through the eyes and brushes of those that live and work there.

Every Friday 6.30pm - 9pm Oakworth Youth Cafe meet at Holden Hall. Oakworth, For more info call Taraf 07836540617.

Sun 7th Dec Ingrow Station 11am -**3pm.** Experience traditional Christmas activities in the magical railway setting off from Ingrow Station. Father Christmas has entrusted us with one of his special letter boxes that is linked directly to the North Pole so you can write your letter telling him how good you've been and what you'd really like for Christmas. This event is free. Ingrow Station, South Street, Keighley. Mon 8th Dec Oxnop Singers' Yuletide Bash 7:30pm at Oxenhope Community Centre Christmas carols. festive favourites, soloists and banter Admission free - just turn up. Refreshments available. Mon 8th Dec - Sat 13th Dec 7.30pm

Keighley Playhouse - When we are Married - Victorian Comedy by JB Priestley. Box Ofice 07599 890769 Fri 12th Dec 7pm Bronte Parsonage Museum £15 Parsonage by night includes mulled wine & mince pies.

Sat 13th Dec Circular 5 miles walk (8km) Bring a Packed lunch. Meet David Anderson at **10:30am** outside the Visitor Information

> Centre, top of Main Street. Haworth for the annual walk to Oxenhope and back in time for carols round the tree. For further details see www. bradford.gov.uk/countryside Sat 13th Dec Oxenhope Pre School Christmas Fair 11am

to 1pm at Oxenhope Community Centre, Santa's Grotto, Christmas wreaths stall, tombola, raffle and many more. Refreshments available. Plus special guests singers from the Steeton Male Voice choir singing Christmas carol. Everybody welcome. Sat 13th & Sun 14th Christmas at the Parsonage. Festive readings, guided walks & drop in crafts. 01535 642323.

Sat 13th & Sun 14th Torchlight Procession Weekend at Main Street,

Haworth. Saturday is Candlemas Eve - Santa & Mrs Claus lead the torchlight procession down Main Street. Carol singing around Christmas tree at bottom of Main Street. The Procession sees hundreds of torch and lantern bearers along with choirs and bands singing carols, wind their way up from the bottom of the cobbled Main Street to the Parish Church. Sat 13th, 20th & Sun 14th, 21st Santa Specials at Shipley Glen. 12 noon - 4.30pm. Meets Santa & receive a gift with a return trip on the Tram. No need to book just turn up

on the day. The trip will take approx 45 minutes in all



Sat 13th & Sun 14th 10 am - 4 pm Haworth Craft Fairs, Old School Rooms Sun14th Dec 10 am St Mary's **Oxenhope Christingle Service** Mon 15th Dec 6.30pm Holden Park, **Oakworth Songs for Christmas** (presented by Friend of Holden Park). Music by Herr Jen's Band, Mulled Wine & Mince Pies.

Tues 16th 7.30pm St Mary's **Oxenhope** Young Farmers Festive songs & carols.

Sat 20th Dec. Stanbury Carol Walk 6.30pm starting from bus turnaround & finishing at the Wuthering Heights for pie & peas Sat 20th & Sun 21st 10am - 4pm Haworth Craft Fairs. Old School Rooms.

Sun 21st Dec Nativity Pilgrimage at Main Street. Haworth. Final event of Haworth's Christmas Festival reflects the true spirit of Christmas with the Haworth and Cross Roads Nativity Walk. The traditional Christmas story reenacted on the Main Street with story narrated and carols sung. Starts at 1.45pm at the Christmas Tree at the bottom of Main Street and finishes at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels

Sun 21st 10.30am Haworth West Lane Methodist Church Carol Service. Sun 21st Dec 4pm Haworth West Lane Baptist Church - Family DIY Nativity.

Sun 21st Dec 6pm Carols by Candlelight at St Mary's Oxenhope . Mon 22nd Dec St Mary's Oxenhope **10am - noon** Childrens Christmas Workshop

Weds 24th Dec 2.30pm Haworth **Cinema at West Lane Baptist Church** Film It's a Wonderful Life. Weds 24th Dec 4pm St Mary's Oxenhope Crib Service. Weds 24th Dec 11.30pm St Mary's **Oxenhope** Midnight Communion Thurs 25th Dec FREE local bus service in Keighley. Celebrate Christmas with a free to users local bus ride around Keighley. This will be available on Christmas Day and will serve Oakworth, Fell Lane, Braithwaite, Guard House, Ingrow and Utley. 01282 413179



DEC. Fri 26th - Sun 4th Jan Keighey & Worth Valley Railway Mince Pie Specials. Travel in our toasty, Yuletide carriages as our festive journey continues into

the New Year. See our stunning stations transformed with an amazing Christmas display, real coal fires and gas lights, creating a magical glow as your train rolls in.

Sun 28th Dec Keighley Model Railway Club Open Day 10am - 4.30pm at Clubrooms, 3rd Floor, Keighley Business Centre, Knowle Mills, South

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Sun 4th Jan 2pm Royal Canadian Air Force Memorial Ceremony at Oakworth, Tewitt Hill, Tewitt Lane. For more information please ring Janet Armstrong on Keighley 01535 642625

Weekly starting Mon 12th Jan Fun FREE Cookery Classes at Airedale Church Centre, North St, Keighley, BD21 3AF. Coffee at 9.30am and the class will start at 10am until Midday when you can eat and enjoy what you have cooked. Everyone welcome. Free Creche. More info contact Forager Cath Bromwich 01535 652278. Thurs 15th Jan at 7.30pm Oxenhope Gardening Club in Oxenhope Community Centre, Shaw Lane, Oxenhope. We kick off our new season of talks this evening and are welcoming new members to our club. www.oxenhopegardeningclub.co.uk Sat 24th - Sat 31st Jan Pantomime Cinderella Keighley Amateur Operatic Society at Victoria Hall, Keighley. More info www.keighleyamateurs.com Mon 26th Jan - Sat 31st Jan 7.30pm Keighley Playhouse - The Fox on the Fairway. Comedy by Ken Ludwig. Box Office 07599 890769.







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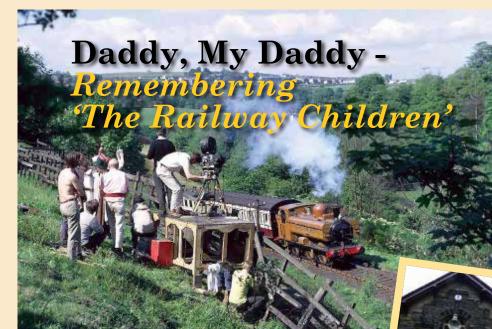


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Now forty five years on, the Worth Valley Railway is publishing a new edition of its best selling book 'The Making of The Railway Children'. Originally published in 2010 to coincide with the film's fortieth anniversary, Jim Shipley's 'behind-thescenes' book about the making of this famous film has been further expanded and updated to include even

more information, pictures, gossip, and a few surprises. Jim has had access to the extensive film company archive and has been able to call upon the memories of local 'extras' and the many railway volunteers who were involved in the filming

This book contains photographs and recollections from local people and railway volunteers who were actually there and helped make it all happen.

Among the books many revelations are:

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The previous edition of the book drew plaudits from many of the stars and from film and tourism journalists, and went on to become one of the KWVR's best selling publications.

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