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As summer hots up prepare yourself for a hive of activity in the great outdoors, or on the other hand, kick back and put your feet up in the garden and watch the world go by; perhaps a bit of both is a good approach? My son will spend hours on his trampoline with his mates, making up games and stooging about. Our garden is often filled with a posy of neighbourhood lads who drift in and out like a tide at fairly regular intervals. But once school has broken up I brace myself for a monsoon of erratic happenings and the loss of order...pandemonium at the Barker household. To be honest, if the sun is shining, I don't mind what is going on around me...Pimms and chaos in the garden is bliss to me! [I hope you have a lovely summer too.] *Liz*



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With the printing deadline fast approaching I spent most of last night staring at an empty page, hoping for inspiration.

The horrible truth dawning, albeit, slowly and reluctantly, I finally accepted defeat (I was suffering from a severe attack of writers block) and turned off the light. Feeling more than a little wretched at the thought of breaking the news to the editor the following morning, I was saved (at the eleventh hour) when inspiration came in the form of a little brown paper carrier bag containing home grown veg, still warm from its earthy bed, sweet smelling and perfectly new, brought to me by a friend who had pulled it from the ground only a few minutes earlier and who thought it might "cheer me up". It did; served with lamb chops cooked in lemon and fresh mint, the potatoes deliciously firm, nutty and buttery, this wonderful gift made a perfect summer supper which lifted our spirits and warmed our hearts. Over the past few weeks I have been treated to a gorgeous dinner with friends- a feast of wonderful flavours, leading one into another, beginning with pre dinner cocktails and following right through to dessert; the combinations were exquisite (I still haven't got over the red currant and tarragon sauce); a much appreciated and scrumptious roast dinner brought to me by a neighbour when I was too tired to be bothered; several lovely dinners made for me by my daughters (have I actually cooked

anything myself recently!) and some soft, fluffy little buns, iced and embellished with broadly smiling chocolate button faces, made by my smallest girl! (all by her 2 year old self of course). There have been magical moments when I have opened my front door to find an unexpected gift of homemade jam accompanied by a little note and a recipe on my doorstep, or had a dinner brought to me by an earth angel in an hour of need. Food connects. Throughout the world and throughout history the gifting and sharing of food has always been seen as a universal expression of welcome and friendship, edible gifts don't necessarily need to be homemade. I was given a bag of chocolate hearts a couple of days ago- a gift which thrilled me (rich, smooth chocolate melting on the tongue usually does) and spoke volumes; and whilst on the subject of food related gifts, some weeks ago a couple of lovely bed and breakfast guests who stayed with us for the first time, introduced me to a small and unique Tuscan farm producing organic Italian foods and wine. I have since received a beautifully produced catalogue accompanied by an enchanting hand written letter sending greetings from Tuscany and welcoming me to "the small world of La Violla" detailing the farm itself, the land and the products yielded by it. I will always remember my guests with fondness for this introduction and the subsequent pleasure obtained from the purchase and enjoyment of all the delectable products I intend to order.

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It's a few years since you've been in Haworth, but you have fond memories from childhood; doting parents and fun and games chasing around the local neighbourhood with your brothers and sisters. But now you've grown up and are looking for a new hang out ...you would settle in Haworth, but let's face it, not every day is summer and other more exotic climes beckon ... you'll be off again before it gets too cold. You're a global traveller, but for a few months a year you can't beat Haworth. Wow, just think of all those air-miles you could earn - you've already flown half a million miles! But, what about your carbon footprint? Well, this global traveller has no carbon footprint, in fact as the ultimate in flying machines it barely has any feet at all! Welcome to the world of the swift, the Worth Valley's most extra-ordinary



summer visitor. From the moment they leave their nests as young birds they will spend the next 2 or 3 years

in the air. They will feed on the wing, sleep on the wing and even mate on the wing only landing when they find a suitable nest site (usually in holes in roof tops - the nearest we have to caves). During its life time, a mature bird will make

the equivalent of 6 round trips to the moon! Their sleep is fitful by our standards - they switch off half their brain as they ride the thermals at night. Their feeding habits are similar to basking sharks, with mouths agape they feed on aerial plankton - flies, aphids, spiders and other very small creatures that are blown around our summer skies.

So, check them out before they leave us for Africa in mid - August. To tell them apart from their close cousins the swallow and house-martin, look for dark scythe/anchor shapes hurtling across the sky; screeching and screaming like the most boisterous children you've ever met!

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Pets Corner



There comes a time in every pet owner's life when you look down at your beloved pet and gaze in to his eyes and think... (a) you are so handsome or (b) Why are you scratching all over my beige carpets? Yes folks, it's that

Remove any hair from the paper and transfer the rubbings on to damp cotton wool. Leave for another minute and if the rubbings turn to red spots then it would be fair to say your pet has fleas! - Sorry.

The next stage is to plan your attack. They have invaded your pet; you don't really want them to invade your house too! A flea's life cycle lasts three weeks. The adult flea will first latch on to your animal and feed on his blood. It's then when they start to lay eggs and it's the eggs that drop off in to the house. A female flea can lay around 30-40 eggs per day. There are 2 different types of insecticides typically used; Adulticides - these kill the fleas on your pet and the other are called Insect Growth Regulators (IGR) which rid your home of the eggs dropped off in your carpets. Your local vet or pet shop will have the best products on the market to combat these intruders. Just remember to treat every cat and dog in the house - even if you have a house cat in the home. I would strongly recommend preventative measures be put in place to ensure summer goes without an itch!

Contributed by Amy Borsay, Paws 4 a Walk

dreaded topic - Fleas!

The summer weather is here and the temperatures are perfect for fleas to plague our pets. The best thing to do is to prevent them from hitching a ride whilst out and about; and the best treatment I have come across is one supplied by the vet - BEFORE the fleas hop on. I personally use a spot on solution which you put on the back of the animals neck so it cannot be licked off - best to do this at bed time. This method should prevent fleas from attaching to your pet before an outbreak but if it's all too late and you think your pal has been infested perhaps you could carry out a little test; Just bob a white piece of paper underneath your pet and rub his coat vigorously for one minute.

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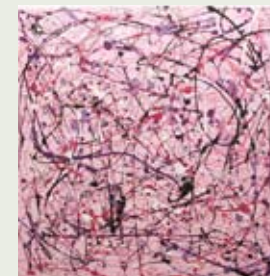
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Since opening Rochester House Gallery in March this year, Kate Walker, owner and art enthusiast, has managed to attract artists and collectors to Haworth. It is Kate's passion for the creative spirit that has spurred her on to provide a space for artists and collectors amidst the tearooms, B&Bs



Chris Chaplin



Chris Chaplin

accessible to all. You don't have to know anything about it; just come along and have a look at the wonderful talent and be inspired!"

At Rochester House Gallery there is something for everyone; with its wide variety of medium on sale, the choice is excellent; from photography, to painting, sculpture and graphic arts. The artists represented are also from a full spectrum, there are established painters like Judith

Jon Horsfall



Levin and local painters like Abigail Rhodes, Ruth Parker and Ellie Robertson sharing gallery space with new "ones to watch" like sculptor Craig Dyson.

If a customer likes a particular artist but doesn't find exactly what they are looking for, Kate

can facilitate a commissioned piece to suit the client's brief.

Local talent is encouraged and supported; Rochester House Gallery is always pleased to meet artists who are looking

for a space to display and sell their work or just simply someone to talk to about their work.

Looking at the months ahead, plans are in action for a larger gallery space with the intention of putting on one man shows and including more handmade crafts for sale. Kate is also considering the Own Art scheme devised by the Arts Council to make art affordable for all with 0%APR and manageable payments... Watch this space! **Rochester House Gallery 648832, rochesterhousegallery@live.co.uk**



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Long before the sounds of the world can be heard
At the breaking of the day

And I love the sound of falling pine cones in the morning,
Later on in the morning
Well after the sun's come up, and only one or two birds are still singing
And in the distance, the sounds of the world can be heard, not too far away

And hey, will I see your face tonight?
Will you love me in the evening light?
And will you hold me 'til the morning light streams through my window?
Hey, won't you tell me you'll be there for me?
By that magnificent magnolia tree..
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I love when I can live in the moment, here in the present moment
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Yes, I love when I can live in the moment, one with the present moment
One with the eternal 'now', not caring about 'why?', not worrying about 'how?'
Let the cherry blossom teach me how to pray,
Breathe deeply of today

And, I love the sight of your face in the morning
In the bright morning sunshine
After the sun comes up, and the lawn is soft with dewdrop
You turn my way and call my name and so,
So starts a sweet Sunday.

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Following her departure from the Pipettes in 2008, Rose Elinor Dougall has quietly been recasting herself as a psychedelic-folk chanteuse par-excel lance. For this gig at the cafe, Rose will be bringing her trusty sidekick Raleigh on guitar and will be stripping songs down from her forthcoming album "Without Why". Support comes from Jo Dudderidge of Manchester's finest The Travelling Band.

Pottery painting parties for all ages (With or without food)
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Save the date! Friday

September 11th, 8pm

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Kay Bottomley from the Twinning Group meets the school children in Machu Picchu to deliver the letters of friendship from Haworth School.

The twinning agreement between Haworth and Machu Picchu has now

been signed in both hemispheres of the world, in English and in Spanish, and at the signing in Peru, particular reference was made to the way it reflects Incan culture. The project began four years ago, after a visit to schools in Machu Picchu, and discussions with the local community who expressed an interest in forming a close friendship. The people of Machu Picchu were amazed that anyone showed interest in their community, being used to droves of tourists who don't give them a second thought as they pass through the village. Haworth may not be one of the Seven Wonders of the World but we can



Mayor Edgar Miranda Quinones & Rita Verity at the Twinning ceremony in Peru

understand that experience. The agreement was developed and signed here and then sent to Machu Picchu, where it was discussed at the full Council and the wording and principles endorsed. The document was countersigned on May 28th 2009. As well as a copy of the DVD being sent out, children in Haworth Primary School put in a huge effort to write letters of

introduction in Spanish. Their peers in Machu Picchu easily understood

the letters which is a great testament to our children's linguistic prowess. The enthusiastic replies were shared with Haworth children at school.

What does it mean?

Twinning is on the up – communication is changing, and the world's economies are becoming interdependent, and twinning is an important part of understanding other cultures. It is a privilege to be associated with such an amazing place; both communities will be able to learn a great deal from each other.

Next steps

We are working with Bradford Council with the aim of getting signs in Haworth that recognise the link. Among many local targets linked to education and the environment, the Mayor has a key ambition to see every child in Machu Picchu speaking some english in 3 years. We hope to help him achieve this target, beginning with links for the schools. The Peruvian children's letters are full of invitations to visit, so in the longer term we're aiming to develop a volunteer programme. To find out more, contact Liz Barker at liz@worthvalleymag.co.uk, or Rita Verity at rita@soniasmile.com, or type in Haworth Machu Picchu Twinning on YouTube!

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Summer is here, time for a little indulgence with a glorious dish which can become an impressive pud or a tasty starter, depending on your mood. I always thought profiteroles must be difficult, because they look so, well, difficult! But once I tried, I realised its absolutely simple and really quick: Have a go – and email me your suggestions for other fillings: www.pamperedchef.biz/nel

Did you know: A sweet choux pastry is a profiterole or an éclair, a tower of profiterole with a crisp caramel glaze is a croquembouche, and a savoury profiterole is a gougerre. Choux pastry was invented in the court of Catherine de Medici in 1540, but later renamed “choux” after the French for cabbage, which the risen profiteroles can sometimes resemble. (but they’re not usually green, nor as large).

Makes 12 large or 20 small profiteroles.

150ml cold water

55g butter, pinch of salt

70g plain flour

2 eggs

(plus 2 tablespoons cocoa powder if you want to make chocolate ones)

Preheat oven to 190/ gas mark 5

Put the butter, water and salt into the water and heat gently until the butter has melted, and then turn up the heat so it boils fast. Remove from the heat and add the flour, salt and cocoa (if using) and stir like mad with a silicone spatula or bamboo or wooden spoon (just not a metal one). The mixture will form a ball after about half a minute of beating. Tip the ball out of the pan into a mixing bowl.

Lightly whisk two eggs in a cup, and then add a little at a time to the mixing bowl, whisking well in-between. At first the mixture might separate into lumps, but keep whisking and it will become thick and smooth. Scoop (or pipe) tablespoons of mixture into either a mini-muffin pan, or straight onto a well greased baking sheet, forming 12 or more balls, (at least 5 centimetres apart), and bake for 20 – 25 minutes until they are golden brown (don't be tempted to take them out too early or they will just collapse)

Take them out and make a small cut in the side or bottom of each with the tip of a sharp knife,

just to let the steam out; leave to cool on a cooling rack.

While they are cooling, make up a filling, or a selection of fillings and glazes:

Fillings can be put into a small freezer bag with a small corner cut off (or a piping bag or tube if you have one), and piped through the steam hole. Or you can slice the tops off, fill them up and put the top back on. Glazes can make them really special, whether it's the traditional glossy chocolate sauce, caramel cream sauce or some garlicky melted cheese.

For a simple chocolate sauce, melt 100g of dark chocolate with 50 - 75ml cream and 2 teaspoons of vegetable oil in the microwave on 1/3 power for 45 seconds, stir and repeat until melted. Beat until glossy and pour over a pile of profiteroles and sprinkle with raspberries, cherries or nuts. Then take a large spoon, lock the kitchen doors, put up your feet and enjoy!

Here are a few of my favourites fillings:

•**Traditional Filling:** 175ml whipped cream with a few crushed almonds and a teaspoon or two of orange zest folded through; glaze with melted honey and toasted almonds

•**Cheese Filling:** 100g soft cream cheese with 2 tbsp mayonnaise, a teaspoon (or more if you like) of good mustard and some finely chopped ham or chives or anchovies, or just about anything you like. Enjoy! *Nel, (Pampered Chef)*

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Sat 22nd August, 'Picnic in the Park', Holden Park, Oakworth. 11.30am-3.30 pm. Bring your own picnic and have a relaxing time. Music and Children's entertainment, Face painting, etc. Presented by the Friends of Holden Park, Oakworth. For more details www.oakworthvillage.com.

Sun 23rd August, The Haworth, Oxenhope, Lees & Cross Roads Gardener's and Allotment Holder's Association's 91st Annual Flower and Vegetable Show. Haworth Community Centre, Butt Lane, Haworth, 2:00pm, with cups presented at 4:00pm. There will be a tombola, raffle, auction of surplus produce, open bar and refreshments. For more information contact secretary Geraldine Lamb on 01535 648610.

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This wonderful little show, run by a small committee of enthusiastic locals, boasts a superb display of produce grown or made in and around the Worth Valley.

The schedule of approximately 90 classes covers all aspects of vegetable and flower growing, home baking, jams, chutneys and handicrafts. There's also classes for school age children and for the first time this year, a gentleman's baking class.

The show always takes place towards the end of August every year. This hopefully allows for a bumper harvest of produce for the exhibitors to choose from.

The vegetable classes, including potatoes,

onions, cabbage, beans and beetroot, to name just a few, never fail to impress. The flower and plant displays, including sweet peas, chrysanthemums, annuals, perennials and pot plants are a sight to behold.

On to the baking section where there is always a mouth watering display of cakes, bread, muffins and biscuits.

There are also classes for the patient, talented people who do handicrafts, including embroidery, knitting, crochet and even tatting.

Finally, not forgetting the jams and chutneys made from the abundance of fruit and vegetables available at harvest time.

The setting up or "staging" of the exhibits takes place all show day morning and ends at lunchtime, after which all the exhibitors must leave the hall. The judges of each section then begin the unenviable job of

The judges deliberate over the produce at the annual show in the Haworth Community Centre.

choosing the winners of every single class, which takes a huge amount of time and skill. The show opens mid afternoon. Soon the hall is buzzing with folk eager to gaze at the array of wonderful produce and exhibitors keen to see if they've won. The tombolas and raffle are busy with customers hoping to win a prize. Towards the end of the afternoon everyone gathers for presentation of the trophies to the outstanding exhibits in each section and the drawing of the raffle. The show rounds off with a fund raising auction of produce, kindly donated by the exhibitors, where you can bid for a prize winning item. Huge thanks must go to the local businesses who sponsor the classes at the show and to all those who help in any way to make it a success.

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