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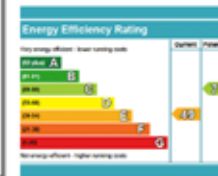
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What a stunning Haworth Festival it has been this year. The steering committee was formed later than expected but somehow managed to create a diverse programme showcasing the many talented groups and individuals that reside in the area.

It all kicked off with a colourful display of dance, drama, and food reflecting the theme "The Best Exotic Haworth Festival" at West Lane Baptist Church; with a sell out crowd to view the movie that inspired the Anglo/Asian themed party.

A first ever 'live streaming' performance at Top Withens was relayed to the guests and served as a focus for the Fibre Valley broadband initiative, (see page 18.)

Our cover photo was taken by local

artist Chris McCarthy, who also featured in Haworth Festival with a retrospective of his work displayed at the Tourist Information Centre.

August marks the Worth Valley Magazine's 7th birthday. We would like to extend a message of gratitude to the readers who have understood our aim to bring local traders to the heart of the community. In a directory of services. It is the readers who support the local services represented in this magazine that help keep the local economy moving. Our mantra of keeping it local, affordable and community minded remains the same.

Going forward we are committed to facilitating community led plans and helping the three local councils communicate effectively to residents.

Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice in

Oxenhope has asked us to support specific events and campaigns in the months ahead and we will do our utmost to work with them in the community.

Despite the fact that it feels like we are running out of destinations for our 'Where in the Worth Valley' competition, (see page 25) readers are as enthusiastic as ever about telling us where the X is located.

We welcome community volunteers and we are pleased to publish local stories, poems, and anecdotes. Our Community pages are free for all.

Listings can be sent to mail@worthvalleymag.co.uk before the 16th of the month to be included in the following month's events.

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WINED & DINED with Claire Smith from No.10 The Coffee House



My mood, this past couple of weeks, has become one of defiant determination. Though having every sympathy for those

struggling to recover from recent and distressing floods, it seems that the only way to counterbalance this summers lack of blue skies and sunshine is to remain positive and do the best with what we have. In our house, therefore, we have decided that we will have a summer whether the howling winds and driving rain want us to or not – even if it only happens in our imagination! Last week I had the good fortune to spend a couple of days at the coast and miraculously, enjoy some fine, dry and sunny weather. This gave me a taste not only for our now almost mythic British summertime but for all things smacking of summer holidays. Sleepy coastal villages, the immeasurable ocean, breathing deeply, swelling and heaving; billowing, undulating, fathomless. Vast stretches of golden sand, un-walked upon, smooth, clean and inviting, the waters edge beckoning. The pleasure of going into a seaside café or restaurant and ordering fish caught that day by local fishermen, shellfish, dressed crab, lobster – perfect holiday food. Beach barbecues, plastic picnic sets and ice-cream eaten whilst walking along

the sea front to the sound of crashing waves and the dull echo of a lone gull. It is possible to create a sense of holiday wherever you are and whatever the weather. Though we cannot order sunlit, cloudless days and balmy summer evenings, we can look forward to weekends and holidays spent in congenial company with the time and leisure to enjoy informal lunches or suppers which are joyfully fresh but simply presented, the pleasure of eating together taking precedence over labour-some preparation. If you are planning a garden lunch or picnic, and have to re-locate indoors because of bad weather, continue the picnic theme inside, nibbling at a leisurely pace, sipping chilled wine and enjoying the conviviality and conversation that flows in a relaxed environment. This will create a sense of holiday even if the weather insists on being unco-operative.

Certain flavours have the power to transport us to sunny climes and places which hold special holiday memories. Earlier today whilst sitting in one of my favourite haunts sipping freshly squeezed orange juice I was transported to the Algarve, to my favourite cliff-top bar. The juice, fresh and vibrant, tasted of Portugal, of white sandy beaches, turquoise water and bright, baking sunshine.

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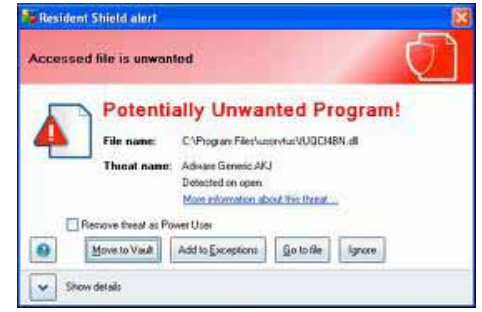
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opening through the week in 1843. It was used as a school until 1903 fulfilling Patrick's dream of providing education for the children of his poorer parishioners. While it continued to be used by the community after this, it has gradually fallen into disrepair, and now the whole of the outside of the building needs repairing and making water-tight.

Bronte Spirit are working in close consultation with English Heritage who are providing invaluable help and advice. The group are also working in partnership with more local expertise such as Airedale partnership, and Kickstart Enterprise Coaching. Says Averil; 'We welcome all the different areas of expertise, whether that is on our doorstep, or further afield, which can help us to save this building.'

The next stage is to apply for a development grant for building surveys and quotes, and of course to keep local residents abreast of the changes. The charity has decided to open the building to the public for 6 weeks over the summer with a different theme each week to include Crafting, the Railway, Art, Local history, Local Food and Tourism. The opening will include stands as well as a café and photographic exhibition of old Haworth. The trustees would welcome everyone to visit and see for themselves what has already been achieved, as well as what still needs to be done. The rooms are also available for private hire.

Anyone with an interest in getting involved should contact Catherine Prince 01535 645045 or catherineprince@hotmail.com Further information at www.theoldschoolroomhaworth.co.uk.

Visitors to Haworth cannot fail to notice the building opposite the church at the top of Main St. Some will know that the building is actually Patrick Bronte's school room, and most will wonder what is happening to the building, which is in quite a poor state of repair.

The building, whilst actually owned by the Church, has been leased to a charity, Bronte Spirit, which has been set up with the express intention of working to save this important historical building. The vision of it's' trustees is to see the school room restored and in good repair, open to the public, and able to support its own running costs. Trustee Averil Kenyon says; 'We would love to be able to ensure that the building is able to stand for the next 100 years'.

Patrick Bronte was a passionate believer in education, and was determined to improve the lives of his parishioners. To this end he persuaded the church to release the land, and then obtained a grant to build the school. The only building in Haworth to have been designed and built by Patrick Bronte, the school was opened in 1832 initially as a Sunday school before



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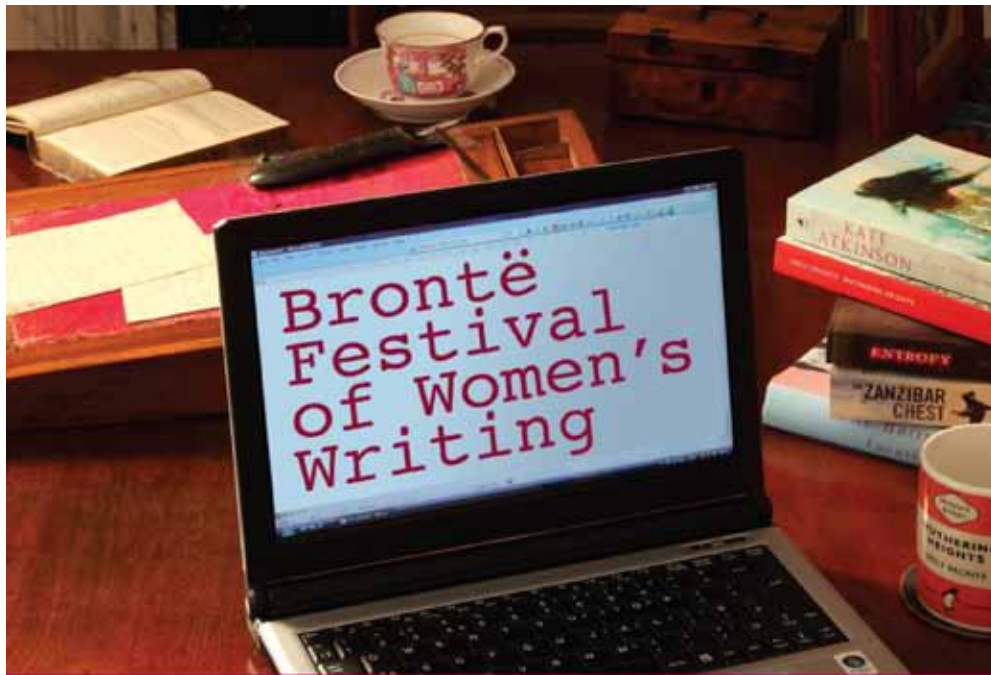
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Last year I wrote about artist Rebecca Chesney's project exploring the Brontës and the weather. We needed 10 local volunteers to help us capture weather data in Haworth for 12 months, and through this magazine we were delighted to find a team of collectors, as well as Haworth Primary School. Rebecca installed a digital weather station at the Brontë Parsonage Museum to record sunshine, rainfall, wind speed, air pressure and temperature for twelve months. She compared this meteorological data with historical weather records and descriptions in Brontë letters and novels to create new art work. Her exhibition has now opened at the museum (on a mid-summer's day suitably accompanied by gales and local floods), and takes us in many directions – placing ecology and climate change alongside the Brontës' daily lives, and their use of 'literary weather'. It's scientific yet playful, analysing, for example, which sister includes the most sunshine in her novels (and you'll have to visit the exhibition to find out!). Rebecca installed a new sculpture in the Parsonage garden which features 3 bells - one rings when it rains, one when it's windy and the third rings by solar power. It's a reference to the pseudonyms that the Brontë sisters published their works under: Currer, Acton and Ellis Bell, and

the types of weather each sister most frequently refers to in their books. Rebecca's project has also revealed how dramatically the weather affected daily life in Haworth in the 1800s. Charlotte's references to the changing seasons became more and more urgent throughout her letters of 1848 and 1849 as she lost her three siblings one by one to consumption; 'some sad comfort I take, as I hear the wind blow and feel the cutting keenness of the frost, in knowing that the elements bring her no more suffering'. We were also lucky enough to get access to historic weather records held in Cliffe Castle Museum in Keighley. Abraham Shackleton of Braithwaite kept daily weather records from 1801 until 1857, so Rebecca was able to discover the weather the Brontës would have experienced when they lived here. You can see Shackleton's weather notebook as part of the exhibition. It's been fascinating to investigate the unusual weather of the worth valley, and this article is accompanied by a photograph taken by one of the project's weather collectors, Mike Pearmain: a very rare Altopcumulus Lenticularis cloud which you might have seen hovering over the valley on 22nd Dec 2011.

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When Claire Foster envisaged owning her own shop one day, she had imagined a heritage frontage and a wonderful space to fill with beautiful things.

As a buyer and Manager at the 1853 Gallery, Salts Mill in Saltaire for over 13 years, Claire was used to surrounding herself with art, books, and fine stationery.

So when the opportunity to occupy 74 Main Street in Haworth came up, it seemed like a 'sunlight on closed lids' moment, (coincidentally the name of one of Claire's suppliers;) the feeling was right, and The Imaginarium Gallery was formed.

Before opening in June, Claire's partner, Barry, had painted the shop both inside and out and restored its heritage charm.

Claire has been able to utilise her talent for choosing unique and fine things to fill the shop: Stationery, notebooks, rubber stamps, magnets, and gift tags, from specialist stockists like Cavallini Press, miniature driftwood sculptures by Sarah Jane Brown, Selbourne pottery by Robert Goldsmith, Recycled Derwent Pencil Jewellery by Zinc White (Huddersfield).

"The shop is filled with things I love" Claire asserted.

One range that is proving to be very popular is local artist Kate Thornton's collage greetings cards, incorporating local maps and vintage imagery. Beautiful brooches, badges, vintage buttons and magnets are all affordable and make lovely gifts. Also found amongst quirky design led products is work by one of Claire's favourite local artists Clare Caulfield which have been attracting a lot of attention. Caulfield has a distinct style that captures iconic places with illustrative charm, Haworth is on the agenda. Another favourite item is a glass timer made from an old bobbin, available in different sizes and reasonably priced.

The Imaginarium adds a certain hand crafted quality gift, art, and stationery destination to Haworth's Main Street. It sits well with the vintage feel of the place.

*The Imaginarium Gallery 74 Main Street
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Horsehair raku pots by local artist Rachel Lee.



An ever changing circle!



FIBRE VALLEY

Campaign for Quality Rural Broadband

The Worth Valley is famed for its history - but now, thanks to a project on the launch night of Haworth Festival, it's famed for its future as well!

On June 29, a team of four volunteers equipped with a handful of inexpensive kit, performed the first ever "webcast" from Top Withens, high on the moors above Haworth. The webcast, a real-time video broadcast sent over the net, allowed a packed-out launch event at West Lane Baptist Chapel, alongside another dozen people worldwide, to watch performances from storyteller Johnnie Briggs and artist Simon Warner, .

. Kevin Campbell-Wright, who produced the project, said: "We wanted to create a part of the festival that was in a virtual space. This effort meant that we could bring the magic of the Brontes and the moors onto every computer across the country. Of course, to do this, we needed an

internet connection, which is where FibreValley came in. Fibre Valley, the campaign group for high speed broadband in the Worth Valley, supplied a device called a WiBE, getting us full power transmitting from the middle of the moors. Fibre Valley Director Ken Eastwood said: "I'm made up that it went so well. It shows how, these days, it's pretty easy to get connected - all you need is the right support." Anyone wanting to know more about the webcast or fibrevalley can email ken@fibrevalley.net www.fibrevalley.net



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Keighley & Ilkley MP Kris Hopkins with Beefy & Lamby

Hopefully, the weather will be kind for the cricketers and supporters when a community event takes place at Oakworth Cricket Club on Sunday 2 September.

It is the brainchild of Keighley and Ilkley MP Kris Hopkins who aims to bring people of different faiths and communities from the Keighley and Ilkley areas together in an informal sporting environment.

There will be representatives of various churches and mosques, youth and community groups competing in small teams for the honour of being named Community Champions 2012.

Refreshments and a barbeque will be run by volunteers from Manorlands Hospice

raising funds for Sue Ryder's work with seriously ill people in the local area.

Kris Hopkins said: "The end of the cricket season provides an ideal opportunity to enable people from across the district to meet, to compete and to have fun in the name of friendship – with a bit of charity thrown in. Now all we need is a big crowd, so I hope local people will lend their support."

Andrew Wood, Events Fundraiser at Sue Ryder said, "We are grateful to Kris and his team for choosing Manorlands to benefit from this great idea and hope that it will be a huge success for all involved."

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TOP TECH TIPS by Michelle Thompson at Cloudfree IT

With all the major sporting events going on this summer you can't possibly watch everything live on TV, especially if you're working diligently all day. Remembering to set up your recorder can be a pain and if it runs out of storage space you can bet your last penny it'll be during the most exciting event of all time.

Unfortunately, catching up on results or highlights means you might lose track of the storylines in your favourite dramas and soaps. Why not use the power of the internet to watch what you want, when you want and where you want? I couldn't possibly advocate you catching a 'sneaky peek' on your office PC, in between calling customers, editing spreadsheets or typing up a report (unless your boss is very accommodating, of course), so you'll probably need to catch up elsewhere. You could watch on TV on demand on your big screen 'internet ready' HDTV (if you're lucky enough to own one), your home PC, games console, laptop, netbook, iPad, tablet, or even your smartphone! During the last FIFA World Cup I sat and watched England v Germany on my iPhone whilst relaxing at Ilkley Lido. 'Multi-tasking' in the sun did slightly ease the pain of a 4-1 defeat.

All the main TV channels offer 'on demand' services now via a web-browser, and live streaming is on the increase too, not just reserved for major sporting events. The BBC does require you to confirm that you have a TV licence if you want to watch their broadcasts live though. Having a stable broadband connection is essential to get the best viewing experience, but if you live

a long way from the telephone exchange or in a densely populated area with lots of broadband users, or your internet service provider (ISP) does something called 'traffic shaping' to try and share out the bandwidth more fairly between users, your connection may not be up to the job.

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video may appear jittery or stall completely. Radio-frequency interference can be a nuisance where a wireless router or access point is used. Keep your cordless phones, microwave and wireless devices well apart, otherwise you may find your TV viewing pleasure rudely interrupted every time your mother-in-law phones or your nearest & dearest is 'dinging your TV dinner' mid-match.

'Inconvenience meals' indeed, but if in the next few weeks you come home to find the microwave on the hall table right next to your wireless router and there's a 'Heath Robinson' or 'Wallace & Gromit' style arrangement of levers and pulleys set up to keep winding the timer round so the ding never comes, you might want to consider if you've been paying your loved one enough attention during Euro 2012, Wimbledon, and the Olympics...



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Worth Valley Young Farmers 'Do their bit' by Rachael Moore

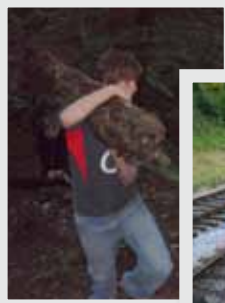


We all recall last August when England suffered rioting, looting and arson. "Youths of today" were blamed for having poor

relationships in the community. Worth Valley Young Farmers fought back from this accusation and helped out the local Keighley community with their "Big Society Month" which included renovating a path in Oakworth Park, maintaining Haworth Tennis Club tennis courts and painting and tidying at Oxenhope Train Station. These instances were excellent opportunities to put something back into the local community, whilst having fun.

The hard work received some great feedback from the organisations and was also recognised in the House of Commons by Keighley and Ilkley MP Kris Hopkins "While many people have been damning the big society, members of Worth Valley Young Farmers' Club have been rolling up their sleeves and getting on with it...Lots of people put their hands out and ask for something, but these young people are really making a contribution...the young farmers have our support and are proud ambassadors for our town". WVYFC are having another Big Society Month this August, so look out for them and do get in touch if we can help with any of your community projects.

Aside from labouring to help community clubs and groups, Worth Valley Young Farmers are having a marquee at Keighley Show on Saturday 1st September. We will be showcasing recipes learnt from Jamie Oliver's Ministry of Food Pass It On program with cooking demonstrations throughout the day. There are also



lots of displays for you to come and see what we get up to throughout the year. Retaining the agricultural aspect to the show, we encourage our members to take part in the sheep and cattle showing classes, followed by stockjudging; with over 80 members between 10 and 26, only about 10 are from a farming background, so this is great to see. Recently, we won the trophy for the most points in stock judging competitions at the Yorkshire County Show, this was a real achievement for a club who's members are mainly from a town background. Well done to all.

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Friday 6th July 'Surviving Shakespeare' 7.30pm-10pm West Lane Baptist Centre, West Lane, Haworth. The Acting Academy is proud to present 'Surviving Shakespeare' written and directed by Selina Johal. 'S Tickets: £5 adults, £4 children. Tickets can be bought on the door from 7pm or reserved via this email address: theactingacademy@inbox.com

Friday 6th July Strawberry Fayre, 2.30pm-4pm Stanbury village school, Stanbury. Stalls will include Homemade Cakes and Home Produce, bric - a - brac, Toys and books, Crafts and Confectionery, Tombola, fun and games for the children, Snacks and refreshments will be served.

Saturday July 7th-Oakworth Diamond Jubilee Gala, from 1pm at Windsor Road for procession, 2pm-Oakworth School Field. Entertainment, stalls and children's races with a red, white and blue Jubilee theme.

Saturday 7th July 'Mad Hatter's Tea Party' 2.30pm-5.30pm Central Park, Haworth. Fun for adults and children of all ages. Bring a picnic, fancy dress competitions, bouncy castle, brass band and other attractions.

Saturday 7th July 'Groovy Happenings' Music for Manorlands 2pm-11.30pm Parkside Social Club, Butt Lane, Haworth. Workshops, food and stalls as well as an evening music event.

Saturday 7th July 'Dance On, The Kathy Kirby Story' 7.30pm-10.30pm West Lane Baptist Centre, West Lane, Haworth. Full of highs, lows, great music and a singalong for us "oldies". But a story which should appeal to all age groups.

Saturday June 30th and Saturday July 7th at West Lane Baptist Church, Haworth. Tickets available soon, £7.50, from us at brontemediaservices@gmail.com or call 07866626090. All proceeds to the Afghan Trust in memory of Martin Bell, a former Worth Valley PCSO. killed in Afghanistan, to whom a plaque was



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unveiled outside the Haworth Contact Point in January.

Sunday 8th July Manorlands Garden Party, 1pm-4pm Manorlands Hospice, Hebden Road, Oxenhope. Manorlands annual Garden Party, this year with a 1940s theme. Land Girls, Haworth Brass Band, stalls and various performers including Belly Dancers. For more information please contact Richard Martin on 01535 640445 or email him: richard.martin@sueryder.org All proceeds go to Manorlands.

Monday 9th July Stanbury and District WI, 7.30pm, West Lane Baptist Church, West Lane, Haworth. Mr R Wood will be giving a talk 'Crystals-Fact or fiction' Comp-A piece of crystal.

Tuesday 10th July and Thursday 12th July Keighley Festival, 7pm-9pm Keighley Table Tennis Centre - We will have various 'fun' activities such as 'beat the robot', mini competitions, some coaching and an opportunity to discuss membership of the table tennis centre

Saturday 14th July Oxenhope Diamond Jubilee Fete, from 1.30pm, Oxenhope Millennium Green

Saturday 14th July Crossroads Gala from 1pm Crossroads village associations present Crossroads gala with a parade and a variety of stalls.

Sunday 15th July - The Bronte Sportive - incorporating the 4.8 mile race the train and the 88 mile Bronte Monster. A route for all abilities, go to www.brontesportive.org.uk for more info and entry

Saturday 21st July Table Top Sale, 10am-12pm, Exley Head Church, Wheathead Lane. Including attic and garage clearance, good as new and crafts Refreshments will be available. If you would like to rent a table for £5, please get in touch with Glenis 01535 640346 or Janet 01535

603065 before Wednesday 18th July.

Saturday 21st July-Airedale Male Voice Choir concert, 7.30pm Oakworth Methodist Church. A concert given by the Airedale Male Voice Choir in Oakworth Methodist Church. For more information please go to <http://www.oakworthmethodists.org/> Diary

Sunday 22nd July-Buffet Lunch-1pm-Lees Methodist Church A buffet lunch will be provided, no charge but a donation to cover the cost of food would be welcome.

Thursday 26th July Oxenhope Antique and Collectors Society, 7.30pm, Oxenhope Community Centre. The Life of LS Lowry by Michael Simpson.

Friday 27th - Saturday 28th July - 'Woodfest' Live Music Festival on the Farm, Lees Moor, Cross Road. In aid of Sue Ryder- two days of great bands, camping and a licensed bar. The festival is set in farmer Wood's fields which are dry and south facing with stunning views of Bronte County as you chill listening to a wide variety of acts which suit all tastes www.woodfest.org.uk

Saturday 4th August-Groovy Happening-Music for Manorlands. Parkside Social Club, Butt Lane, Haworth.

Another music event in aid of Manorlands Hospice. www.facebook.com/groovyhappening

Saturday 11th August-Fairy Fest-1pm Holden Park, Oakworth.

Local popular fairy themed event hosted by the Friends of Holden Park. The event will include: Fancy Dress, Stalls, Food, Live entertainment and workshops.

Sunday 19th August Haworth Flower and Vegetable show, 2pm-4pm Haworth Community Centre, Butt Lane, Haworth The Haworth, Oxenhope, Lees & Cross Roads Gardener's and Allotment Holder's Association's 94th Annual Flower and Vegetable Show. The show opens to the public at 2:00pm, with cups presented at 4:00pm. There will be a tombola, raffle, auction of surplus produce, open bar and refreshments. Anyone interested in entering produce for our show (one of the best local shows in the North of England) can obtain a schedule from Mr Geoff Wilkins on 01535 642633.

From Saturday 1st September-Calendar Girls-Keighley Playhouse, Devonshire street, Keighley.

Tickets range from £5-£7. Tickets are available by calling the box office on 0845 1267 859 during office hours. If you would like to be reminded of forthcoming plays/ events please email keighleyplayhouse@btinternet.com for further information. visit the Keighley Playhouse www.keighleyplayhouse.co.uk

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Serves 4

16 large elderflowers

For the batter:

100g plain flour
2 tbsps sunflower oil
175ml sparkling mineral water
1 tbsps caster sugar
an egg white
oil for deep frying
a plate thickly dusted with caster sugar

Sift the flour into a large basin then add the oil and water beating slowly to a thick paste, then stir in the sugar. Set aside for 30 minutes. Don't be tempted to skip the resting time, this is

essential for a light batter. Just before you plan to fry the elderflowers, beat the egg white and fold it gently into the batter.

Wash the elderflowers thoroughly by leaving them to soak in a sink of cold water. This will not affect their flavour and they are easy to shake dry. Make certain that there are no aphids hiding among the flowers. When you are certain that they are clean, get the oil on to heat up. Snip the flowerheads into small stems.

Test the oil to make sure it is hot enough – it should send a cube of bread golden in seconds – then dip the elderflowers into the batter and lower them into the hot oil. Keep them under the oil by pushing down on the stem. The batter will bubble up around the flowers like little pearls. Fry until the batter is pale gold and crisp then lift out of the fat and dip straight into the caster sugar. Eat the fritters while they are hot and crisp.

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Mango, one of the world's most popular fruits (and a vitamin C powerhouse), is finally getting its due; and it makes a mean smoothie. Some markets now sell it chopped and

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Ingredients

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They say success breeds success. Judging by the way Bronte Taxis is expanding its reach beyond the Worth Valley, here is a local business example of the success principle.

With the recent acquisition of DCW Taxis in Cullingworth, the firm is now able to service the private hire requirements of Denholme, Cullingworth, Harden, Wilsden, Cottingly and Bingley as well as the entire Worth Valley.

Proprietor, Tariq Mahmood, is proud of the fact that Bronte Taxis is one of the longest-established private hire businesses in the Keighley area with over 30 years continuous service.

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Keighley Playhouse's latest season came to a very satisfying conclusion in June with the sell-out run of "Brassed Off". Based on the 1996 film starring Ewan McGregor, it was a powerful, sometimes shocking tale of a small mining community united - and sometimes divided - in their struggle to survive the closure of the local pit. The play offered an equal measure of hope, despair and laugh out loud comedy, but what made it really special was the inclusion of live performances by the Hade Edge brass band who delighted the audience with some stirring classics. Even when the script demanded they play poorly after a session on the ale their efforts were still greeted with generous applause and there could have been barely a dry eye in the house when, by the light from their miners helmets, they played "Danny Boy" in a vigil outside the hospital for ailing band leader Danny, played superbly by Mike Boothroyd. Regular visitors to the Playhouse would have been familiar with him and many other members of the cast who are now found either on stage, front of house or behind the scenes, but it is a credit to their talents that they effortlessly take on such a wide variety of roles so convincingly. After playing over 50 characters in last year's excellent production of The 39

Steps, I was again impressed by Mark Allan as the tragic figure of Phil and I must also mention Nikki Barrett who was brilliantly brash as his long suffering wife Sandra. Despite the sometimes grim tone of the story there was plenty of light relief - the earthy banter between the male characters, Andy and Gloria's romantic date at the chippy, the drunken antics of Rita & Vera and the odd dig at our Lancashire neighbours all raised enough laughs to leave us feeling - yet again - truly entertained.

The 2012/13 season begins on 1st September with another controversial story set in Yorkshire and I'm certain you'll need to reserve your seats early for this one - The Calendar Girls. For more information visit www.keighleyplayhouse.co.uk

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If you hear the words 'Groovy Happening' you can be forgiven for thinking you have been transported back to the 60's. In fact it is the name of the monthly music event at Parkside Social Club raising money for Manorlands Hospice.

One of the small group of volunteer organisers is Ann Wiles, who for 10 years has also been a familiar face on Haworth Main Street in her gift shop, Oates and Wiles, open 7 days a week.

Ann joined forces with two friends to form a local fundraising group after her husband John died in Manorlands.

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Ann's love of music and infectious enthusiasm has brought the community together for a great fun evening with a seriously beneficial outcome. The proceeds are mounting up and a substantial cheque will be handed over to Manorlands at the local Woodfest event in July.

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Ann is an inspiration to many and a true 'Woman of Worth.'

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