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## Friends of Haworth Park & Haworth 1960s Weekend



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Eleven bands will perform on the bandstand through out both days, with The Sheratons and The Sillie Billies making a welcome return. The Pretend Beatles will be rounding off the weekend which is very apt as 25th June is World Beatles Day! Some of the bands will be playing in various pubs and performers on Main Street will add to the atmosphere.

Stalls, food and drink outlets and children's rides will ensure that there is something for everyone at this fabulous, fun, family event.

FoHP thank the 60s Weekend committee for their hours of hard work and all who support them. We hope that everyone has a groovy time.


**Sarah Granby** On behalf of FoHP photos by S Hogg



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Our cover is taken from last year's Bed-In at the Haworth 1960's weekend; an homage to John Lennon and Yoko Ono who held two week long Bed-Ins for Peace in Amsterdam and Montreal. in 1969. Local residents Liam Newton with son, Noel, and partner Helen Alexander will participate again this year in The 1960's event June 24th & 25th on Main Street outside Sonia's Smile. (2016 Donations enabled the twinning of 2 toilets in developing countries.)

And there is so much more in the calendar for June...Groovy Happening, KWVR Steam & Ale Trail, Bronte Parsonage Summer Festival; so many choices...enjoy! Liz Barker - editor



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"We have improved our product range and can supply A-rated energy efficient products at competitive prices," Steven continued. "We have our own glazing operation in house and we undertake lead work, stains, and triple glazed units. It also enables us to reduce the wait time to fulfil orders. We can create a window replacement in hours if necessary. This of course, can be very helpful to our customers as it limits the stress of having to live with a window or door that is not secure."

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# A purposeful trek by Pam Howarth



**A**fter nine months of planning, training and fund raising I had finally arrived in Cusco, Peru, South America, to trek the Inca trail to Machu Picchu! I was one of 13 women, aged between 26 and 65, from all over the UK, who had worked for months to get sponsors for this trek and raise money for Breast Cancer Care. Nine of the 13 had been through breast cancer themselves, and between us we'd raised more than £70,000.

**Sunday, April 2nd, 6.00am.**

We left the hustle and bustle of Cusco by coach and drove along country roads to the Sacred Valley. We drove through small villages and climbed higher and higher along narrow roads. Then as we came

over a hill we saw the glacier Veronique, which is as high as Kilimanjaro, at over 5000m; we could see the snow on top. We passed some glass igloos, precariously clinging to the side of a cliff where thrill seekers can stay, if they are prepared to climb the death-defying ladder.

After a couple of hours we arrived at a makeshift bus station to meet our porters. There were 13 of us and 20 porters to carry our tents and cooking equipment, and two guides to lead the way. There were locals selling all sorts of souvenirs, including bandanas; I bought one as it's a good idea to wear it over your nose if you have to use a portaloos! One of our group gave a little boy a banana and he kissed it, then came back with his little brother for another.

We set off, rucksacks loaded, trekking poles in hand. The adventure began. After



showing our passports at Checkpoint KMB2 we crossed a rickety, bouncy bridge over the fast flowing Urubamba river. We walked along through farmland, passing cacti with prickly pears on top and fertile fields. I passed an old man propping a wheelbarrow on his knees while his son rendered a wall and his wife sold fruit. After a few hours we stopped at a farm. For one sol (25p) we used their loo, which was a bit like an old outhouse. A pretty little girl of about eight collected our coins and never stopped smiling. The people are really lovely and friendly. We passed trees with avocados growing, and the whole place was so lush and green. We trekked at a steady pace and were able to walk 14km today, which was classed as the easy day!

We camped on grass that night and after an amazing meal we went to bed. I got up

in the night and looked out to see the most amazing stars. I felt as if I could reach up and touch them, they were so bright and clear. There were thousands and thousands and I could see the Milky Way!

**Monday, April 3rd, 6.00am.**

This was our highest climb to 4215m and known as Dead Woman's Pass. We set off at a steady pace and I was doing fine. Our guide Justino was at the front with our doctor at the back of the group and the other guide, Lewis, in the middle. They communicated on walkie talkies. I found myself at the front and found my pace. I counted in my head to keep a rhythm. It was slow going but steady. We were climbing through rain forest that was like something from Jurassic Park. I felt strong and great; I could see the peak in the distance and the path was winding its way up the side of a steep mountain. The

gap was getting bigger between us as some were struggling with the altitude. I was lucky, I wasn't fazed, I knew I was doing ok. I think the adrenalin was keeping me going. We stopped for lunch. People were quiet now, as it was getting tough. One of our group was quite ill, she had been sick and was getting dehydrated. The doctor agreed that she needed to go back, as if she were to carry on they would need to helicopter her off. They assigned her a porter to take her back down, which would take one and a half days even after hiring a one-eyed mule from a local farmer for her to ride. We were all very sad for her as we had become close and all felt her disappointment, but she would meet us again at Machu Picchu.

The lack of oxygen was noticeable. We walked down steep granite steps for the next four hours, passing humming birds, wild orchids and amazing waterfalls. It was harder for me going down than climbing up. Night was falling as we got closer to our camp and we were greeted by the croaking of hundreds of frogs! It was the strangest sound.

**Tuesday April 4th, 5.00am.** We were up as the sun was rising over the mountain. From above the clouds it was breathtaking. Today was going to be the longest day. After a long and steep climb we looked back to see the peak of Dead Woman's Pass from yesterday and how far we had come. At the summit of today's peak, Runkaraqay, we built a cairn of rocks. We each placed our own rock on the pile and paused, deep in thought. It was very quiet and still. We each had our reasons for being on this walk and this was the point at which these reasons seemed to grow in our consciousness. As each of us took time out in our own private world, it was clear that we had come together as

strangers but would leave as close friends. When we got up and walked on it was along very narrow pathways, with sheer drops. It was hard, and as the light began to fade we were now walking in small groups with head torches lighting our way. We arrived at camp late and we were all exhausted and drained. I had been asked to collect tips from everyone to give to the porters, which makes up an important part of their wages. After our meal we gave these out and thanked them for looking after us. That night we only had a few hours sleep.

**Wednesday April 5th, 3.30am.**

We had an amazing breakfast of pancakes and quinoa porridge and they had even baked us a cake! We set off, head torches on. Today was my favourite day. We saw the sun rise in a haze over the mountain tops. Birds were waking up and singing. The smell of the dew on the trees and plants was so fresh. We walked through rainforest. Now we could see the Urubamba river again and in the distance we heard the train heading towards Aguas Calientes. With our hands we climbed the monkey steps, or "Gringo Killers" as the locals called them; it was great fun, and then our destination, Machu Picchu, was in front of us.

I could only imagine how Hiram Bingham must have felt when he re-discovered Machu Picchu in 1911. We were here, this destination that we'd been dreaming of going to for so long. Machu Picchu is one of those places in the world, like Easter Island, or maybe the Pyramids, that has a mysterious, even mythical quality, but it was no longer myth, it was reality. Here we were. We'd made it.

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Black, Landlady at the Wuthering Heights public house offered free use of one of the rooms at the pub, proving that mutual support and community spirit still exists! Toby Howarth, the Bishop of Bradford, was approached for permission to temporarily hold Sundry services there, which he granted.

It seems both apt and ironic that the room had recently been refurbished and some reclaimed church pews had been installed. Perhaps Nicci had anticipated our predicament and wanted to make us feel at home. Perhaps she had also seen that phrase in the Bible about there being no room at the inn and decided to put the matter right!

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**Sat 3rd June 7.30pm Slaithwaite Brass Band at West Lane Methodist, Haworth.** Entry £5 in support of Sue Ryder, Manorlands.

**Tues 6th June 6.45pm Oakworth Village Society Crowning of Gala Queen - Holden Hall**

**Fri 9th June 3pm Unpicking the Mystery of Charlotte's Dress at West Lane Baptist Church, Haworth.** Dress historian Eleanor Houghton

talks about Charlotte Brontë's blue and white delaine dress which was displayed recently at the Morgan Library in New York.

**Sat 10th & Sun 11th June KWVR Steam & Ale Trail.**

**Sun 11th June 11 am Railway Children at Haworth Visitor Information Centre 6 mile circular walk** - bring packed lunch. Meet Kenneth John Allen at Haworth Visitor Information Centre (top of Main Street) at 11am - back by popular demand to visit various locations from the film.

**Mon 12th -Sat 17th June Fur Coat & No Knickers at Keighly Playhouse.**

**Mon 12th June 7.30pm Stanbury & District WI How to make your Life better** by Caddi Ranyard. Meetings held at West Lane Baptist Church, Haworth.

**Sat 17th June 10 am - 4pm Haworth Primary School Cake Stall at Airedale Shopping Centre.**

**Sat 17th June 11am The Real Wuthering Heights, the History & Life of the Withins Farms** talk by Steven Wood & Peter Brears at Keighley Local Studies Library. Free Entry.

**Sat 17th June 7.30pm Soul & Motown Fundraising Night for Ryan at Victoria Hall in Keighley.** Entertainment will be provided by SoulTrain, a lively 11 member band and hosted by Kiki DeVille who appeared on The Voice in 2014. The evening includes a raffle and auction. Tickets are priced at £12pp and can be bought via www.ryanswishtowalk.com/big-band-fundraiser, by emailing ryanswishtowalk@gmail.com or by

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**Sun 18th June 12 - 2pm Bandstand Concert at Cliffe Castle Park.** An afternoon of live music and entertainment while relaxing with a picnic in the park.

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**Sat 24th June 12 - 4pm Haworth Car Boot at The 3 Acres, Cross Roads.**

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**Sat 24th & Sun 25th 2pm 60's Weekend - And here's to you, Mrs Robinson at Bronte Parsonage Museum.** Free with admission to the Museum. As Haworth is swinging to the sounds of the 60s, join us at the Museum on the 50th anniversary of

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**Sat 24th June 7.30pm Big Band (from Haworth)** in concert playing mainly 1960's music - with vocals from Michael Smith & Doug Edmonson. **At St Michael and all Angels Church, Haworth.** Admission £8 (which includes Pimms & canapes). Proceeds to the Church & local charities. Tickets from Firth's Boutique, Haworth Main Street or call Andrea & Jens Hislop on 01535 644444.

**Sat 1st July Oakworth Annual Gala** - procession departs from Windsor Road at 2pm.

**Sat 1st & Sun 2nd July Model Railway Exhibition** on the KWVR.

**Sat 1st July Groovy Happening at Parkside Club, Butt Lane, Haworth.**

**Sun 2nd July Oxenhope Straw Race.**

**Sun 2nd July 4pm Summer Tea & Cakes Concert** at Haworth Baptist Centre, West Lane, Haworth

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM



We're getting ready for an incredibly busy June in the Museum. On Friday 9 June our annual Brontë Society Festival Weekend begins, when Brontë Society members from across the UK and abroad visit Haworth and enjoy a packed programme of events. The director of the National Theatre's *Jane Eyre* (now touring) will be joining us, as will Skipton-born writer Blake Morrison (author of *And When Did You Last See Your Father?*), who will share his lifelong fascination with the Brontës.

On Thursday 15 June, we're delighted to welcome Hebden Bridge-based artist Kate Lycett to the museum for a special Meet the Maker evening. Kate specialises in painting landscapes and townscapes, and the Brontë Parsonage now features in her portfolio. Museum entry is free to local visitors after 5.30pm, and there will be 10% of Kate's range in the shop if you want to treat yourself.

Towards the end of the month we're getting into the spirit of the Haworth 60s weekend with a nod to the 50th anniversary of Mike Nichols' *The Graduate*. Come along to hear free talks at 2pm about the Mrs Robinson who allegedly had an affair with Branwell whilst he was employed as tutor to her son; an affair that led to his dismissal and subsequent decline.

We begin **Monday 26 June** – the 200th anniversary of Branwell's birthday – on a cheerier note, with a birthday breakfast at the place where Branwell was born in Thornton; Emily's café. Guests can enjoy a delicious selection of pastries, while Ann Dinsdale, our Principal Curator, shares her experience of 'living with Branwell' over the past 27 years. Back at the museum, and throughout the day, there will be informal talks about Branwell, an opportunity to paint Branwell – or yourself! – into the iconic Pillar portrait – and there will be a screening of documentary film *A Humble Station?* which explores Branwell's time in the Calder Valley.

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