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This month the Worth Valley welcomes a swell of visitors aiming to soak up the vintage vibe of our picturesque villages and authentic countryside. Events like the Bronte Vintage Gathering and the Haworth 1940's weekend keep visitors coming back; both are annual favourites in our calendar. Additionally, these events support charitable organisations and contribute to the health of the local economy.

If you drive in to the upper Worth Valley there are more surprises in the landscape this month. Sladen Bridge, Stanbury and Oxenhope are all key locations for Fields of Vision. This Yorkshire Festival project is taking shape in the breathtaking scenery and creating a spectacular backdrop for the route of the Tour de France Grand Depart.

Be sure to get out and enjoy all that

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this stunning valley has to offer.





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Mohamad Raj is now retired but before handing over the restaurant to his two sons, Javed and Azhar, Mr Raj's parting gift was to refurbish the building and modernise the decor.

Javed and Azahar, along with other members of the extended family continue in their father's footsteps and are honoured to build on his legacy. "My father taught us to shape the business with honesty and trust. That has been an important element of our success. Also, my father taught my brother Javed to cook! So we take a tremendous amount of pride in the quality of our food," explained Azhar Iqbal, the younger brother and 'front of house' face of

Raj Mahal. "We really care about looking after our customers and making it a pleasant and relaxed dining experience."

Worth Valley resident, Mr. Bainbridge, concurred with Azhar; he and his wife have been dining at the Raj Mahal for 15 years. "The service is friendly and courteous. We go practically every week, or in excess of 40 times a year. The food is superb, everything is freshly prepared and individually cooked. They will accommodate requests for changes, so if you want something with a little more garlic or ginger, less mushrooms, etc they are more than happy to adjust a dish to your tastes."

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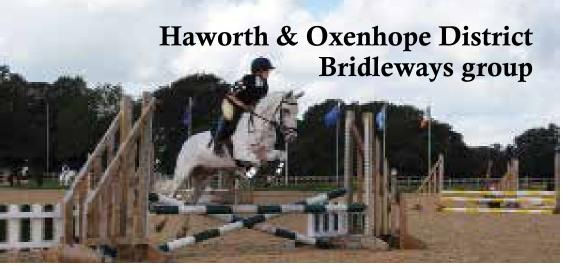


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Haworth & Oxenhope District Bridleways group was founded in 1976 with the main objective of working towards protecting and improving our bridleways network and negotiating new off road riding opportunities for the benefit of our members and other riders alike. We help to keep our bridleways open, safe and useable for all. Becoming a member of HODBG has so many benefits - from members' special offers with local companies to meeting new like-minded people and having fun!

Membership costs just £8.00 per year for seniors, £4.00 per year for juniors and £12 for Family Membership.

Our monthly meetings are held at The Old White Lion Hotel in Haworth. Junior meetings start at 6.45pm followed by the senior meeting at 7.45pm. As well as sharing information, we have a talk by a guest speaker, usually lasting about 40 minutes, followed

by questions, a raffle and a chance to socialise with other riders in the area. New members are always welcomed!

HODBG organise many activities in the local area, the most recent being our Easter Treasure Hunt on Penistone Moor which was a great success and was won by Archie and Emma Clavin who completed the hunt in the fastest time by finding the clues hidden all over the moor and correctly

guessing the jumbled up word in the fastest time. Everyone who attended received a rosette and the prizes were handed out at our April meeting. Coming up we have dressage events running throughout the summer. The junior and senior competitions will be in the form of a league based on points. There will be a separate event for Fledglings (inexperienced adults and juniors/horses new to dressage) with a junior and senior league. Trophies and rosettes will be awarded at the annual presentation evening. This year all our competitions are to be held at Lily Hall Livery Stables, parking is available at nearby Penistone Hill car park.

For insurance reasons this competition is only open to members; however it will be possible to join Bridleways on the day.

We also plan organised rides each month. These are a great fun way to ride new routes; most rides can accommodate

lead reins and vary in length so you can choose how far you want to go! All riders receive a rosette for completing the ride, and some of the rides can be done in fancy dress with prizes for the best fancy dress!

Our fun show will be held in July on Penistone Moor, followed by our annual show in August.

All the details about our upcoming events can be found at www.hodbg.org or by calling Gemma Jackson on 07940 246719.



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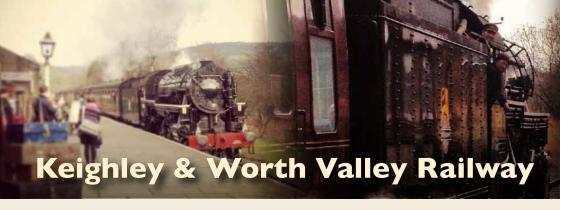
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I am very mindful that the Railway is at the centre of the tourist economy on which many local businesses depend, yet it can sometimes be difficult to appreciate what our team of volunteers achieves when the Railway is on our doorstep and has been so much a part



of the fabric of the Valley for such a long time: we near 2018, which will mark 50 years of operation under the Preservation Society's stewardship.

We are very keen to be able to reenact the re opening special train that we ran in June 1968, but that will take some £300k of funds and a huge effort to get a particular locomotive back in traffic that we very much hope to do and which is why 2018 doesn't seem so far away to us.

The effort it takes just to keep the railway operating every weekend and daily in school holidays using steam engines and rolling stock dating back nearly 75 years in many cases, and much even further, is staggering, but vital. Many items in our collection represent important moments in our nation's heritage, and I am very proud to say that as a result we can contribute directly to the 1940s weekend in Haworth, during which we will be formally recognising the restoration to traffic of two classes of locomotive that were central to the Allied war effort. The restoration involved repatriating one locomotive from Sweden and one from Poland, and, in the case of the former, working hard to convert it

from a design suited to running in the Arctic Circle rather than the much warmer Yorkshire climate [!]. During the weekend we also will providing a Park and Ride service, taking pressure off the roads in Haworth, whilst not diverting visitors' focus from the event in Haworth itself.

We aim to play a similar Park & Ride role in July for Le Grand Depart of the Tour de France, when we expect to be offering the only transport link up the valley on a day when roads are closed, so the 'buses won't be able to operate. We are planning to operate an intensive service from around the time of the road closures (which we understand to be around 7am) until early evening to help move the anticipated high volumes of visitors between the 'hubs' at Keighley and Haworth, as well to Oxenhope for what should be some spectacular vantage points in and around the village. Please continue to check on www.kwwr.co.uk for the latest news as we finalise our proposed operation with the event coordinators.

Whilst all this goes on, we continue to develop plans for the café at Oxenhope, with planning approval received and the contract currently out to tender. I am looking forward to being able to explore ways that local community groups can benefit from the space, assuming final Railway board approval is given to fund what will be a very significant build and fit-out cost.

As ever, if you would like to get involved and join our 500-strong volunteer team or to discuss any of the plans mentioned, please do get in touch either with me directly on matthew.stroh@kwvr.co.uk or via the Railway's office on 01535 645214 / admin@kwvr.co.uk

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fields of vision The Fields of Vision team

have not been letting the grass grow over recent weeks.

Work has started in earnest on the major land art

Andrew Wood and Trudi Entwistle project which is the Bradford District's contribution to Yorkshire Festival, the 100 day cultural event leading up to Le Tour. Appropriately, the first visions are emerging on our patch - as the project is led by Worth Valley Young Farmers, along with Pennine Prospects and Worth the Tour. One of the most iconic sites is Lower Laithe reservoir in Stanbury which, says organiser Andrew (Woody) Wood, has become the Fields of Vision 'poster girl' as it was brought to life in a digital preview featured in numerous publications including this one. "That means we are under added pressure to ensure the finished artwork for this one exactly matches the design" said Woody, as he and the team marked out the site, using simple string, peg and ribbon techniques.

The banking will provide a canvas for 'Ripples' by Hebden Bridge-based Trudi Entwistle. Trudi is a 'site specific' artist who works mainly in the outdoors creating art

which is responsive to the landscape. In this case she has focused on the relationship between water and the strong geometry of the man-made site with its linear walls and field boundaries. The piece will be drawn using liquid fertiliser, enhanced with iron, to form

patterns of darker green grass leaf which contrast strongly with the lighter greens of the living canvas.

A more typical Yorkshire flavour has already emerged on the 'Stanbury 3' site where 'One man and his Dog' by Simon Manfield (no pun intended says Woody) has already been marked out and can be viewed from the layby outside Haworth cemetery.

That particular artwork should appeal to the BBC Countryfile team visiting us next month. They will also see the progress of the Oxenhope artwork, by Louise Lockhart, in the form of a dancing lady - representing the emancipation of woman by the bike in the Victorian Era and the Worth Valley site off

Goose Cote Lane which will host Raz Ul Haa's 'italic bike'. Once again we will be seeing and hearing a helicopter buzzing overhead to fly the TV crew around the local sites.

















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With the Tour de France 100day cultural festival now

well underway and just two months left before Le Grand Depart, things are moving pretty quickly – and it's all starting to feel very real.

As well as a big screen, race-related activities and local information, the Haworth spectator hub will offer plenty of entertainment for all-comers, such as performances by musicians, a children's Circus Skills Workshop and the fabulous Freyja Fire Sprite promising 'fire fans, fire eating and fire tricks'.

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Our TDF preparations attracted a VIP visitor in the form of Sports Minister Helen Grant who called in on Worth Valley's primary schools to see how they were getting involved. Worth Valley Councillor Russell Brown who showed her round with MP Kris Hopkins, said she was 'pretty blown away' by all the work that was going on around here and, as it was a whistle-stop tour, expressed an interest in returning during Le Tour.

Russell and the 'Hollywood' team have been busy, meanwhile, updating the salutations on the hillside above Shaw Lane, Oxenhope, which are now among the most wellrecognised icons of Le Tour in our area. The signs celebrate all things Yorkshire and are often humorous: EAT PIES. DRINK BEER, KNIT WOOL, BAKE BUNS, the latest one has been a call to, most appropriately, get 'ON YER BIKE'. One way people are able to do just that - and take in a bit of our more rugged terrain is by signing up for an off-road adventure with MTB Cycle Yorkshire, who will be running mountain bike trail rides from the Manorlands Le Tour campsite at Stones Top Cottage above Oxenhope during the TDF weekend.

The Worth the Tour team have been busy working on a video for the Truck

and Cycle Road Safety event organised by Bradford-based Freight Train,

the specialist haulier training company. The aim is to foster greater understanding between truck drivers and cyclists, reduce accidents and hopefully even save lives. It features interactive safety events for families and a discussion group bringing together the police, Road Haulage Association, West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive, Bradford Council Highways and other

experts, to debate the issues. The public is encouraged to attend the evening session, 6:30pm May 7th at University Academy Keighley.

On Friday May 30, UAK is also the setting for a seminar being held by Active Bradford Partnership with Welcome to Yorkshire boss Gary Verity as keynote speaker. There will be advice for businesses on how to benefit from Le Tour – not just locally but nationally and globally – and it is hoped we will be welcoming some international delegates to the event. (see page 25 for booking details)





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The minimum distance to walk to watch the race on Saturday is 2 miles and only ½ mile on Sunday. To avoid disappointment book in advance www.boltonabbey.com as this, the world's greatest cycle race – the Tour de France is set to bring millions of fans to the Yorkshire roadside.

For those wishing to stay the Estate is offering a one off opportunity to camp. Nestled alongside the bank of the River Wharfe the campsite is situated next to the Cavendish Pavilion known by many as the 'The Yorkshire Dales cycling pit stop' and frequented by the Brownlee Brothers.

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Hello Spring!

It's time to get back to the garden. Natural shapes and prints inspire fresh new looks for the season.

This seasons fashion trends are like no other I've experienced before. It was a sheer delight to be amidst such vibrant colours and floral prints during the bleak winter months & just knowing what was about to hit the rails was most exciting.

Spring 2014's hottest look is no doubt about wearing one print on all items of clothing and accessories, or to clash several patterns in one outfit. If that seems too daring, then the third approach to this hot trend is to work one colour splashed on everything: shoes, bags, phone cover, the works. Too much is simply not enough. Team your neon florals and botanical blooms with edgy attitude and offbeat accessories, like metallic glam rock accessories, sky high sandals or chilled-out trainers.

On summer's catwalk, powdery soft mints are either offset with stark nude tones or blended with sorbet colours. like candy floss pink, baby blue or lemon sherbet, best worn with plenty of confidence.

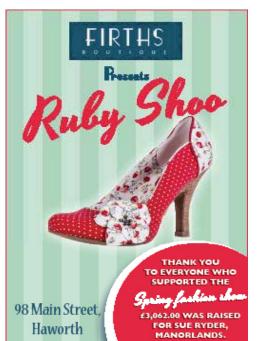
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Yellow is a colour that immediately grabs your attention in the most direct way possible. Its bright, loud and instantly holds the eye. It's the colour representative of spring and summer, of times festive and giddy. Yellow is also the coloured jersey worn by the race leader of the Tour De France which will be coming through Haworth on the 6th July! Exciting times ahead.....

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The local Churches Together group has always taken up the challenge of raising money to support Christian Aid's ongoing work around the world. But this year instead of pushing envelopes through your letter boxes, they will be running

a 'pop up charity shop' at Sonia's Smile, Main Street in Haworth. Rita Verity, owner of Sonia's Smile is moving out for just one week to enable the 'pop-up-shop' to go ahead. Selling donated household goods, the pop-up-shop will be trying to raise as much money as possible to ensure that as many people as possible are set free from poverty. Within the shop there will be information about the work of Christian Aid and a rolling film show of how Christian Aid helps different people in many different ways.

Individuals, communities and churches can and do make a real difference. Last year, a magnificent 20,000 churches across the country helped raise £12m. This year Christian Aid is hoping to reach the 42 million people caught up in warfare and conflict and help them live a life free from fear.

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Thurs 15th May at 7.30pm

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TOP TECH TIPS by Michelle Thompson at CloudFree IT

Technology is not the problem!

When you see headlines like 'The greatest security risk in history' appearing in response to the latest widespread hack or virus outbreak, do you feel like ripping the network cable out of your router, yanking the SIM out of your mobile, slapping on a tinfoil helmet, and running down your street screaming 'Free me from this evil

I. In all civilisations there will always be people looking for easy ways to make money without doing any legitimate work. Crime is the result.

called technology!'? Reality check time, folks!

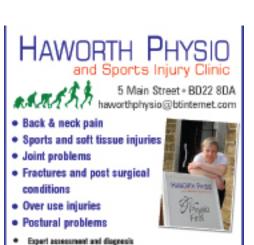
Technology isn't the problem here, it's people!

- 2. Clever criminals don't like to get their hands dirty'. Stealing via the internet is the current 'crime of choice' as detection can be evaded.
- 3. Humans make mistakes. Computer systems are designed by humans, ergo there will always be mistakes in computer code, just as there are mistakes in car and fridge designs, resulting in product recalls. All it takes is a hacker with time on their hands to find flaws and sell harvested data to criminals. Once one vulnerability is patched they're already on the hunt for another.
- 4. Well-informed people do all they can to protect themselves from criminals of all kinds. including those using the internet.

Most 'big name' websites affected recently, e.g. Pinterest, Tumblr, Instagram etc. were vulnerable long before 'Heartbleed' made the headline news. Hackers could have been harvesting data for months. Changing a password immediately is shutting the barn door after the horse bolted. Far too many people use the same username and password on several different sites. Data stolen from vulnerable sites might be used to get access to other sites that aren't vulnerable! Being 'laissez-faire' about your passwords and

other personal data is the same as walking down a dark alley with your wallet hanging out of your back pocket and having your bank PIN in neon lights on the back of your jacket! Make life more difficult for all internet criminals by doing the followina:-

- I. Change all passwords regularly, not iust when you hear about a new vulnerability on the news. Don't use the same password on multiple sites.
- 2. Before choosing a password, think about how easy it would be for someone who already has a little information about you to guess it. Could your password (or a simple variation of it) be used to access your social networking accounts to find out more info about you, such as your date of birth, place of birth, address, mother's maiden name or pet/child's name?
- 3. Does your Facebook profile give too much away? Would information stored there give a criminal the means to access other accounts where card or bank details are stored? What could they do with info about you? Online application for a cash loan or credit card in your name springs to mind...
- 4. If your online banking requires only a simple password and/or asks you for answers to one or two 'security questions', switch to a bank that takes security seriously and offers a proper security device with their accounts.
- 5. Strong passwords are hardest for people to remember and hardest for password cracking systems to crack. Don't use names of people, places or pets, ever! A random string of uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers and symbols is safest.
- 6. Worried about the number of passwords you need to manage? Pay for a third-party password management device or system. Whilst some hackers might boast they can get past these too, anything that slows them down increases the chance of them being caught, so they will move onto a different target.



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