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Have you renewed your gym membership, enrolled in a Spanish class, booked zumba sessions? Have you gathered the fruits from your garden and had a jam making session?

Autumn is sympathetic to domestic industry and renewed creative endeavour. As I go to press I am buzzing from the hive of activity that was The Great Stanbury Bake Off...a marvel of community gathering; so too was the Military Wives Choir concert held in Haworth Parish Church. What a joy to see people come together for a common purpose.

Enjoy your October magazine and have a great month.

Liz Barker, editor





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The pumpkin season in the UK is sadly short, dictated more by halloween than culinary requirements these days. But even if you only ever buy it to carve into a gruesome face to put fear into passers by, then don't throw away the bits in the middle this year - use them as an excuse to make this decadent chocolate cake. The sweetness of the pumpkin and the crunch of the nuts, combined with the smooth rich indulgent topping will bring little moments of delight to Halloweens, and a dreamy smile to the most ahoulish of nightime pranksters.

For the cake

200g dark chocolate

150g butter

3 eggs

250g soft brown sugar or light muscovado

250ml cold water

3 tsp vanilla extract

250g plain flour

3 tsp baking powder

100 - 150g grated pumpkin

100g chopped pecans or walnuts

For the topping

250g icing sugar

25g melted butter (about a tablespoon)

100ml double cream or cream cheese

a dash of whisky or rum (optional)

a sprinkle of cinnamon

Line a 20cm square cake tin with baking parchment and heat the oven to 180C (160C fan)/350F/gas mark 4.

Break up the chocolate and melt together with the 150g butter - either in a microwave or in a bowl over a pan of hot water.

Beat the eggs and brown sugar well until they thicken and lighten in colour, and then beat in the melted chocolate mixture.

Now beat in the water and vanilla a bit at a time (its supposed to be runny) – then sift in the flour and baking powder, and beat again. Stir in the grated pumpkin and nuts and pour into the cake tin. Bake in the middle of the oven for about 60 mins - but check after 50 as it may well be cooked. (you can check by poking a barbeque skewer in the middle and see if if comes out dry)

When its cooled, melt 25g butter, beat in the icing sugar, cream (or cream cheese) and alcohol if using, spread over the top of the cake and leave to set. Sprinkle with cinnamon and a bit of grated chocolate if you have any left. Yum!

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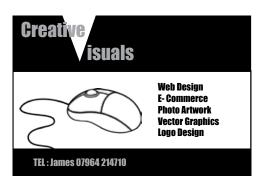
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Never more so than now, in my life

time, have our armed forces been of such concern to the civilian community. Following recent conflicts and the work of veterans charities, people are acutely aware of the risks faced by service personnel and the impact on their loved ones. Little wonder then, that the Military Wives Choir performance in Haworth was a sell out weeks in advance.

To have stood amongst
350 members of our community
singing 'Jerusalem' was a deeply
moving experience that I shall never
forget. Haworth Parish Church was
the ideal location to host the evenings
entertainment, which included a raffle
and auction, all in aid of SSAFA (Soldiers,

Sailors, Airmen & Families Association). To

look around and see so many familiar faces supporting such a worthy cause was quite overwhelming.

During the evening members of the choir, which included serving military personnel, stepped forward to provide personal testimonials about their life and what the choir means to them. These were particularly poignant, especially the

young army doctor. While her husband is currently deployed in Afghanistan, she cradled her baby son as she sang. For many the choir is a support group, an opportunity to make friends easily, to share worries and fears, highs and lows, but most of all bringing them unity. An

inspiration to our community.

For me, the most memorable part of the evening was a rendition of Les Miserable's 'Bring him home'. Sung with such heartfelt emotion, as many of their partners are still deployed in other parts of the world, I don't believe there was a dry eye in the room. They delivered a superb performance throughout and were given a standing ovation at the finale. A moment I will cherish.

The evening itself raised £5,242 taking the total including the proceeds from Haworth's 1940's weekend to a staggering £18,787.28 for SSAFA, the charity that provides lifelong support for our forces and their families.

Terry Grayshon, SSAFA Chairman in West Yorkshire, commented 'The people of Haworth have taken SSAFA to their hearts. They have helped raise a phenomenal amount which will help SSAFA carry out our work throughout West Yorkshire. The wonderful people of Haworth have, by raising this fantastic amount, shown their support to the members of our Armed Forces. It is an incredible amount of money to have been raised and we are so very grateful'.

Cllr Nikki Carroll (photography courtesy of Ian Palmer)







POWER LOOMS, LATHES AND BICYCLES

When the Tour de France started in 1903 Keighley was a busy manufacturing town, famous for its Textile and Engineering products. Not only making cloth for the home market, our cloth and textile machinery was exported all over the world. Because of our empire Britain had a capture market worldwide.

These factories and foundries used coal to provide the power they needed. Coal

however caused smog and air pollution and when the bicycle came along many of the workers realized that this was a way to escape their environment and get out into the countryside to get "fresh air" into their lungs.

Keighley because of its proximity to the Yorkshire Dales was blessed with easy access to Skipton - the

"Gateway to the Dales" and in a matter of minutes the pollution of the West Riding mill towns could be left behind. As a result, at the start of the 20th Century, Keighley became a hotbed of cycling with clubs springing up overnight. Keighley Cycling Club was one of the largest in Yorkshire, founded in 1884 and by 1891 it had 86 members including 8 ladies, they built a clubroom, which still stands to this day at the top of Cavendish Street. It could accommodate 200 members with storage for cycles underneath.

The club started to organize runs on a regular basis at first to local beauty spots such as Gargrave, Otley, Broughton, Kirkstall Abbey, Bolton Abbey etc.

In **1987** they became more adventurous and unbelievably considering the state of

the roads, the heavy bikes, no gears and plunger brakes, they rode to Blackpool via Clitheroe and Preston then onto Morcambe returning to Keighley via Settle. These were indeed "giants of the road"

1891 was the first road race in Keighley to my knowledge - 50 miles with the riders finishing covered in mud and they had to be hosed down at the finish.

1892 Annual Sports Day - attended by

3,000 people, despite bad weather. Prizes worth £80 were on offer.

1895 saw the first cycling death on Keighley roads.
The former vice-president of Keighley Cycling Club aged 34 years was killed at Sandbeds; he was in a collision with 2 men racing their flat carts at night without lights. 120 cyclists walked in his funeral

procession and the clubhouse flag was flown at half mast. A tribute was printed in the Keighley News.

1903 (and this is the weirdest thing of all) Albert Hunter cycled backwards from Skipton to Keighley into a headwind in 50 minutes. He overtook 45 carts, 29 cyclists, 1 motor car and 2 road engines. A week later a rider from Selby broke his record doing the same trip in 40 minutes and 34 seconds but he had a tailwind - UNBELIEVABLE.

So whilst cycling in Europe was moving forward in England we were busy going backwards.

(I am indebted to Ian Dewhirst for the above information and thank him for letting me use it.) And so, as you can see, Keighley has always been a cycling town!

Frank O'Dwyer #TDFFrank @worththetour



The WORD is getting out...

A new mystery story is unfolding right before our very eyes out on

the wild Bronte moors.

You may have been intrigued by the sight of some strange 10ft high numbers which have appeared up on the hillside between Oxenhope and Penistone Hill. Well - the supersized signage - created in iconic Hollywood style - is appropriately heralding a sporting spectacle of epic proportions coming to our area next year. You've guessed it - the Tour de France Grand Depart.

That's the only clue we're able to give for now – apart from the fact that all will become apparent over the coming weeks and months. So keep a close eye on the hillside and see what transpires.

If you think you've spotted a change

or maybe you believe you can solve
the mystery - why not write down what
you've noticed or even take a snapshot
and share it on Twitter using the hashtag

#worththetour.

Worth the Tour is a community-led group formed to rally support for the Tour and the 100-day cultural festival leading up to it. The aim is to champion projects and activities which will create a legacy for Keighley and the Worth Valley for years to come.

By working together every effort is being made to maximise the benefits. To see that residents, visitors and cyclists all have a fantastic experience. We also want to ensure that businesses and the local economy prosper as a result of this once-

in-a-lifetime opportunity.

When WTT met in the newly refurbished Damside Mill in September the room was buzzing with ideas.

Project Hollywood, mentioned above, is being developed with the WEA (Workers Educational Association) and NEET (Northcliffe Environmental Enterprise Team) in partnership with Worth the Tour. Tour D'Art is an educational & engagement project, creating pieces to be displayed along the route, with schools and community groups invited to create their own artwork as their showcase and personal welcome to visitors. A pilot project with Rough Nook assisted living community in Keighley features an 8x4ft

canvas created with
Haworth-based artist
Vic Buta in the style of
1930s tourism posters.
The Worth the
Tour website www.
worththetour.org will
provide a focal point for

everything going on in our area. A workshop for businesses will offer advice on how to make the most of the opportunity.

There's so much more - and we'll update you regularly in this magazine. You can follow developments on Facebook Worth the Tour or @worththetour on Twitter. Or if you'd like to get involved, as an individual or group, come to one of our public meetings or email info@worththetour.com

The next WTT meeting is being held
October 7th at 7pm
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13 YEARS IN Chris Uptor

Over my time in Haworth so far, my thoughts and ideas on many things have changed. I have been

influenced by the books I have read, the people I have met and by the job I have done. Taking baptisms, weddings and funerals along with being involved in public events in the village has been a fantastic privilege. In 2000 as a zealous 28 yr old southerner, West Lane Baptist Church took me on as a student minister and allowed/encouraged me to read and think about God, life and the church's place and role in society. I have not stopped wrestling with these things but I think that I might be beginning to home in on an answer.

Last year I was given a sabbatical from work (or from life as one friend put it!) and at the end of the three months I had learnt plenty and so I gave an open lecture on the thought of Rene Girard, the thinker I had been studying. This year, having been given compassionate leave from church work to look after my dying mother, I have learnt/understood/grown even more.

So I shall be giving an open reflection entitled "13 years in..." on Sunday 13th October at 7pm. It will focus mostly on what I believe about God, Jesus, the bible and the church, but there will be plenty of time for questions as well. I hope the lecture will prove interesting and challenging to church goers and non church goers alike.

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BEHIND THE SCENES at the museum



This summer at the Brontë Parsonage we launched a brand new group for local people: the West Yorkshire Brontë Society. The Parsonage is run by The Brontë Society which has members across the world including in the USA, Australia and Japan. Until recently we didn't have a group for the very area that the Brontës themselves loved so much. Almost 10% of our current members live in West Yorkshire so the summer saw the start of a programme of events for those members and other local people who are interesting in joining the Society.

evening Garden Party for Emily's birthday in late July. Following drinks and nibbles, members were treated to a tour of the garden and a look at Emily's artefacts in the Research Library. In mid-August, on a beautiful summer's day, I met with fifteen members at East Riddlesden Hall to look at the amazing 17th century needlework pictures and casket on display there.

These were beautiful pieces that showed off the needlework skills of young girls – an important part of their education. Over tea afterwards we heard about the Brontë

sisters' samplers and the lessons their

aunt gave them in sewing. This will be

followed up by an event for members on

Saturday 26 October when Charlotte's

sewing box and the sisters' samplers will be on show in our Research Library and locals will have the chance to see the Brontës own needlework first hand. Sadly in September the weather was not so kind when members joined our Collections Manager, Ann Dinsdale, for a walk from the Parsonage to Ponden Hall the house that Emily used as Thrushcross Grange in Wuthering Heights. Ponden Hall was home to generations of the Heaton family, and it is claimed that incidents in their family history contributed to the plot of the book. The owners, Julie and Steve, gave a personal tour of the house including the magnificent library, which still has the same shelves that Emily used as she was researching her novel.

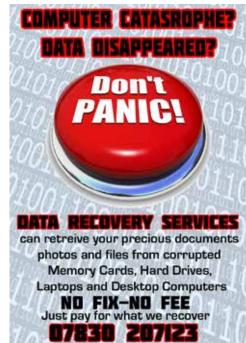
Come along to our event in October if you are a member, or if you would like to know more about the Brontë Society and what they do.

This month has been full of exciting changes at the museum as we have welcomed four new staff members and two new interns! Look out for next month's article when our new Arts Officer, Louisa Briggs, will be giving a 'Behind the Scenes' look at the new Contemporary Arts Programme.

Ann Sumner
Executive Director,
Brontë Parsonage Museum











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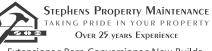
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Autumn orbited October skies And tinted fields and forests gold. Stole across

And crisped the grass

And made the once young Spring's bright leaves Look old.

Amber, ochre, golden, red, Her cape,

She leaves a little silver tinge Of bitter frost

Around her in her realm,

The pale landscape.

Her long, fine, misty morning cloak Cobwebbed,

Wafts coolly

'Cross the moors and sky and hills,

And silently rolls out

A burnished blanket

Bronze...

And still.

Something chilled her heart 'Gainst summer's warm blue skies. His greens, the pinks, The sunny yellow blooms She now defies.

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Perhaps it was a lovers tale.

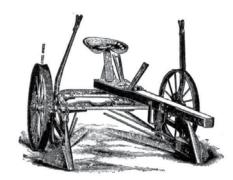
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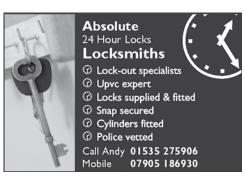
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