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Don't be in too big a hurry to crack the whip. Enjoy every ray of summer sunshine. Local cycling enthusiast, Francis

O'Dwyer, or 'Tour de France Frank' as we affectionately call him, reminisces about his youth and the long summer days spent cycling to Morcambe from Keighley. Frank sets the scene for our regular 'Worth The Tour' updates where we focus on relevant Tour de France related topics.

Blackberries are in abundance and you don't have to go far to fill your fists with

these dark magic beauties..They are everywhere! see p24. Enjoy the WorthValleyMag and get in touch if you'd like us to help your business, event, or community activity in the months ahead. 01535 642227





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Leading lights in the Worth Valley creative community are calling on artists and craftspeople of all kinds to get involved in the area's first ever Making and Doing (MAD) festival.

The imaginative new festival, organised by rural regeneration agency Pennine Prospects, will take place on the weekend of October 5 and 6.

The festival will shine a light on the diverse creative talent in Haworth, the Worth Valley and the wider South Pennines. Organisers are encouraging makers and doers of all descriptions – from knitters to wood whittlers to potters - to emerge from their garrets, converted mills and back-bedrooms to share their talents with the public through a series of self-organised workshops, talks and 'open studio' sessions.

Jane Sedgwick, organiser of the Haworth Art Trail, is helping to co-ordinate Haworth's role in the festival. She said: "The festival is a brilliant idea. We have a wealth of creative talent here in Haworth and surrounding areas, and the MAD festival will showcase this in all its diverse forms. The focus will be on interactive activities, giving members of the public a chance to try their hand all sorts of different crafts, even if they have never picked up a sewing needle or a hammer in their lives before!

"We've already got a number of talented craftspeople from the area on board, who will be hosting workshops and displays throughout the festival weekend, but we're always looking for more participants. If you have an artistic talent, the MAD festival is the place to let it shine!"

A special 'Meet the Maker' event will take place at the Old School Room in Haworth during the festival weekend, at which local artists and artisans will host creative workshops and showcase their products. Experts in textiles, ceramics and sculpture are already among the participants.

Festival organisers are also encouraging local creative types to organise their own 'fringe' events in the town during the weekend of the festival, which will be showcased in the festival programme. Already signed up is Damside Mill, which will be hosting an open day with a series of taster events in upholstery and soft furnishings.

The MAD festival is part of Pennine Prospects' ongoing 'local distinctiveness' campaign – a project to raise awareness of the unique characteristics of the South Pennines' landscape, people and places, in order to encourage visitors to stay longer and spend more.

As well as putting the region's artistic talents on the map, it is intended that the festival will have a positive impact on local businesses – including shops, cafes, pubs and accommodation providers.

For information on how to get involved in the MAD festival, contact Rebecca at rebecca.yorke@pennineprospects.co.uk

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BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE BRONTË PARSONAGE MUSEUM

Heaven is a Home By Ann Sumner and Ann Dinsdale

The Brontë Parsonage Museum is usually focussed on the 1840s. when the Brontë novels first appeared, but this vear. the Museum took part in Haworth's popular 1940s weekend. The current exhibition at the Museum, Heaven is a Home. looks at some of the other inhabitants of the Parsonage. including custodian Harold Mitchell, who lived with his family in a few cramped

rooms of the 1870s extension from 1928 until his retirement in 1961.

The 1940s were an exciting time at the Parsonage, which remained open during the war years. Brontë films had a big impact on visitors to the Museum, and despite petrol rationing, numbers soared from 9.000 in 1940 to 53.649 in 1947. Mr Mitchell's son. Eric. was born at the Parsonage in 1935, and the exhibition features an interview with Eric. in conversation with the Brontë Society's Executive Director, Ann Sumner, recalling those years. Eric and his elder brother. Trevor, loved to watch the soldiers. stationed at the new Sunday school across the road, parading the school grounds. The Parsonage served as Haworth's first-aid post, and Trevor would act as a bomb victim in training exercises, labelled to indicate his injuries, and lowered from the window of the children's study.



The Parsonage was one of a few Haworth homes to have a bathroom, and Eric. remembers small groups of soldiers waiting their turn for a bath in the family's sitting room. The hot water came from a fire-back boiler on which Mrs Mitchell also did all the cooking and baking. While Eric fed logs into the fireplace. the soldiers would tell him stories of army life and their families back home. He often thought about his eldest brother, Raymond, who had volunteered for

military service and joined the Royal Navy Fleet Air Arm in 1943. Raymond never returned home. He was killed at the age of 19. just before the end of the war.

To hear Eric's stories about arowing up in the famous Parsonage and find out more about some of the other families who lived there, visit the Heaven is a Home exhibition, which runs until the end of the year.



Linda Pearson and Sue Newby at 1940s weekend

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On Trainspotting, Photography, & A Love Affair with The Big Loop



During my formative years we were brought up in a very different society from today i.e. rationing didn't finish until 1953. And so even if you had money, there

Frank O'Dwyer was nothing to

spend it on unless you had ration coupons. Because of this we would make our own amusements; saving cigarette cards, army badges, birds eggs, playing out, cricket in summer, football in winter, and trainspotting. Somewhat derided now, but in our day trainspotting was a means to get out and about; visit Leeds, York, Doncaster, etc., spend all day there and never leave the station.

But our Mecca was Hest Bank near Morecambe. 4& 6 pence, that's 22p, a single day return would get you to Morecambe. A fast trot along the front for a couple of miles brought you to Hest

Bank. The station was right on the sea shore. We trainspotted, played football or cricket and then got the 7 o'clock train back to Keighley after a wonderful day out.

Hest Bank got me into long distance cycling. Why pay money to go on the train when you could ride there on your bike? It was a round trip of 110 miles. But we

had all day. I saved money from my paper rounds so that I could buy a Box Brownie camera, then I could take photographs of the train on the long straight approaching Hest Bank. Also there were water troughs so that the expresses could take on water and then hammer down at top speed; what a sight!

We didn't have TV so I spent hours

drawing and model making on long winter nights. Photography and cycling became part of my life I suppose because of these interests, when I discovered the Tour de France, the long hard stages and brilliant

photojournalism plus the fact that I had joined the cycling club and was rubbing shoulders with racing men, made me identify with these giants of the road.

My generation was encouraged to take risks and there was a culture of health and strength; swimming outdoors in lidos, cycling, climbing, pot holing,

et camping; we were all encouraged to be active. We had to be tough. Our fathers had just fought and won a war against the biggest threat to civilization the world had ever known and we had to be ready to do our bit should we be called upon. Europe had been liberated at a huge cost and the Tour de France was playing a huge part in the unification process. I was

hooked, and began a love affair with the race which, despite all the frailties of the riders, has been a constant source of pleasure to me. Now 71, I still ride my bike, and because of the Tour passing through Keighley, my interest in the race is stronger than ever. At last I will have a chance to play a part in

this annual adventure, no matter how small. I am now involved in the 'Big Loop' as the The Tour de France is known, and I'm thrilled.

Frank, or TDFFrank as we affectionately call him, will be updating us regularly on the Tour de France and helping us enjoy the race and the cultural festival on the run up to the event. You can follow updates on twitter too: @WorthTheTour #TDFFrank and #WorthTheTour.



Tour d'Art ...Creativity on the move in the district.

Following a number of sessions to consider how to enthuse local people and welcome the Tour de France to Yorkshire next year, a pilot project has been developed under the banner group 'Worth The Tour.'

Tour d' Art is the name of the creative project that brings community groups and artists together to showcase the unique aspects of the 2014 Grand Depart route and the distinctive features that make Yorkshire so special.

Russell Brown describes his vision for the project: "I came up with the idea for Tour d'Art after driving the Grand Depart Stage 1 route with a friend a few months ago. The Yorkshire landscape is spectacular and inspiring and as we drove through the guirky villages and towns en route I thought there must be a way to get local people to feel a part of this massive international spectacle. Each community has its distinctive characteristics and attractions. I felt it was important to give each community the chance to show the world what is so special about their part of Yorkshire and the folk who live there. It seemed logical to get community groups working together creatively to come up with a kind of welcome message too." The pilot brief includes the formation of a

Tour de France inspires Tour d' Art: A collaborative and creative approach to community engagement: WEA Education specialist Russell Brown with residents from Rough Nook and artist Vic Buta move their canvas 'Welcome to Rough Nook', around the district. You can view the work in the shop window of Firths Boutique in Haworth in the month of September.

working group in an area incorporating a local club, school, or community group plus a commissioned artist to help facilitate the project. The task is to create an object or artifact that can be displayed along the Grand Depart route. There are certain criteria and constraints but generally it must be designed to accentuate the key attributes of the group and/or its location as well as function as a welcome banner to visitors and spectators, it can be viewed en route and/or from the air.

The first collaborative work has been created by the residents at Rough Nook, the special needs residential home located between Haworth & Stanbury and Northcliffe Environmental Enterprise Team (NEET), the environmental social enterprise and registered charity based in Shipley. Artist Vic Buta from the community arts group HIVE was enlisted to help the group with the design and execution of the artwork.

It is hoped that the work will inspire groups in other places to participate in Tour de Art and to fully engage with the cultural festival in the 100 days prior to the Tour de France in July 2014. The project is designed so that it can be scaled up to include schools, clubs, and organizations throughout the district. If your group, school or association would like to get involved or to find out more contact Mr Brown for details. 01535 646 074

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Damside Mill A PHOENIX FROM THE ASHES

On 5 December last year, a fire broke out in Damside Mill in Haworth. It caused severe damage to the old mill building, which was the last part of Lees Mill not to become housing, and as such an important part of Haworth's industrial and creative heritage.

It is a testament to both the owners, the local Merrett family, and to Anthony Hartley that the mill was not abandoned or sold on for more houses .

Anthony, a furniture designer and maker, had spent the previous 12 months restoring and renovating the somewhat dilapidated old mill into a state of the art workshop, a gallery for contemporary furniture, sculpture and lighting, and studios for upholstery and other courses.

It wasn't easy at first to even consider going back into the blackened rooms, and take in the ruined furniture which had been waiting to go out to international clients, the charred remains of the new designs commissioned by London Transport Museum for their 2013 anniversary of the tube, and the soot covered upholstery projects which Pauline Keenoy's students had worked so hard on. However, with the support of the Merrett family and the local community, in May this year renovation work finally began. Tony managed the whole project through, doing much of the work himself, and using local tradespeople to clear the soot, rebuild the workshop.

make the new stairs, refit a new kitchen and paint and clean from top to bottom; when the last new windows go in, the old building will come back to life once again.

On **Sun, 1st Sept (10 – 4)** there will be an open day (with cake) to show how far the Damside team have got – come and have a look around, try out the furniture, chat to Pauline about an upholstery project, or just have a nosey at the workshop.

Up in the studios, courses start again on Wed, **11th Sept**, and are already booked up – there are just a few places on the Vintage Upholstery and Home Accessories course on Wednesday mornings and new

> courses and one-day classes in paper jewellery, photography, millinery and origami are being added. The gallery will host a meeting of the Worth the Tour group covering all things Tour de France related **Mon**, **9th Sept at 7pm** and a new programme of exhibits will be announced soon, including new works by Silsden sculptor, Sam Shendi.

In the workshop, Anthony has his machinery almost back up and running. London Transport

Museum will launch his special collection at London Design Festival, and while he was without a workshop,Anthony designed a whole new collection of furniture and worked with FabLab Airedale in Keighley to make the prototypes; this will launch before Christmas, and you can get involved through Kickstarter in October.

Once again, Damside Mill becomes a valued part of the Haworth community, a hub for creativity and skills, designing and making, innovation and technical excellence – all things which made the Worth valley what it is today.

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Back to school

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As the new school year gets under way those long, lazy summer days might seem far behind, but these helpful hints make make life back at school that bit easier.

Going back to school can be an unsettling time. Whether it's your first time or you're moving into a new year group, everyone needs time to adjust. Sometimes we need reminding that this is a perfectly natural situation and as the term goes by it will become the normal routine.

Remember going back to school means opportunities to hanging out or meeting new friends, have a go at new activities and get new books and clothes.

Always remember it's good to talk. Whether your worried about work or other kids in your year; your parents, teachers or friends can help support you. Parents or carers can help by being around to chat and by making time to listen or spend time with their children. Lots of schools now have a buddying system so why not make use of it? Often their guidance or advice will

be really helpful as they might have been in a similar situation and they have more experience of the school. Plus they're on hand to give you immediate support.

Although you're starting to get back to your term time routine, remember these simple rules.

- Get enough sleep you need to be wellrested and ready to learn in the morning
- Eat a healthy breakfast you're more alert and do better in school if you eat a good breakfast every day.
- Use your timetable to plan what you need for the week ahead.
- Use a wall planner to record when assignments are due, tests will be given, extracurricular activities and rehearsals will be held, etc.
- Organize and set out what you need the night before including any home work to hand in. kit etc.

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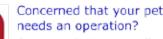
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For no reason I have ever fathomed, the biggest, boldest blackberries always grow on the road-side of a hedge rather than the field side, and often in towns or along busy roads. Give them a tug – if they don't come off the branch easily, they're not ripe, so leave them for the next visit. And don't forget to look up and down – many good berries get missed at ankle height. (But be sure it is out of range for dogs business)

Once home, cover the berries with a few inches of cold water and leave for half an hour or so.

To tempt your tastebuds here's one of my favourite blackberry recipes; a traditional blackberry and apple crumble with a crisp oaty topping.

Apple, Blackberry & Elderflower Crumble

2 mugs full of blackberries (about 300g) 2-3 good sized bramley apples, peeled and cored into one-inch chunks

1 tablespoon caster sugar (or more if you have a sweet tooth)

A slug of elderflower cordial (about 2 tablespoons) 100g (or a cup measure) of plain flour 100g (or a half cup measure) brown sugar, plus a spoonful for sprinkling

100g (or a cup measure) of porridge oats 100a cold butter

Pre-heat the oven to 180/350/gas mark 4, and grease an ovenproof dish big enough to hold around 1.5 - 2 litres of water.

Put the peeled, cored and chopped apple into a pan with the blackberries, elderflower, sugar and water and soften over a low heat for around 5 minutes – watch it doesn't go mushy.

Cut the butter into small chunks and rub into the flour with the tips of your fingers and thumbs. When it's a similar texture to coarse breadcrumbs, stir in the oats and the sugar.

Put the fruit into the bottom of the dish, top with the crumble topping, and sprinkle with a bit more brown sugar

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Allen at 11am by the large chimney in Oxenhope. A walk on

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Tues 10th Sept Bridge Classes -Keighley Bridge Club. Every Tuesday evening. For more info contact John Spencer 01535 610639 Tues 10th Sept Oakworth Village Society Meeting at 8pm Holden Hall, Oakworth, All Welcome, Weds 11th. 18th & 25th Sept East **Riddlesden Hall Greener Gardening** Come and learn about how our aarden arows with head aardener. Jill Saunders. More Info: Jill Saunders. 01535 607 075. jill.saunders@

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Club at 7.30pm in Oxenhope Community Centre, Shaw Lane, Oxenhope, BD22 9LS. Susie White: A Blank Canvas - making a garden from scratch.Susie White is a freelance garden writer, photographer and author. The talk will share the new aarden she is creating in a hidden vallev in Northumberland. Non-members £3. For full programme of talks and trips visit www. oxenhopegardeningclub.co.uk Sat 21st Sept Military Wives Choir of York concert. St Michaels & All Angels Church, Main Street, Haworth, In aid of SSAFA. £10 tickets available from Firths Boutique 01535 643800. Sun 22 Sept The Bronte Mountain Bike Challenge. A route for all abilities. For more info ao to www.brontebikechallenge.org.uk

Thurs 26th Sept The Oxenhope Antique and Collectors Society 7.30pm, at the Village Community Centre, when the speaker Dr David Allen will give a talk about Snuff Taking and Other Boxes, entitled Boxing Clever. Visitors welcome £3. Further info contact 01535 642261. Thurs 26th - Sat 28 Sept 25th Keighley Beer Festival, Central Hall, Alice Street, organised by the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA). Up to 70 real ales, this year featuring strong milds and old ales; also ciders, perries, foreign-bottled beers, food, souvenir merchandise and the ever popular tombola. For full details go to: www. keighleybeerfestival.org.uk Sat 28th & Sun 29th Sept Haworth

Craft & Gift Fair 10am - 4pm at The Old School Rooms. Haworth.

The Worth Valley Horticultural Society focusing on Chrysanthemums.

Dahlias, Pot Plants, Fruit and vegetables, Haworth Community Centre, Butt Lane Sept 29th 2pm -4.15pm. Entries taken until 11am on show day. Schedules available from Mike Cunningham tel 01535215141. Sat 5th & Sun 6th Oct Making & Doing Festival (MAD) Old School Rooms. Haworth. The festival will shine

a light on the diverse creative talent in Haworth, the Worth Valley and the wider South Pennines. – from knitters to wood whittlers to potters - workshops, talks and 'open studio' sessions. Contact Rebecca at rebecca.yorke@pennineprospects.co.uk for full programme and details.

Fri 11th. Sat 12th & Sun 13th Oct **Octoberfest at Keighley Town Centre**

Three day continental market. Keighley Oktoberfest offers customers the chance to purchase something distinctly continental without even stepping out of the Country. Sun[']13th OctThe Oxnop Singers present "Our Kind of Music" Choral ballads, showtunes, gospel and popular classics, with quests The Silsden Band. An entertaining night for all. 7:15pm at Oxenhope Community Centre. Tickets £5 including refreshments, in aid of Airedale Hospital's Endoscopy Unit.Tel. 646158 / 647434 for tickets (or available on the door)



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Adele & Mick have successfully promoted their businesses in the Worth & Aire Valley mags for nearly 5 years. Adele offers a well established cleaning and ironing service and Mick is a roofing repairs specialist along with other outside repairs and maintenance.

They deliver the magazine with Michael to teach him that money needs to be earned and his 'wages' cover the cost of his

monthly mobile phone contract!

Apart from working hard, Adele is a singer who frequently gives her time free of charge to entertain people living in care homes or attending day centres. She also spends many a Saturday morning at

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