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Say you saw it in the Aire Valley Mag!

HAVE OUR SOCIAL SKILLS LESSENED AS OUR CYBER SKILLS INCREASE?

by RAGHAD BEZIZI

YES

In the spectrum of human-communication, first impressions fall into the 'very important' category. A cocktail of factors come into play when making judgement – appearance, posture, facial-expressions, odour (Yes, odour), tone of voice, etc.

The actual content of somebody's speech is relatively un-important. For example, try saying - "I'm great with children." – It's seemingly innocent. Now, deepen your voice, furrow your eyebrows and softly growl, "I'm great with children." *It's okay to be scared.

This creepiness is going somewhere – How can Social Networking be considered a 'normal' form of communication, when the most important factors of human-interaction are eradicated? With sites such as Myspace, Facebook, and Twitter, our social skills are unused when evaluating people's personalities from a paragraph on an online 'profile'. The digital-manipulation on photographs is amazing. A Johnny Depp could actually be a Wayne Rooney. When their hobbies say 'rock-climbing' and 'pottery', their true interests may be homicide and taxidermy.

Dependency on networking-sites may weaken your interactive behaviour. Lifting weights does to your arms what conversing in person does to your social skills. It makes them stronger, and more appealing.

* (Don't try this in public)

NO

Social networking provides a platform where people can voice their opinions to an audience. If anything, confidence and ambition is boosted as more attention is gained! Facebook actions (such as posting 'statuses' about views, having people comment their opinions and pressing the 'like' button) encourage others to express their views confidently, rather than be too timid. Receiving online 'praise' from people you wouldn't consider 'close-friends' can push you to apply this new confidence socially, without hiding behind a screen.

The idea that social skills are faltering due to a dependency on Social Networking is exaggerated- The majority of people tend to contact their close friends and family in person, and reserve social-networking for acquaintances that are harder to reach and, possibly, too annoying to visit in human form.

Social networking lets you keep in touch with people you might've forgotten about otherwise. It isn't nice to discover your old-school friend has joined a radical cult, but you can take comfort in knowing what they're up to.

Social Networking may actually broaden skills, connecting people together. And it's cheaper than texting.

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Chutney

1 chopped red onion
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To make the chutney:

Put all the ingredients together in a pan. Bring to the boil and simmer for 5 minutes. Leave to cool.

To make the spring roll:

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WINED & DINED

by Claire Smith of No.10 The Coffee House

December, and I'm just beginning to feel the sparkle - the almost tangible

excitement that hangs in the crisp winter air and upon bare branches gilded silver and white by early morning frosts; there is an air of anticipation as the festive season approaches. Wintertime - the deep slumber before Springtime nurturing secret life within the sleeping soil; brightly lit homes, open fires and candlelight that bring warmth and light into the darker months as we prepare for the oncoming of another year and celebrate the completion of another cycle.

December 21st brings Winter Solstice, the shortest day traditionally known as Yule, after which the hours of light lengthen a little with each passing day. Christmas

is a time to celebrate our safe passage through another year. The evergreen tree brought into the home at Christmas represents everlasting life; the mistletoe for kissing under, fertility of both body and mind; the candles that give a warm golden glow to our homes, the return of the sun.

It is not only twinkling lights and the cosiness of home that make the time of year so special. When December hits, my thoughts turn to hot roasted chestnuts, snuggly pre-Christmas suppers writing cards in front of the fire, tins harbouring cakes rich with fruit and brandy from which waft the heady

scent of Christmas when opened, and chocolate, rich, dark and tempting. Food is an essential ingredient when it comes to weaving love and magic into Christmas celebrations.

Certain foods seem almost to belong to Christmas; eating them out of context actually strips away some of their allure, diminishes their power. Mince pies fall into this category as does Christmas pud. Keeping them for Christmas endows them with the power to conjure memories and create atmospheres, their arrival announcing the making of a special kind of magic filled with the promise of the

season. Dropping silver coins into the pudding bestows both the making and eating of it with the potency of a magic spell.

If you are lucky enough to have an open fire on which to roast your chestnuts,

try burning resinous woods such as sandalwood, juniper or bay, which will not only add to the festive atmosphere, but will serve to lift the spirits and facilitate a sense of well being, as well as adding an air of sensuality to the occasion.

Adding a few drops of essential oil - cinnamon, sandalwood or frankincense for example - to candle wax whilst it is still molten will imbue the room with the wonderful scents of the season once the candle is re-lit. Christmas should be a feast for all the senses shared with those we love, which marks the blessings of the past year and looks forward to the next.



When it comes to Italian food I am always looking to be impressed. Savoring international dishes in my travels has exposed me to the abundant varieties of Italian cuisine, so I relished the opportunity to dine at Amici Restaurant in Keighley.

Arriving in the restaurant it was more spacious inside than viewed from the street. The décor is wall-to-ceiling white and quite well lit, which gives it a classic feel. Despite two large birthday groups creating a commotion, I was looked after very quickly. From arrival to getting

a drink at the bar, sitting down and ordering, it seemed to take a matter of minutes. Maybe the atmosphere seemed to make time fly. Amici's is a very lively and popular place on a weekend, buzzing with the hum of conversation and gaiety. Actually, it added to the authentic Italian experience. I would say that if you want a quiet, intimate meal you might be wiser to book midweek.

For starters I had Mozzarella Milanese; deep-fried mozzarella cheese served with a tomato Napolitano sauce and a small portion of salad. I love the texture of this dish: the crunchy coating and gooey interior of fried cheese. It's not the healthiest dish on the menu, but it works for me every time and this was exceptional as it was just the right-size portion leaving plenty of room for my main course. I've heard the pizzas are



quite special - they're baked in a wood-burning oven (I'll have to try one next time), but I opted for a pasta entree. The Penne Amici; strips of premium beef, rocket, cream, tomatoes, basil and chilli was a very tasty dish with a bit of a kick, something the chilli delivered without knocking me out.

I had enough space left to squeeze in a banoffee, an ice cream pudding that really finished me off. By this time the restaurant was slowly emptying out with satisfied-looking diners and, as I lingered over the dessert and slowly drained the last drops of wine (Montepulciano D'Abruzzo), I wondered how I happened to neglect this local gem for so long. When I paid my very affordable bill I was given a free shot of Sambuca, which was a nice touch, at the end of an excellent meal.

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CHRISTMAS

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A recent hit was **HALLOWEEN** when we had around 20 local children aged up to 9 (all in Fancy Dress) who enjoyed a themed buffet and played 'Pass the Parcel', 'Pin the Wart on the Witch' and 'Statues'. **BONFIRE NIGHT** was another busy one, with people popping in to sample our special Bonfire Toffee Beer before and after visiting their local firework displays.

Another great theme 'Knight' was our **MEDIAVAL EVENING** when it was back to basics with straw bale seats and no cutlery! Here are a few pictures...

RIGHT ON TARGET!

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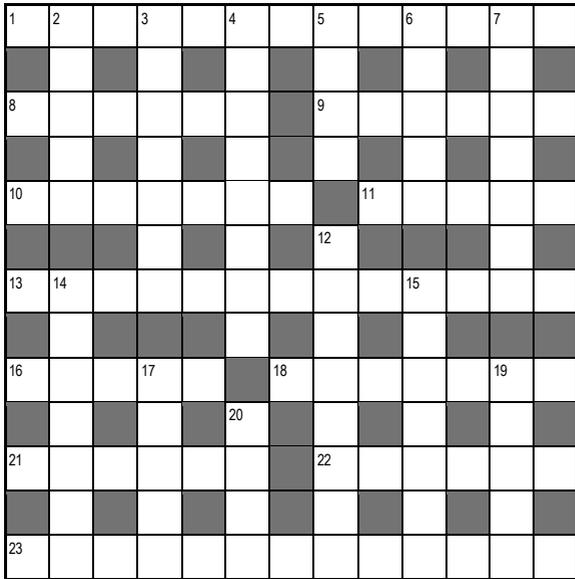


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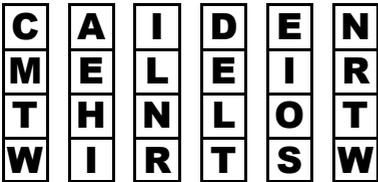
1. "The cattle are lowing" carol (4,2,1,6)
8. Squirm with impatience (6)
9. Sparkly tree decoration (6)
10. Bend back on itself (7)
11. Canonised person (5)
13. "Let men their songs employ" carol (3,2,3,5)
16. Irritable
18. Christmassy, cheerful (7)
21. Rudolf's horn (6)
22. Origin of the Three Kings (6)
23. "And man will live for evermore" carol (5,3,5)

Down

2. Christmas we dream of (5)
3. Fruity dairy product (7)
4. Christmas play (8)
5. Glove (4)
6. Japanese stealth-warrior (5)
7. Ever-lasting (7)
12. Ritual or grand occasion (8)
14. The Islands of the Pacific (7)
15. Flightless bird (7)
17. Christmas plant (5)
19. Record material (5)
20. New-born's bed (4)

SIX-RACK

How many six-letter words can you find reading across the racks using just one letter from each?
Target: 30 good; 40 excellent; 45 cheat!



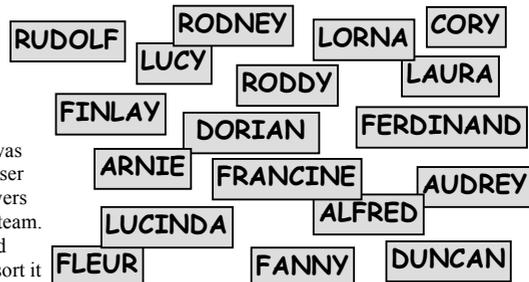
W+O+R+D = S+U+M+S

In this puzzle, each of the six letters has a different numerical value between 1 and 9. Given the total value of all the letters in each word, can you deduce the value of each letter, and hence, the value of the six letter keyword?

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|--------------|----------|
| LEGLESS = 36 | S = |
| ELEGIES = 25 | L = |
| GIGGLE = 18 | E = |
| GLEE = 11 | I = |
| HIGH = 18 | G = |
| HILL = 24 | H = |
| HIS = 19 | SLEIGH = |

PERFECT STRANGERS

Twenty strangers attended a Bridge night and each was given a name-tag. By strange coincidence the organiser noticed that the combined names of each pair of players was an anagram of the two names of their opposing team. He remembered LOUIS and SEAN against SUE and ALISON, but couldn't remember the rest. Can you sort it



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Congratulations to P. Roberts of Keighley for correctly answering last months location: Keighley Police Station

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SUDOKU

Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 thru 9.

If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork.

7	1		6	8				
			2				8	
	3					1		
			5				2	
1	4					8		3
	8				7			
		6					9	
	2				6			
			1	9			3	5

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And here is a last minute reminder... don't miss this spectacular event:



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Oakworth Windsor Road	1042			1442
Slack Lane Baptist Chapel	1043	hour		1443
Fell Lane The Three Horses	1046			1446
Oakworth Road The Brown Cow	1050		until	1450
North Street Wetherspoons	1052			1452
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North Street Wetherspoons	1100			1500
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West Lane The Brown Cow	1105			1505
Guard House Ring	1110	every		1510
Braithwaite Avenue Top	1113			1513
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West Lane The Brown Cow	1118			1518
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19				
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9	2	1	3	5	6	4	7	8
8	4	7	1	9	2	6	3	5

TOP TECH TIPS by Michelle Thompson of Cloudfree IT

Think back to your childhood and your favourite memories and traditions. Is it the food, the toys, the smell of pine needles? Or the fun to be had watching the grown-ups make fools of themselves at family parties?

In times gone by, Christmas or New Year family get-togethers might have included games of Charades, or Blind Man's Buff, and singing carols around the piano. Irrespective of the entertainment on offer the important thing is that kids need quality time with adult relatives, joining in activities they wouldn't normally engage in. It's these memories that hold generations together.

In the 1970's I have memories of playing Monopoly for what seemed like days, til most of the adults went bust and dozed off in a chorus of snoring. And Twister - an excellent way to get maiden aunts to forget about their 'rheumatics', but I recall sitting 'downwind' wasn't a good idea... Sprouts! In the 1980's came Trivial Pursuit; 'Competitive Dad' and 'Arrogant Uncle' in an all out in a battle of wits, re-igniting the sibling rivalry of their youth. Hilarious heated arguments over, well, trivia!

Over the last two decades games consoles made their mark in the family entertainment arena, with accessories such as the Dance Mat, the 'EyeToy' camera and 'SingStar' microphones, turning gadgetry into pretty good party fun for all ages.

When the Nintendo Wii arrived, it

brought 10-pin bowling, tennis, golf, and even 'cow racing' to a 'front room near you'. The Wii 'balance board' brought us the opportunity to try ski-jumping of all things. 'Eddie the Eagle' eat your heart out - Auntie Maude's got you 'bested'!

Guitar Hero started a trend for musical games. Console vendors launched a stream of rival products, with Xbox360 Rock Band series enabling true group participation. No more having to 'wait your turn'. Imagine Gramps and the kids playing along to anything from the Beastie Boys to the Beatles; it's 'You've Been Framed' material for sure!

This year the Xbox360 Kinect has just launched. A clever camera detecting all body movements even in low light, it enables a range of games to be controlled without the need for any buttons to confuse the technophobes. Anyone can join in! It can distinguish between multiple players too. With Kinect Dance games it's no longer just about feet. No floor pads to hit in time with the music or controllers to

wave about it really is about bustin' proper dance moves! Watching 'Dad-Dancing' just took on a whole new dimension for the kids of today.

If your loved ones are simply too far away to join you for a Christmas get together, do stay in touch via email at least. Or better still get yourself set up with a webcam on your PC, so you can see and speak to your family on the big day! How about singing some traditional Carols together over the internet? There's bound to be some 'smile mileage' in this!



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Mon 6th Dec 7.30pm ST THOMAS' CHURCH, SUTTON-IN-CRAVEN Choir meets in church. Contact John Sandland [01535 657141].

Mon 6th to Wed 8th Dec 10 am- 4 pm Paper: A Contemporary Art Exhibition.

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Wed 8th Dec 10:30 am Rivock Plantation 7 miles [11km] circular walk. Packed lunch required. Meet Jeff Brodrick at 10.30 am near the canal bridge at the top of Bar Lane, Riddlesden near Keighley. What goes up must come down on this long hard pull to the moorland boundary between Airedale and Wharfedale.

Thur 9th Dec 1:45- 3:45 pm ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, SUTTON-IN-CRAVEN Sequence Dancing, Tea Dances each Thursday - run by members of the Church in the Village Hall. £2.00 including refreshments.

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Sat 11th Dec 7:30 pm AIREDALE MALE CHOIR, St. Peter's Church Cross Hills in aid of Manorlands Hospice. Tickets £6 including mince pie & coffee.

Cross hills & Glusburn Support group. Thanking you, Geoff Myers.

Sat 11th Dec 7:30 pm The Great Christmas Mash-Up Airedale Church Center

Sun 12th Dec 4pm Outdoor Nativity Pageant Starting at the Bay Horse car park, Sutton in Craven and processing to Sutton. All welcome to join in the procession, if possible come in simple biblical costume. Mince pies, mulled wine will be served afterwards in South Craven Baptist Church.

Sun 12th Dec 2 pm Civic Carol Service Church Green Keighley. Rev Peter Mott 01535 601499.

Wed 15th Dec 10:25 am Take the High Road 5 miles [8km] linear walk. Packed lunch required. Meet Anne Hodgson at 10.25am at the bus stop outside The Fleece Public House, Addingham to catch the 10.35am 762 service bus to Silsden [pay your own fare]. Walk starts from the Memorial Gardens, Silsden at 11am. Quite

a strenuous walk to start as you make your way back over the hill to Addingham.

Sun 19th Dec 10.30 am Lights of Love carol service in aid of Manorlands at Haworth West Lane Methodist Church, opposite the Old Sun Inn. Everyone welcome.

Tue 21st Dec 2 pm ST THOMAS' CHURCH, SUTTON-IN-CRAVEN - Mothers Union meets 3rd Tuesday of every month at 2pm in the Church. Contact Mrs Sandra Thomas [01535 636003].

Mon 27th Dec 10 am gathering Bronte Vintage Tractor Road Run at Appleyard's Garage on Halifax Road, Keighley. A group of enthusiasts who hold vehicle parades of vintage, classic and modern tractors and other 'pride and joy' vehicles, fundraising for charity such as the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Riding for the Disabled. Anyone interested in taking part can phone Stanley Turner on 01535 643391 or Ian Chapman on 01535 679321.

Tues 28th Dec - 10.00 am - 4.00 pm. Keighley Model Railway Club Open Day. Units T1/T2, Keighley Business Centre, Layouts in all scales will be running - bring your Christmas presents and run them on our tracks! Off street parking and full catering available. Entry: Adults £2, Children £1. For more information about the Club, visit www.keighley-mrc.org.uk . refreshments.

Sat 1st Jan 11:30 am Funny Hat

and Wig Walk 4 miles [7km] circular walk Light snack required. Meet Jeff Brodrick and Gillian Dale at 11.30am at the Market Sq, Main St., Bingley. Dig out aunties, grandmas or granddads old hat or make a silly wig to keep you warm on this easy family walk through the St. Ives Estate. This walk is not suitable for the less mobile and pushchairs.

Wed 5th Jan 10:30 am Dean Beck 6 miles [10km] circular walk Packed lunch required Meet Kenneth Allen at 10.30am

at the old stone river bridge, bottom of Stockfield Road, off the A65 Skipton Road, Ilkley. Following part of the Dalesway towards Addingham then its right turn uphill into North Yorkshire returning on a little road walking via Low Austby.

Wed 12th Jan 10:30 am Go with a Swing 5 miles [8km] circular walk. Packed lunch required. Meet Anne Hodgson at 10.30 am at Wesley Place pay and display car park Silsden. Golf courses, woods and canal bank give a varied look at our local alandscape.

Wed 26th Jan 10:45 am Bank Walk 5 miles [8km] circular walk. Packed lunch required. Meet Gillian Dale at 10.45am near Saltaire railway station, Victoria Road, Saltaire.

A walk around Baildon Village with a bit of climbing and hopefully good long distance views from the top of "The Bank".



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THEATRE REVIEW

On a recent night out in Keighley I witnessed a man become purple with rage and violently smash a bottle over a woman's head killing her instantly. To make matters worse it was witnessed by a large number of elderly people who apart from a few gasps barely registered a flicker of surprise. Thankfully this wasn't a matter for the police, but the latest production at Keighley Playhouse who were staging a version of the classic horror tale – Jekyll & Hyde.

This was my first visit to this excellent theatre and I was immediately impressed with the friendly atmosphere. This was clearly a regular haunt for many people judging by the familiarity between staff and customers in the bar. The theatre on Devonshire Street is much larger than I expected which was surprising as I must have driven past it countless times and never noticed it. Despite what appeared to be a full house seating was spacious and comfortable and the acoustics were excellent. You can probably hear a pin drop. Unfortunately you could also hear the rustle of sweet wrappers and the recent cold weather brought a few too many coughs in to the auditorium, but the delivery from stage was easily audible. It's a shame to tag the whole experience as amateur dramatics as it feels anything

but amateur. The sets and lighting were excellent and the standard of acting was as good as many I've seen on a bigger stage. Mark Rundle as Dr Jekyll (and Hyde!) was outstanding and I particularly enjoyed Robert Lister as Utterson. He has such a natural presence on stage that you can't help thinking you've seen him a thousand times before. His eccentric character got plenty of laughs, particularly when he displayed his weakness for the port. Deborah Mouat played the uncouth Penny at full throttle, practically owning the stage as she swaggered around leering loudly in the face of the snooty Celestine. This gripping tale was brought to its inevitable conclusion as Jekyll's tragic death proved you probably shouldn't indulge in mind altering substances. The cast returned to the stage for enthusiastic applause and upon leaving I overheard many favourable comments from more seasoned clientele. Keighley Playhouse is well worth supporting. It draws upon the talent of hundreds of local people of all ages and has an excellent programme of forthcoming productions. I'm already looking forward to the next one which promises to be very special – The Railway Children – which is on from the 6th to the 11th December. It's also very affordable. Tickets start from just £4.00. See <http://www.keighleyplayhouse.co.uk> for further information.



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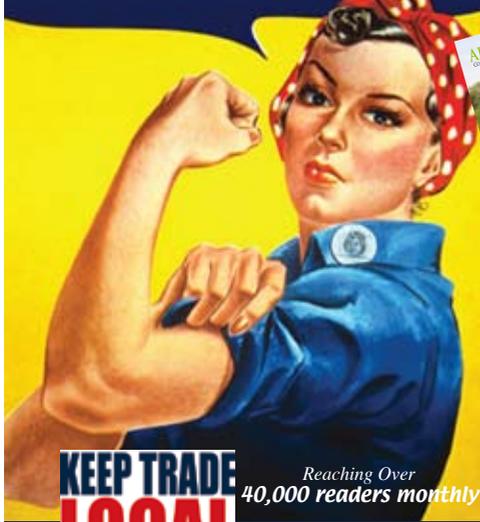


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PUZZLE ANSWERS

Xmas Xword

Across: 1. Away in a Manger; 8. Fidget; 9. Tinsel; 10. Recurve; 11. Saint; 13. Joy to the World; 16. Techy; 18. Festive; 21. Antler; 22. Orient; 23. Mary's Boy Child
 Down: 2. White; 3. Yoghurt; 4. Nativity; 5. Mitt; 6. Ninja; 7. Eternal; 12. Ceremony; 14. Oceania; 15. Ostrich; 17. Holly; 19. Vinyl; 20. Crib

Six-Rack

Caller, Callow, Careen, Career, Carter, Carton, Chider, Chiton, Cinder, Mailer, Mallet, Mallow, Marlin, Marten, Martin, Mender, Merest, Merlin, Mildew, Miller, Millet, Minder, Tailor, Taller, Tallow, Teller, Tender, Tiller, Tinder, Wailer, Wallet, Wallow, Wander, Wanter, Wanton, Whiten, Whiter, Whilst, Wilder, Winder, Window, Winter

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