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December is a month to both celebrate and take stock.

Following a recent week away in the USA to take part in the American celebration of Thanksgiving, I am still counting my blessings. What a privilege to be able to freely move between countries and visit friends and family. I must admit, while being a resident of the UK for the past 28 years, it remains an absolute pleasure to return 'home' to Yorkshire.

As we head in to full-on December celebration mode, you will find Amy Firth's show stopper of a cake recipe on page 17; it's worthy of the holiday table. Enjoy it.

And then when January rolls around, you can find a Slimming World class to get your waistline where you want it to be. It's all good. Have a lovely festive season.



Editor Liz Barker



## Ceri's Success Story

2019 celebrates Slimming World's 50th year of helping individuals lose weight without hunger, improve health and gain confidence.

Ceri Galluci joined Riddlesden Slimming World in 2016 and achieved her target weight with a loss of 3 stone that same year. Ceri says "I remember feeling really



uncomfortable; bursting out of a generous size 16 jeans and as my youngest child turned 1, I didn't have the excuse of having a "baby" any more.

I love the fact I've been able to incorporate food optimising as a lifestyle change

rather than just a fad diet. Realising there was so much I could eat and that I didn't have to feel deprived; looking for recipes and planning meals became like a hobby itself! I plan meals we can all eat as a family and we have firm favourites - Campfire stew, Beef hotpot, Carbonara, Fish and chips and Cottage Pie to name but a few! My sweet tooth has been my biggest challenge- and learning to tap into eating when you're hungry rather than just eating for eating's sake! I still have a sweet tooth but I can still indulge in my chocolate bar!"

"I have so much more energy and my fitness levels have improved dramatically. I can keep up with my 6 and 3 year old and take part in their activities, without feeling self-conscious and embarrassed. Without Slimming World I'd have never considered exercising and it was their concept of 'Body magic' which got me going. I started walking in an evening, completed a 'Couch to 5k', progressed to weekly Saturday Park runs and now do lots of 10k events. This September I took on my biggest challenge to daterunning my first half Marathon-the Great North Run. The sense of achievement, well-being and sanity (peace and quiet

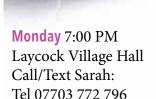
from the kids!)
which I get from
running is really
important to
me".

"Beina overweight affected my self-esteem. confidence and self-worth so much and as a result this had a huge impact on my mood and mental well-being. That has been the biggest change and although I still have my fair share of up's and downs. I can't imagine Slimming World and my group



not being part of my life now."

So if you are looking to change your life in 2019, join one of our many local groups and we will show you how.



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#### A message from a reader with thanks & praise

After suffering the most calamitous computer crash and at a complete loss as to what I should do to try and restore status quo, I turned to my copy of Aire Valley Mag — simply having moved to this area from Scotland in recent years, I didn't have any established contact with a suitable expert.

How grateful I am that you deliver this magazine to my home every month.

A half page advert on page 27 displaying Computer Universe attracted me to that very business, where I was advised my computer had been hacked and all the data potentially lost. I was devasted!

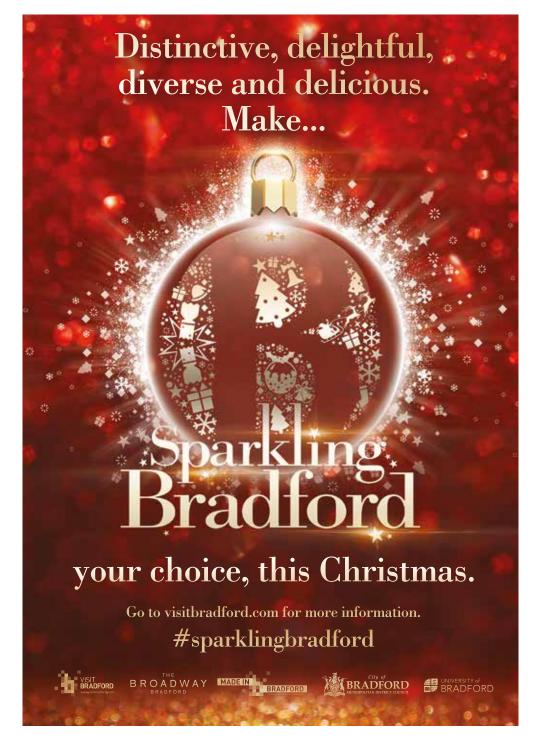
Precisely one week later, I received a call to advise they had succeeded in completely restoring everything and my computer was, in their own words - 'good as new'.

To be honest, I didn't at first believe their confident assurance, I imagined having to use my own back-up facilities to restore crucial bits of information. I needn't have worried, I came home, plugged it in and in in precise accordance with the received advice everything worked perfectly.

The account I settled was little over half the originally quoted price! I've even been invited back to their Silsden premises for a bit of tuition to try and prevent a further occurence.

That kind of honesty and quality of service isn't easy to find, if you can find a corner in your publication to replicate the foregoing, I would hope it might help to bring more business to this splendid local enterprise, I shall recommend it to anybody and everybody. Kevin and Tristan – the two chaps I dealt with – I cannot praise them highly enough.

Best wishes. Jeremy Law



To be honest with you, dear reader, I don't really take kindly to this time of year. You get up in the dark and you go home in the dark. Occasionally there's a sunny day, but mostly it's full of damp and mist. It now seems a very long time ago that we were basking in record temperatures and wondering whether football was coming home. Even taking the dogs out in this weather becomes a chore for the dogs themselves.

# **Inside**The Weekend Wanderer

by Antony Silson

So, what do we do then? Well, I propose that we give our full attention to the weekends and make them extra special. We have a wealth of walks, pubs, cafes and restaurants in the local area and they are all deserving of your attention. You could walk around St Ives and then pop into Bingley for a well-deserved pint or a crumpet. Is there honestly anything better than a toasted teacake or a crumpet on a damp and miserable day? You may disagree, but you're wrong.

What about a walk up to Keighley Gate and then an amble over to Ilkley? Plenty to see and do there, before you catch the bus back. Or you could walk towards Baildon Moor along the paving stones instead of Ilkley. If the weather is good you can see all the way to Emley Moor TV Mast. It goes without saying that this 1,084 ft tower is the tallest freestanding structure in the UK.

There are so many award winning, quirky pubs around here that it would be a sin, yes it would, not to visit one as you pass through Haworth or Goose Eye. Haworth



itself offers the Bronte Falls, Top Withins or any number of more sheltered walks. If you haven't been to Slippery Ford and walked around Keighley Moor Reservoir then quite frankly, you haven't lived. When we complain, as we Keighley folk always do, about the downside of living here we often forget about the wild, the windswept and the magnificent scenery we have. And then there's the beer, but that's a different story. Happy wandering!



Antony Silson loves walking with his two dogs, has a vast music collection, watches a lot of films, enjoys cheese and lives in Keighley. His show airs on Drystone Radio Sundays 5-7pm

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As we approach the end of 2018, we draw to a close a year of celebrating fifty years of operation of the Railway. We've welcomed Royalty, in both the guise of HRH the Duchess of Cornwall and the 'Royal Scot' locomotive, and recognised volunteers who have given decades of service to the Railway. Reflecting on what we have achieved is very humbling, and makes all of us involved in the Railway very proud.

The Railway has changed a great deal in that 50 years, but some things remain popular. Santa first arrived on the Railway in the earliest days of operation at Haworth and even before the line was fully reopened in 1968. The Santa Specials may have changed in form over the decades, but their charm and popularity hasn't and we are yet again running a sell-out service throughout December for Santa and his Pixies. We will also be running our Mince Pie Specials from Boxing Day to New Year's Day so you can continue to enjoy the festivities with us until January 1st.

The Railway's catering offering has also developed over the decades and in response to demand we now open the buffet carriage at Oxenhope every Wednesday to Friday even when trains are not operating. We offering a discount during December, and you can enjoy a 20% discount at Oxenhope Buffet when the trains are not running. Simply ask for the Winter Discount at the till.

As well as the buffet, the gift shop at Haworth is also open during the week, so



if you're looking for some railway-themed festive gifts you can avoid the weekend crowds by visiting Monday to Friday instead.

Looking forward to 2019, we have great plans including the reintroduction of the popular Diesel Gala event, a weekend that appeals to the generations of passengers who remember widespresd diesel rather than steam traction from their younger days. Building on the success of the 50th Anniversary event back in June, we will be running the event as a 'Mixed traffic' Gala, allowing us to run a prototypical blend of steam and diesel services. We will have a wide range of special events, including Prosecco and Whisky tasting trains; the 'Haworth Haddock' fish and chip supper services; and plenty more for you to enjoy. Finally, I would like to thank you all for continued support during our 50th anniversary year, and we look forward to welcoming you board as we embark on our second half-century of operation.

Matt Stroh Chairman KWVR





## SMIthy'S Tech TIPS

By Liam Smith

It's fast approaching that time of the year we've all been waiting for, from gift giving to family festive traditions, and surrounding yourself with friends and family you cherish and love. But no matter how well we plan for this joyous occasion, there's always going to be something

that doesn't gr according to plan. Whether that's the Christmas Turkey, the dog destroying the presents, or perhaps something tha isn't considere as often, not

being able to



view your favourise movies or it v shows around your busy schedule.

Gone are the days of setting the timer of the VCR recorder to record live TV which undoubtedly aired too early or too late to enjoy the full content. Nowadays, there are no tapes, no discs, and no USB sticks to export to, it's all done internally! What does this mean exactly? Well, Freeview (aerial) and Freesat (satellite) recorders have an HDD – Hard Disk Drive built-in, meaning that you no longer have to frantically scour the cupboards or TV stand for DVD's or VHS tapes to record to before the content starts, it's all stored on this one device.

If you've ever had Sky or anything of the

like, you'll know just how easy it is to record your favourite shows, but there was always a catch, the recording facility was only available through subscription, well, not anymore. Freesat and Freeview recorders are subscription free products, meaning you can watch all of the channels available and record them too without any additional

cost.

But, these recorders don't just give you the ability to record individual programmes, you can also schedule a series link to record every episode within a series, so

recording every time a programme is aired. These are internet based products as well, which enables catch-up and ondemand services, meaning that if you have forgotten to record something on BBC 1 for example, you can just use BBC iPlayer to stream it given that you have an adequate internet connection.

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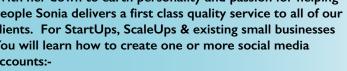
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When it comes to desserts. I must admit. I'm not a fan of Christmas cake. or Christmas pudding, or mince pies for that matter. I love the idea of them and try every year to get on-board but they just don't do it for me. My kids are the same. A nice big festive chocolate cake on the other hand, I could inhale in one sitting. The pull of chocolate is too powerful! I went with a really rich chocolate cake and

added orange zest and dash of Cointreau to the frosting. For the decoration, I used vegan icing painted with edible gold paint and sprayed with edible gold glitter.

#### **Ingredients** Frosting

2 x 400ml cans coconut milk 525g dairy-free chocolate chips 105g unrefined coconut oil 250g icing sugar Zest of 2 large oranges 2 caps of Cointreau (optional)

#### Cake

350g whole wheat flour 270g cacao or coco powder 200g sugar I thsp bicarbonate of soda

1 ½ tsp baking powder

I pinch of salt

720ml of non-dairy milk (I used oat) 210g unrefined coconut oil 375g of applesauce, neutral yogurt or silken tofu 470g maple syrup I thsp apple cider vinegar

#### Method

I tbsp vanilla extract

To make the frosting, microwave the coconut milk and chocolate chips for 3 mins, stirring regularly. Once melted, add the (melted) coconut oil, icing sugar, orange zest and Cointreau (if using) and blend until smooth. Refrigerate, preferably overnight, or until firm.

For the cake, mix the wet ingredients together. In a separate bowl, mix the dry ingredients. Once combined, add the dry ingredients to the wet bowl and stir until just combined. Divide the mixture between 3 greased, lined cake tins and cook at 180oC for 35-45 minutes (remove once a cake skewer comes out clean). Allow to cool on a rack, then use the frosting to build the layers. Finish by adding frosting to the outside and decorate.

Until next year, Happy Christmas everyone!

Amy

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To solve a sudoku puzzle, each row of nine squares must contain the numbers 1 through 9. Each column must also contain the numbers 1 through 9, and each box must contain the numbers 1 through 9.

#### We need your help

to sprinkle festive fairy dust over child victims of crime across the North of the UK this Christmas.

Embrace CVOC (Child Victims of Crime) charity is running 'Dear Santa 2018' – a seasonal fund-raising campaign to bring joy and happiness to children and young people who have suffered trauma as a result of crime. Local individuals and businesses in Worth & Aire valleys are grouping together to purchase gifts for children. Some are replacing their Secret Santa with Embrace's

Dear Santa initiative.

Airedale Enterprise Services has been taking on the role of Santa's Elves and recently hosted a gift wrapping session with the AWWEsome Business Club. Small's of Keighley and other shops in the town kindly donated wrapping paper and other supplies to support the campaign.



You can still purchase a gift for a child victim of crime directly from Amazon Smile online. Simply select the wish-list for your area. Here you'll find a list of Dear Santa gifts together with details of the recipients. Search online:

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Keighley & District Photographic Association meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm to 9.30pm at Riddlesden United Reformed Church, Riddlesden. Visit www.kdpa.co.uk for programme of events.

Keighley Model Railway Club, Knowle Mills, South Street, Keighley, BD21 1SY Meeting every Tuesday and Thursday Evenings from 7.00pm until 10.30 Thursday afternoons, 12.45pm until 4.30pm & Saturday afternoons 1.00pm until 5.00pm Everyone is welcome, but children over the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. There is a

direct lift access to the clubroom.

Aire Valley Railway Modeller's Club, Melbourne House, Dalton Lane, Keighley, BD21 4LG. Meeting every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday night from 7.00 pm until 11.00 pm and Saturday afternoon from 1.00 pm until 5.00 pm, juniors over the age of 8 years old and accompanied by an adult, are welcome. Entry and exit by stairway only.

Keighley LGBT support group meet every 3rd Saturday of each month. 12 -2pm at Keighley Healthy Living Centre, Scott Street, Keighley (behind the Library).

Keighley Library Knit & Knatter group meet every Wednesday 1pm-3pm. Beginners and experts alike, refreshments 50p.

Hainworth Knitters meet
Wednesday's at 1.30pm - 3pm at
Hainworth Wood Community Centre.
Keighley Can Sing 2 - 3.30pm on
second Sunday of each month



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Every Wednesday 10.30am Rest a while drop in Coffee Morning at Exley Head Methodist Church, Keighley.

First & third Wednesday of a month 10.30am Coffee Morning & Book Swap at Laycock Village Hall. Sat 1st Dec until Sun 24th Feb The Glasshouses at Cliffe Castle, Keighley Sat 1st Dec until 5th Jan Saltaire Living Advent Calendar - around Saltaire Village. Windows in Saltaire homes are illuminated with a festive scene. One being opened daily from the 1st Dec until the 24th Dec. Sat 8th, 15th 22nd & Sun 9th, 16th & 23rd 11.30am - 4.30pm Santa Specials at Shipley Glen Tramway www.shipleyglentramway.co.uk.

Mon 10th until Sat 15th Dec Great Expectations by Charles Dickens at Keighley Playhouse. An interesting adaptation of the famous classic Dickens story – narrated by the adult Pip. The entire story and all the well known characters are here, Miss Haversham, Estella, Magwich, Joe and Herbert. Childhood events are recalled but are played out by the adults.

Weds 12th Dec 6.30 Community Carols including Nessfield School Choir.Trinity Church, Fell Lane, Keighley. All Welcome.

Thurs 13th Dec Aire & Worth Valley Wanderers Guided Walk Riddlesden to Low Wood. Meet 1.30pm at Bar Lane, Canal Bridge. More info call 01535 665258

Thurs 13th Dec Late Night Shopping until 8pm in Haworth.

Sat 15th Dec 1pm - 4pm Dementia Friendly Keighley Awareness Event at Airedale Shopping Centre Sat 15th & Sun 15th Dec 12 - 4pm Brass Band and Festive Music Weekend in Haworth.

Sat 15th & Sun 16th Dec 11am
- 3pm Visit Santa in his grotto
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Fri 21st Dec, 18th Jan,15th Feb & 15th March Story to Tell at Cliffe Castle Museum 10.30am. Free Event.

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Mon 28th Jan - Sat 2nd Feb Nobodys Fool at Keighley Picture

House. This is the sequel to Nobody's Perfect in which statistician Lenny won an all womens writing competition as Myrtle Banbury. He now has the problem of conducting a TV interview without having to appear in drag. Just when the situation seems to be brilliantly under control his ex wife, Fran turns up to throw a spanner in the works.



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## Brontë Parsonage Museum at 90

A History of the Museum in 10 Objects

Much of the good Patrick Brontë achieved during his long ministry at Haworth has been overshadowed by the fame of his daughters. Throughout Mr. Brontë's forty-one years in Haworth, his duties as a clergyman were wide-ranging,



Mr Brontë's copy of Graham's Modern Domestic Medicine

encompassing aspects of social welfare and matters relating to public health. He was especially interested in developments in medical knowledge and had an understanding of the manner in which disease was spread. Amongst the many interesting items in the collection at the Brontë Parsonage Museum is Mr Brontë's copy of Graham's Modern Domestic Medicine, published in 1826. This was one of many medical texts which he had read, and his notes, written in the margins of the book, show just how seriously he took his interest in medical matters. The notes also shed light on the illnesses suffered by his own family circle, and the remedies which were tried.

In 1846, at the age of sixty-nine, Mr Brontë travelled to Manchester where he underwent an operation for cataract removal. He took a keen interest in the procedure (which was performed without anaesthetic), and later added an account of the experience in his copy of Graham:

Belladonna a virulent poison - was first applied, twice, in order to expand the pupil - this occasioned very acute pain for only about five seconds - The feeling,

under the operation - which lasted fifteen minutes, was of a burning nature - but not intolerable - as I have read is generally the case, in surgical operations. My lens was extracted so that cataract can never return in that eye...

The disease usually associated with the Brontës is consumption. In an attempt to restore her health. Anne Brontë travelled to Scarborough in 1849, dying in the town just four days later. In the section on 'Pulmonary Consumption', Mr Brontë added a poignant footnote:

Mr Teale, Surgeon, Leeds, said that change of place & climate, could prove beneficial, only in the early stage of consumption - that afterwards, the excitement caused by change of scenes, and beds, and strange company, did harm.

It was his interest in matters relating to public health which led to Patrick Brontë petitioning the government to send a health inspector to Haworth. As a result, threats to public health were identified and improvements gradually introduced, although these came too late to benefit his own family. Ann Dinsdale, Principal Curator

## Winter at the Brontë Parsonage Museum



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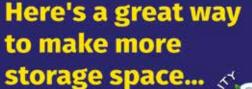
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