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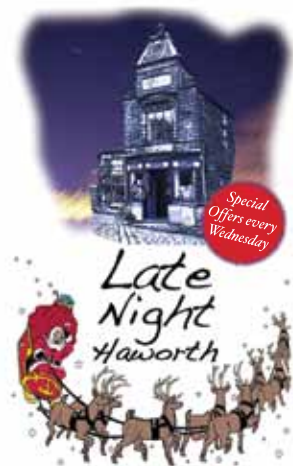
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Let's face it, it has been a tough year for many. Like the sentiment expressed in Rebecca's letter to Santa (left), there are some who would relish "checking out" and sailing away to a remote island. Leaving behind mortgages, mundane jobs, challenging relationships, public sector strikes, austerity measures, and the minutiae that make up our lives in exchange for a seemingly stress free life is understandably appealing. If you are feeling the pressure this season, retired psychotherapist Peter Wilkin's article on page 4 might help you find the calm you desire. (It won't help pay the mortgage but it will give you a coping strategy for a start).

For a bit of light relief we have a fun puzzle to amuse the family inbetween Christmas dinner courses, see our **Christmas Carol Picture Puzzle** on page 31.

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Have a happy, safe holiday season and consider all those near and dear to you before you, like Rebecca, wish your life away..."The middle of no where" sounds a lonely place! All the best from Liz, Janet, Jo and all at Worth Valley Mag.



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Finding CALM

By Peter Wilkin



*Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat
Please put a penny in the old man's hat
If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do
If you haven't got a ha'penny, then God bless you!*

With the pressures of Christmas already upon us, the chances of us having any spare change to toss into the old man's hat as this old nursery rhyme suggests are highly unlikely. Of course, financial pressure isn't the only stressor ushered in by the arrival of the festive season. At this time of year family pressures abound as parents, siblings and other close family members either battle to host the Christmas day meal or desperately try to avoid it. Ironically, what is marketed as a joyous holiday occasion may well turn out to be the most stressful part of the whole year.



Whatever form the stressors take, there are some simple, common-sense guidelines that really can take at least some of the stress out of Christmas.

1 Don't just say 'No!' Explain your financial restraints in some detail to those close to you and let them decide their priorities within the limits of your budget.

2 Don't try to please everyone – it's an impossible task! Again, explain any family decisions you make with your reasons for making them.

3 If money is tight, compensate with your Christmas card greetings. Make the recipients feel special and not just someone who's been ticked off the list. And perhaps make the cards yourself with the help of any available children.

4 If you drink, identify some alcohol-free days. Booze is incredibly expensive and over-imbibing is possibly the main cause of family arguments.

5 Find some 'you' time. Make sure there are high spots in your calendar for you to enjoy: a peaceful walk in the country, time with a close friend, a relaxing massage or a soothing, candlelit soak in the bath.

6 And perhaps most important of all – Talk! Don't let pressure build up to exploding point. As soon as you start to feel stressed seek out someone you can trust and talk things through with them.

If you feel the need for a more structured approach to stress-reduction, look into the practice of Mindfulness, a scientifically proven form of meditation that helps people focus on their thoughts and feelings without becoming overwhelmed by them. Check out this link for more information:

<http://franticworld.com/what-is-mindfulness/>

Peter Wilkin is a retired psychotherapist. He is currently writing his first novel. You can find him here: <http://peterwilkin1.blogspot.com/> or follow him on Twitter: @peterwilkin1

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WINED & DINED with Claire Smith from No.10 The Coffee House



Strolling through the forest with my youngest daughter, gathering twigs and fir cones, everything seems still

and silent, the air is crisp and the last vestiges of autumn are evident in beech trees still ablaze with colour. Fallen leaves weave golden pathways across the forest floor and there is more than a hint of enchantment in the air; a sense of Christmas and all that the festive season will bring.

Returning home with our treasures to the scent of dinner which has been simmering in the oven for most of the afternoon we both feel that the drawing in of the nights, the different seasons and the natural cycles of the earth are a joy rather than something to be resented. Later, as the forest sleeps under a blanket of pine needles and dry leaves we light candles and snuggle up in front of the fire with the intention of spending the evening catching up with each other and planning for the forthcoming festivities. I have to say that even though I am in business myself the relief of escaping the relentless bustle of the commercial world for a day was immeasurable. It really is no wonder that a great many of us feel that Christmas has become a burdensome chore and has lost some of its magic.

Though there are those who don't really enjoy Christmas, there are few

who will be left totally unmoved by the sight of streets festooned with twinkling fairy lights, the exhilarating fragrance of a real tree or the taste of mince pies, roasted chestnuts, chocolate truffles or champagne. This year I intend to keep festive menu choices simple for a change [excluding of course the gin and tonic jellies brought to me by a friend, which were so gorgeous that I vowed to make them myself over Christmas], and spend more time enjoying family and friends, walks in the woods and relaxing evenings in front of the fire.



That is not to say that special Christmas food doesn't deserve a starring role in yuletide celebrations; simply that it's planning and preparation ought not to cancel out the spellbinding

nature of the season. Our family gathering this Christmas Eve will involve the sharing of simple but scrumptious sweet and savoury morsels; but the main focus of the evening will be the chocolate trail, in which the tiny members of our family follow a trail of tantalising clues leading them up to the top of the house, past jingling bells, exotic coloured birds, Santa's pointing the way, until they reach the very last room. Here they will discover a mini forest made from faux fir and the twigs and cones gathered on our magical woodland walk in which will reside an array of chocolate reindeer, Santa's and snowmen (on cotton wool snow) waiting to be gathered up by eager little hands. Happy Christmas everyone; here's hoping that you enjoy this wonderful time of year.

Say you saw it in the *Worth Valley Mag!*



Ronnie Swinbourne from Sweetpea & Rose, the handmade cake and crafts specialist, displays her scrumptious delights and vintage crockery. You can contact Ronnie for cake & craft commissions as well as baking and sugarcraft classes or for vintage crockery hire on 01535 649393

For the best inspiration one only needs to look close to home and from the heart; and that is precisely what Oxenhope resident Ronnie Swinbourne did when she set up her handmade cakes and crafts business. Sweetpea and Rose is the name Ronnie chose for her delectable company inspired by her two daughters, Lydia Sweetpea (5yrs) and Elsie Rose (4yrs). The girls are also Ronnie's most discerning customers.

In a world full of mass produced and store bought options, Sweetpea and Rose offers a unique handmade alternative that brings back a certain quality and value in gifting; whether a wall hanging, lavender bag, wedding favour, or mouthwatering special occasion cake, the standard is exceptional, and the attention to detail, inspired. Ronnie will work within your budget and craft a truly wonderful creation, be it in sugar or fabric!

"Cake makes us happy" is a true word spoken in the Swinbourne household and that happiness is shared by a community

of satisfied customers who have commissioned Ronnie to create tiers of celebration for a variety of occasions and important milestones. Ronnie can turn her hand to many things including elaborate or simple structures in sugarcraft. Wedding Cakes, Cupcake Towers, Iced Biscuits, Christmas Cakes, in fact, any style or variety you choose, Sweetpea and Rose will meet your individual requirements.



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For those interested in more interaction and learning, Cupcake Classes, Biscuit Decorating Classes, Catered Tea Parties, Children's Themed Events with props, favours, and luscious treats are also options to consider. (Gift vouchers available). To make a party that extra bit special and unique, Ronnie has a collection of lovely vintage crockery for hire (for up to 100 guests). Phone Sweetpea & Rose to discuss your event ideas and requirements for cakes, biscuits, cupcakes, confection, crafts and gifts. **Enjoy a 10% discount on wedding and celebration cakes in 2012 if you mention the Worth Valley Mag!** Sweetpea & Rose 01535 649393

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The festival is still very much in the creation stage - we still have to agree on a name! But one thing we are all sure about is that this festival is all about community and we will endeavour to create a festival that meets the needs of people in the area. That is why we are inviting YOU to join us. Our meetings are open to everyone (you don't have to live in Haworth to participate) and we are very keen to hear peoples' ideas. So please come along and show your support. You may be eager to get involved in the planning on a long term basis or you may just want to come along to see what is happening - we welcome everyone.

If your interest has been sparked please join our facebook page 'Haworth festival 2012' to keep up to date with events. Should you want the minutes from our last meeting please email:

selinajohal@hotmail.com.

Please come along to our next meeting: **Monday 12th December at Cobbles and Clay, 8pm 60 Main Street, Haworth** It will be a creative meeting to share, discuss and develop potential ideas for the festival. By the end of the night we hope to create our collective vision of what we want the festival to be. This is your chance to have your say so come along and say it! Hope to see you there...

Selina Johal



Printmakers Leave Their Mark On Keighley's Central Hall

Three artists with very different approaches to printmaking have joined forces for Central Hall's Christmas exhibition.

The work will be on display until Friday 6 January and admission is free.

'I chose these three printmakers because they understand their mediums so well,' says Artists in Business coordinator Jo Whitehead. 'Their work is understated but effective and, on a personal level, it makes me feel happy. I'm hoping that visitors to Central Hall will also have the same reaction and want to find out more about printmaking.'

Alison Deegan's work is influenced by textures and patterns in archaeology and geology. Her lino prints include dramatic landscapes and seascapes, often rendered in a limited or monochrome palette.

Jacqui Sharples combines traditional letterpress techniques with eco-friendly production processes, using a range of manually operated vintage presses including a Victorian treadle. Even the ink is recycled from printers that have been forced to close because of the impact of digital technology.

Emily Harvey produces abstract, many-layered images inspired by connections and cycles in the natural world.

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TOP TECH TIPS by Michelle Thompson of CloudFree IT

Elves once carved toys by hand from wood;
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Our 'dream dolls' delicately clothed
with a cradle to sleep in.

We 'chuffed' our trains and 'brummed' our cars.
We soothed our dolly's 'weeping'.
The only sound effects we had,
from cap guns, not from 'bleeping'!

Action Men fought raging wars
And 'Knights of Old' were valiant.
Our stories were elaborate.
Imaginations rampant.

Toys of the past seem obsolete
to kids now. 'Not inspiring'.
Youth seems to need more sound effects
to help their minds' enquiring.

'No fun in that!', the oldies weep.
We made the sounds ourselves*
We had respect, showed gratitude
To all hardworking Elves!

Toys of today too 'bleepified',
and batteries essential.
There's so much dross in 'Toys Galore'.
No narrative potential.

And what of the poor quality
of playthings 'Made in China'?
The latest fad will pass next week
So that flaw's really minor!

For gifts that will for months to come
Keep offspring well-engrossed,
You're better spending money
On the things they'll use the most.

So what's now wanted from the chap
Whose job was to deliver
our Dinky Toys and dolly prams?
That jolly present-giver!

What's Santa bring those 'grown-up' kids
who, still, are craving 'toys'?
Wallets, watches, socks and ties
Are not their source of joys!

Laptops, tablets, mobile phones.
A smartphone on their list?
The internet's their 'lifeline'.
And 'the cloud's' no longer mist!

Well, actually technology's
more fun than you've been thinking.
Some console games are joy for all,
Especially after drinking! (just the one, dear!)**

So whilst we fondly ruminate
on toys from 'days of yore',
remind yourself the 'toys' of now
Are what's for sale in store.



It's good to know that Fibre Optic broadband has arrived already in some parts of the Worth Valley† just in time for Christmas, so if, like me, you frequently miss your favourites on TV, (because your senior moments are coming thick and fast now and it's going to get worse in that crazy time running up to Christmas) it's worth trying TV on Demand services such as BBC iPlayer, ITV Player, Channel4 on Demand etc.

Streaming (playing your chosen programme or movie directly from the internet rather than downloading it first to your computer) needs a broadband connection of consistently above 3+ mbps, but the faster the better. You'll also need an internet ready TV, or a desktop or laptop computer that's Windows XP SP3 or newer, with a processor of 1.6GHz or higher, and a minimum of 512MB RAM (1GB would be better). If you've got Windows Vista or 7, or Mac OSX then your processor and RAM requirements will be different, so do check first.

**My brother used to do the most amazing machine gun sound.*

***For the safety of others, if you're already falling down drunk, now is not an appropriate time to try the Jungle Boogie! Always make sure you clear a very big space around you and keep plenty of space between you and the TV, and don't trip over your own feet or land in Auntie Mabel's lap while dancing to 'Rump Shaker'. † Check with your Internet Service Provider re: Fibre Optic Broadband availability in your area.*

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BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM

by Jenna Holmes Arts Officer Bronte Parsonage Museum



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There will be an air of anticipation at the museum as you read this. An important 'little book' written by Charlotte Bronte in 1830, when she was fourteen years old, is going to be sold at auction at Sotheby's on 15th December. The manuscript was previously untraced and unpublished, so it is one of the most exciting literary finds in decades, and is one of six tiny little books that the Bronte siblings created for Branwell's set of toy soldiers to read. This one tells the story of a murderer who is driven to madness after being haunted by his victims, and describes how 'an immense fire' burning in his head causes his bed curtains to set alight, which is very like the famous scene in Jane Eyre, when Rochester's insane wife sets light to his bed curtains. The manuscript is expected to reach £200,000 - £300,000 at auction, which is a huge amount of money for us to find. Museum staff have been busy writing applications to funding bodies in the hope that we can secure a grant to help, but we have also launched a

public appeal for donations. It would be so sad if the little book was lost to a private collector, and we desperately hope to be able to bring it back to Haworth for the nation to enjoy. Despite the last Bronte (Patrick) dying in 1861, newly discovered belongings and writings by this remarkable family are still coming to light, often scattered across the globe. Just last year, several items were donated back to the museum from a family in Canada, and we also bought some Bronte-made lace on Ebay (we were able to verify that it was authentic!) which just goes to show the many ways in which items make their way into the Museum's collection. Next year our special exhibition will look at the history of the Bronte Society's collection, and will tell the story of murky book dealers, missing manuscripts and the efforts to track down special items and bring them home to the Parsonage. It would be fantastic to display this new manuscript, one of the most important Bronte finds in years, as the crown jewel of the show. We are all keeping our fingers crossed.

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Haworth Park now proudly boasts a brand new base in readiness for a new iron top to complete the performance space for which the Friends of the Park are busy encouraging fundraising. This is to be a 21st century answer for a multipurpose outdoor venue for the Performing Arts, but will still look like an Edwardian Bandstand as required by English Heritage for our Grade 2 listed Park.

It has been an interesting but quite difficult journey getting this far with a project that has the village firmly behind it.



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Sat 10th Dec Haworth Church Christmas Fair. From 10am until 4pm

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Sat 10th and Sun 11th Dec Haworth Torchlight Weekend An incredible experience that has become an annual favourite with many visitors to the village. Sunday Torchlight Procession starts at 5.15pm and sees hundreds of torch & lantern bearers, along with choirs and bands singing carols, wind their way up from the bottom of the cobbled Victorian Main Street to the Parish Church. Please note: the traditional carol service held in



the Parish Church is a religious event. Visitors will be strictly monitored and numbers limited. Close of service approx. 7.15pm.

Tues 13th Dec Community Carols around the Christmas Tree event in Crossroads. Opposite St James' Parish Church (Haworth Road) Crossroads. 6:30pm Start 7:15pm Retire to St James' Church Hall for refreshments. All welcome to wrap up warm, bring a torch/light, and join together for this special festive fun family event.

Sat 17th Dec & Sun 18th Dec. Yet again, West Lane Baptist Church, Haworth will be undertaking an "Alternativity" and everyone is welcome to come and join in. No tickets required but seating is limited so get in early! Dec 17th 6pm, "Pirates of the Christmas Caribbean" Dec 18th 4pm. "Pirates of the Christmas Caribbean"

Sun 18th Dec Haworth Church Christingle and Community Carols by Candlelight At 10.45am Haworth Church will be holding its traditional Christingle service in the church. A second carol service is also being held by Haworth Parish Church for members of the local community. The service starts at 7pm and will be held at St Michaels and All Angels Church in Haworth.

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Sat 24th Dec Haworth Main Street Nativity Weekend Starts at 12pm. Join in with churches

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