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Say, "Hi" to 2014! With the excitement of the Tour de France on the horizon and a dazzling 100 day cultural festival, this year the Worth Valley will be a fantastic showcase for the best that Yorkshire has to offer. Signs in the landscape, like the giant 'Hollywood' style sign in Oxenhope will be part of a moveable feast of interesting projects & happenings that will captivate both local and global participants.

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I've really enjoyed putting this edition of the Worth Valley Mag together, mostly because it has been a great team effort. Joanne, Diane, Clive, and the distribution team all play a part and I am grateful for their dedication and effort. I also use the services of talented designers and photographers and a handful of regular contributors. Three cheers for great local talent and community spirited individuals!

I had the pleasure of photographing and tasting the Christmas pudding on p7. Like it says in the headline, it is easy and very tasty; another original recipe from Nel at Damside Mill for you to enjoy. Rhodes Hardware celebrate 50 years at Mill Hey and still going strong...see the centre spread for our homage to Haworth's very own 'Arknights' on p20/21. Finally, from the whole publication team, we wish you the very best this festive season and a happy and healthy 2014.

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This spring we are opening our doors to adults with a new range of part-time courses for adults being offered from January 2014.

Part Time courses include formal qualifications for example: Nail Treatments, Massage, Barbering, Bookkeeping, Plumbing, Electrical Installation 17th Edition, Childcare and Teaching Assistant. A range of shorter training courses are also being offered including Brickwork and Carpentry & Joinery Introductions and Circular Saw Training.

There are also a number of "Just for Fun" Community courses including Calligraphy for Dads and Invitations, Digital Camera First Steps, Watercolours, Knitting, Jewellery Making, Decorating Cup Cakes, Guitar Playing For Beginners, Spanish For Beginners, Polish For Beginners, Local History (Victorian Keighley and Keighley's Industrial Heritage), Grow your Own Fruit & Vegetables, Gardening Pots, Containers and Hanging Baskets and Creative Writing - How to Write a Short Story.

Adult Learners will be able to enjoy state-of-the-art facilities, including: Hairdressing and Beauty Therapy Salons, Childcare Training Rooms, and IT/Menu suites. There are also a range of specialist facilities including industry standard workshops for Welding & Fabrication, Carpentry & Joinery, Electrical Installation, and Plumbing & Gas Safety.

The Campus is also home to the STAR

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If you would like to visit the campus, take a tour around the fabulous facilities, talk to students and tutors, and receive course information.

Make a date to visit our Keighley Campus Open Night on Tuesday 14th January 2014 between 5-7pm. Further information can be found on the on the college website events page [www.leeds.citycollege.ac.uk/index.php/malls/events/](http://www.leeds.citycollege.ac.uk/index.php/malls/events/)

If you already know what kind of subjects you're interested in or you want to find out more about courses starting in spring and how to apply or enrol go to [www.leeds.citycollege.ac.uk](http://www.leeds.citycollege.ac.uk), or by contacting us directly. We have a friendly team ready to help you with course enquiries, student support, career advice and support to help you choose the right course.



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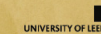
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Sudoku solutions on page 35

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Christmas pudding can often be overlooked as part of the Christmas feast; by the time we've put away the turkey roast, sprouts done in five different ways, and enough goosefat roasted potatoes to sink a battleship of celebrity chefs, we're groaning about not having enough room for pudding. But that's a bit of a travesty of Christmas justice, and I'd like to share a recipe for a special pudding which in my humble opinion outshines the best roast turkey "main event", and sends packing any new-fangled notions of "just a little cheesecake instead". And if you've never made your own Christmas pudding before, you'll be surprised how easy is - particularly as this one cooks in the microwave and can be made in advance.

Important note: the tradition of putting a sixpence in the pudding has long been overtaken by health and safety nightmares, and unfortunately, coins and microwaves should never be used together. But a larger coin, cleaned overnight in coca-cola, can be surreptitiously hidden on a special plate between cutting and serving the pudding. As a topping for this rich, boozy pudding, just a traditional spoonful of cream, or even better, marscapone complements it perfectly. After all, we only indulge once a year, don't we?

- Ingredients:**
- 200g soft prunes
  - 1 apple, peeled and chopped small
  - 125g mixed dried fruits
  - Zest and juice of an orange
  - 100ml brandy
  - A tablespoon of black treacle
  - 2 tbs of chopped preserved ginger
  - 100g light brown sugar
  - 125g plain flour
  - 50g of white breadcrumbs (about a slice of bread, whizzed in a foodprocessor)
  - 1 teaspoon mixed spice
  - ¼ teaspoon cloves
  - ¼ teaspoon salt
  - A handful of walnut pieces
  - 100g butter in small pieces
  - 2 eggs, beaten

Put the apple, prunes, fruit, orange juice and zest, ginger, treacle and brandy in a bowl and microwave for 3 minutes on high - stir well and leave to cool for about 15 minutes. Put the flour, breadcrumbs, salt, spices and butter in a bowl and rub in (or whizz in a food mixer/processor) until it is coarse and crumbly. Stir in the walnuts. Add the eggs and then fruit mixture and stir well. Pour into a well-greased microwaveable pudding bowl (I use an old pyrex one), or individual smaller ones. Cover with cling film and then pierce the top a few times to let the air out. Microwave for 10 minutes on high, (or 7 minutes for smaller puddings) and leave to stand for 5 minutes. Then run a knife around the inside and carefully turning out. It will need to cool a further 5 minutes before eating. If you want to make a day or two in advance, leave it in its bowl, covered with fresh cling film in the fridge, and simply pierce the clingfilm and microwave on medium for 3-4 minutes before serving.



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Students William, Cameron, Dale, Milly and Albert say they are 'fed up' of slow broadband and poor mobile service in the Worth valley.

Children in the upper Worth valley were able to express their frustrations relating to poor broadband and patchy mobile signals at a meeting organised by Fibre Valley, the group set up to campaign for better digital connectivity in the area.

Milly, 9, from Stanbury Village School explained that the 'Learn Anywhere' platform on her school's network wasn't very useful from home because her internet was too slow and kept cutting off. She would often have to plan to do her homework at school or at a friends house.

Donna Craven and son Dale from Oakbank school explained how they have to go to Dale's auntie's house to get online. "It is just not reliable at home. I would love to be able to shop online or book a holiday from our home computer but it is not possible," explained Donna.

When asked what he wanted to do if he was able to get online, Dale answered, "I'd like to go on YouTube or contact my friends on Skype. There are games and things too, but there is no chance of doing any of that at my house."

Amber, age 10 from Oxenhope Primary School told of how her year 4 project was undermined when she was not able to access online research facilities at home to complete her report on the Tudors. "I had to get all of the information for the report from the few books available in the school library. Some of the other kids

were able to get online and find out more information. When it came to the prizes for the best reports, I was really annoyed that I missed out. The kids who won the prizes had internet access at home."

There reveals a very important point about schools often not having quite so many books. It seems that in our new 'digital environment for learning' it is assumed that children will have access to the internet outside the classroom... and that learning will be extended to a digital home environment. Less budget is being allocated to physical books or paper based products for learning. The disadvantage is then double edged as those unable to access the internet are also underserved in the traditional learning environment.



Amber, age 10 from Oxenhope

Social inclusion is every bit as vital for the development of healthy & happy children.

Amber told of her frustration, " I can't play Movie Star Planet with my best friend, Saskia. We like to chat online too but I can't do that very often either."

On December 10th Stanbury Village School will lead a delegation of school children from the Worth valley to visit City Hall in Bradford to question the full council about internet access in the rural Worth Valley ward. Local councillor Russell Brown has offered his support and arranged for the children to meet the Lord Mayor.

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Retired teacher, exam invigilator and assistant examiner, Clive Sherratt, taught at Bingley Grammar for 31 years but despite

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Never one to sit still for long, Clive started doing distance running and long distance walking in 2010 when he reached to age of 60. Since then he has run four full marathons and three half marathons (including the Great North Run). He aims to complete five full and half marathons by the age of 65. He hopes to do the London Marathon and reach his target of raising £5000 for charity. Clive's next run is the Edinburgh Half Marathon in May 2014. **Anyone who wishes to support his chosen charity Macmillan Cancer Support can do so by going to Clive's Just Giving site.**

As far as Clive's long distance walking exploits are concerned he has already done Wainwright's Coast to Coast, Hadrian's Wall, The Pennine Way, The Cleveland way and St Cuthbert's and St Aiden's Way while his next long distance walks are Lady Anne Clifford's Way and The South Downs Way. Clive's activities hold him in good stead for the back checking and magazine delivery work. We're pleased he is fit for purpose! **If you have any questions about magazine deliveries in your area, please contact the Worth & Aire Valley office. 01535 642227**

retiring in 2005 still goes into a number of Bradford schools to look after exams (and also Bradford University where he studied from 1969 to 1972). He has marked GCSE History since 1994 and now marks GCE General Studies and still retains his interest in education. Clive first became involved with the distribution of publications in 2006. At its peak he was regularly delivering 900 + copies of the [Keighley] Target/Advertiser over a large part of Oakworth before the withdrawal of publication in 2012. The experience gave him a good grounding for the contract work for Aire and Worth Valley Mags beginning in 2008.

"From even before the start of my contract work with Aire and Worth Valley Mags I was impressed by the quality of the magazines and have since found that this opinion is shared by the overwhelming majority of the magazine's readers who have been consulted over the years I have back checked the mags" Clive asserted.

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Chris (Bristles Chimney Sweep Service)

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The Groovy Team from left: Charlie Staveley, Ann Wiles, Adrian Barrett, Luke Parker, Phil Hobson, Matthew Binns, Dave Ryder... missing from the photo is Rita Verity and Kay Bottomley. This year, Groovy Happening raised £5,000 for Manorlands!

**Groovy Happening Live Music events** started after the success of a one off event, Music For Manorlands, held in December 2011. A few like-minded people decided to carry this on as a monthly event, the first one being on 4th February '12 when it snowed heavily and the headline band couldn't get there. We arrived looking like snowmen, but despite the various challenges it was a fantastic night and a new addition to Haworth's monthly live music scene.

**Fast forward and Groovy Happening number 26 is on 7th December, a special Groovy Christmas evening with Do Miss America, Box Jellies, Luke Hirst...and a few more surprises!**

Apart from the obvious objective of having a groovy time, Groovy Happening's aims are to raise funds for Sue Ryder, Manorlands Hospice., to support Parkside Social Club which is a venue offered free of charge as their donation to Manorlands, and to encourage musical talent and build good relationships with local musicians. Entry charge at the door is £3. This has been kept low to fill the venue and encourage voluntary donations to fundraising items such as raffles etc.

**There are so many people to thank for their support:** The musicians who all play for free,

the loyal audience who come along every month and Parkside Social Club for providing their facilities.. Thanks to all who have supplied raffle prizes. Thanks to Rita Verity and John Sargent for their brilliant photos as a record of the Happenings. Thanks to Phil Dickinson, Turn the Tables disco and the good friends who have been our Masters of Ceremony over the past two years. The Groovy Happening Team would like to thank everyone in the community who passes on the good word about Groovy Happening events and 'likes' Groovy Happening on Facebook. See our Facebook page for event dates, photos and event information. We hope to see you on the 7th of Dec... and plans are afoot for the 2014 lineup.

**Save the Dates: Jan 11th for a special Groovy Ladies Night, when talented female musicians rock the house!** Headlining with The Hazbeenz, and also including Dragonfly Tattoo, Annie Drury, Waiting For Wednesday, & Emily Sargent. All welcome.

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**It is no secret Haworth is recognised as a nostalgic destination. International visitors and day trippers alike enjoy the delights of steam trains, vintage shops, Bronte love, and moorland walks throughout the year.**

But the magic and nostalgia isn't confined to the cobbled Main Street.

One step inside Rhodes Hardware on Mill Hey and you'd think you were on the set of Open All Hours, half expecting Albert Arkwright to saunter to the counter in his brown work coat and ask if he could be of assistance.

You'd be forgiven thinking that Granville was lurking in the shadows as you peruse

the shelves stacked with everything and anything you could possibly ever want or need to keep your household intact.

It certainly is a glorious curiosity of an establishment and one that residents hold in great affection. Rhodes is another kind of Haworth attraction in itself; the unique ambiance has been carefully honed over the years and sits happily with its 21st century business.

Good humour and honest helpfulness underpin this Aladdin's Cave. The adage, "Try Rhodes First" is a principle that proprietor Julie Rhodes relishes. "If we don't have what you are looking for we can either get it or point you to someone else who can help. We rarely disappoint. There is little point driving in to town when we have most things here."



Julie Rhodes, proprietor of Rhodes Hardware

Sometimes people just call in for a chat and a laugh. The community aspect of Rhodes is part of its DNA, instilled 50 years ago when Julie's parents first opened its doors to 'supply the locals with everyday needs.'

Garden and pet care related products and all things DIY fill the shelves and neatly spill out on to the pavement; bedding plants, rakes, mops, brushes, it's all there.

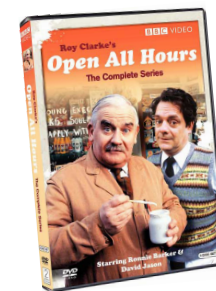
If you are thinking of painting and decorating before the in-laws arrive, Rhodes stock a huge range of Johnstone's paint and can supply everything from drop cloths, sandpaper, wire wool, ladders to paint thinner and roller brushes.

What else is there? Buckets, pipes, nails, brass screws, rawl plugs, string, tape,

wire, sandwich boxes, frying pans, whisks, jam jars, candles, pet food, kindling, logs, Calor gas, fire lighters, rock salt, coal, electric heaters, hot water bottles, kitchen matches, dishcloths, polish..., in fact, come to think if it, Rhodes stock most things that make you warm, safe, dry, clean and happy.

(Here is a reminder: get a plastic sledge and snow shovel from Rhodes before the white stuff begins to fall from the sky!)

2013 marks a Golden year for Julie and her team. They are celebrating 50 fabulous years of trading, interrupted only by a flood in 2004 that caused them to close temporarily. But the heartwarming support of local people and the commitment of loyal customers saw them back on their feet and trading three months later. It has been full steam ahead since.



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# TOP TECH TIPS by Michelle Thompson at CloudFree IT

## When all is not as it seems...

Always up for a giggle are we at CloudfreeIT, so our festive season got off to a comical start on 1st December with us yomping round Skipton, dressed as Santas. The lads had only just shaved off their November 'Moes', replacing them instead with full face white beards. With Christmas shopping and New Year Sales bargain hunting now a major online leisure pursuit, it's essential you don't allow your excitement to be dampened through lack of awareness that some things are not as they seem...

A sharp increase in the number of Ransomware infection cases coming through our service centre door prompts this festive reminder about online vigilance, folks!

Ransomware, commonly bundled up with music, movie and software downloads, may also be picked up from clicking on links to infected websites. It's not usually designed to self-replicate between computers, so it can only get onto yours if you are careless online.

Once present the infection may completely block normal use, and payment by credit card is demanded in return for giving back control. Some strains such as 'UKash' or 'the Police virus', on the loose for over a year, are frighteningly common now. Some are fairly straightforward to remove, but many are not. 'CryptoLocker' is one of the 'New Kids on the Block' (remember them?). It starts encrypting the contents of your hard drive, stopping you opening your documents, photos, music files etc. If you have mapped drives to folders on other computers on your home or business network, those too will be encrypted. A message appears telling you that the private key will be destroyed unless you pay a ransom to access the key before the countdown finishes. If you



try to remove the infection with an anti-virus product the key is destroyed. Reports indicate that paying the ransom may not get you your files back.

Anti-virus products often overlook this kind of malware because the user has unwittingly opened the door for it. Vigilance is the key to a Happy Christmas online, so keep the following in mind:-

1. File-sharing & torrent services are NOT reliable - you don't know whose computer you're downloading from! It's safer to stick to paying for your movies, music & software.
2. Treat all links received in emails, or via messaging services & social networking sites as unsafe until you check their validity - hover your mouse over the link (without clicking). The real web address (URL) will show up in the bar at the bottom of your browser or in a pop up box close to the link if you're using an email client such as Outlook.
3. Be aware that URL shortening services e.g tinyurl.com & bit.ly, used extensively on social networking services such as Twitter to get around length limits on posts, may be used by criminals to disguise a true URL, leading you to a site you would otherwise avoid.
4. Make regular full backups of your computer.
5. Ensure your computer creates system restore points when changes are made to the operating system, application software or data files. After removing the infection, you may be able to revert to a previous unencrypted version of each file one at a time (laborious if you have a lot of files, but great as a last resort!).

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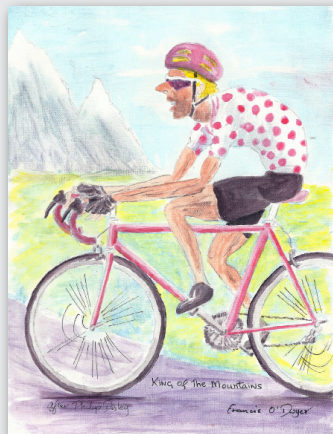


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I'd stop if I could  
Feet - can't feel them  
Legs are wooden  
Thighs are burning too

Down to thinner air we're breathing  
Climbing higher and higher  
Buttocks numb from the saddle  
Lungs and chest on fire

Head is throbbing  
Tongue is rasping  
As I fight for breath  
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4. What happens if you accidentally eat a  
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5. Why does Scrooge love Rudolph the Red-  
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## Sat 23rd Nov - Sun 12th Jan Rock Legends in Yorkshire at Salts Mill & 1853 Gallery

In Gallery 2 (adjacent to the Diner) "Rock Legends in Yorkshire" over 60 photographs taken by Paul Beriff in 1963/4 of The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Pink Floyd, The Kinks..... and many more. Free entry Open 7 days 10am until 5.30pm (6pm Weekends)

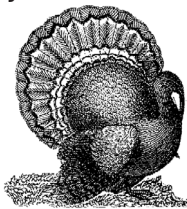
## Sat 14th - Sun 15th Dec Torchlight Weekend in Haworth. With Music & Entertainment all weekend. Santas Grotto 1- 4pm on the Sunday.

A favourite with many visitors to the village. Saturday - Candlemas Eve - Santa & Mrs Claus lead the torchlight procession down Main Street accompanied by the Holly Queen, Morris dancers, choirs, bands. Carol singing around Christmas tree at bottom of Main Street. The Sunday Torchlight Procession sees hundreds of torch and lantern bearers along with choirs and bands singing carols, wind their way up from the bottom of the cobbled Main Street to the Parish Church.

## Sat 14th & Sun 15th Dec Christmas Craft & Gift Fair.

Admission £1 (includes Tea or Coffee) 10am - 4pm at The Old School Rooms Haworth.

**Mon 16th Dec Haworth Open Story Telling Circle at 8pm** back room at **Haworth Old Hall**. Meet every 3rd Monday of the month



Attendance and performance is diverse, ranging from self-penned tales to poetry, traditional folktales to personal vignettes. It doesn't matter if you are a complete beginner wanting to start or an experienced teller of tall tales, if you are a storyteller, come and share your stories with others. If you are a writer or poet, come and share your work. If you would rather someone else read it, that's fine too. And if you just want to come and listen, you are welcome."

## Sat 21st & Sun 22nd Dec Christmas Craft & Gift Fair Admission £1

(includes Tea or Coffee) 10am - 4pm at The Old School Rooms Haworth.

**Sat 21st & Sun 22nd Dec Nativity Weekend.** Music & Entertainment all weekend. Haworth's reflects the true spirit of Christmas with the Haworth and Cross Roads Nativity

Walk. The traditional Christmas story reenacted on the Main Street with story narrated and carols sung. Starts at **1.45pm** on **Sunday** at the Christmas Tree at the bottom of Main Street and finishes at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels. **Santas Grotto 1-4pm.**

## Thurs 26th Dec - Sun 5th Jan 12 Days of Christmas Trail at Bolton Abbey 10am-4pm.

Enjoy a magical walk with family and friends at Bolton Abbey over the festive period and discover the 12 scenes from the traditional carol come to life. Free event, normal estate admission applies.

## Sat 4th Jan A Dam Good View of Leeshaw at Oxenhope Village

Meet Anthony Green at 10:30am at Oxenhope railway station for a circular walk around Leeshaw Reservoir.

Circular walk 6½ miles (10km) Packed Lunch

## Sun 5th Jan Oakworth Village Society Service of Remembrance,

**Tewitt Lane Memorial at 2pm** 70th Anniversary of the crash, where 6 Canadian Airmen were killed. For more Details 01535 642625

**Tues 7th Jan Cross Roads & Lees Church & Chapel Ladies Group AGM and Social Evening.** 7.30 pm at St James Church Hall, Cross Roads.

**Weds 8th Jan & Thurs 9th Jan** Every month four weekly blocks of pottery classes. At **Wexzovart Studio Gallery**, 73, Main Street Haworth.

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## Mon 13th Jan Oakworth Village Morris Men are Recruiting

We are having a special recruiting night at Oakworth Methodist Chapel at 8pm **Mon 20th - Sat 25th Jan - Bus Stop by Keighley Playhouse.** A light comedy.

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**Mon 13th Jan Stanbury & District Women's Institute Meeting** at 7:30pm West Lane Baptist Church. New members welcome.

**Sun 19th Jan The Ramblers group walk.** Distance 11 miles. **Haworth to Sutton-in-Craven.** Centre of

Haworth we walk through Penistone Hill Country Park and along the edge of the moors to cross Bronte Bridge. Then to Ponden Reservoir, Blue Stone Delph onto Clough Hey Allotment and Keighley Moor Reservoir. We follow the valley down to Monkin Bridge and as we climb out of the valley we head to America! On reaching America the route follows Lumb Clough Beck down into Sutton-in-Craven. **Time: 8am** Contact: Doreen - telephone: 01204 651671. Non-members are welcome to join us as guests on two or three walks.

**Mon 20th Jan Haworth Open Story Telling Circle at 8pm** back room of the Haworth Old Hall - all welcome

**Thurs 23rd Jan Oxenhope Methodist Women's Fellowship - 7.30 pm Methodist Chapel, Oxenhope.** Members Night - Anything Goes

**Sat 25th Jan - Sat 1st Feb Mother Goose Pantomime by Keighley Amateurs at Victoria Hall, Keighley..** Book tickets on line or call 08456252550.

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# SURVIVING CHRISTMAS



Christmas can be both a rewarding and challenging time. It's common to get attached to our expectations for Christmas and in trying to achieve them get frustrated, stressed and even angry. Simple techniques can carry us over the hurdles allowing us to finish the festive season feeling relaxed and refreshed.

- 1) Externals are only so important. What we really want is to be happy and free from problems and for those we care for to achieve the same. Happiness is impossible if we feel un-peaceful and disturbed inside. Problems, worry, stress and unhappiness are types of mind; they are feelings and do not exist outside of the mind. Take a step back from your expectations and think about what is really important and meaningful.
- 2) Acceptance is a peaceful mind. We have so many expectations that there is little chance of them all working out. Rather than fighting this it's more realistic to accept the things that we cannot change with a happy mind. Try thinking of the bad feelings as being like a few moments of bad weather in the mind. Even the most

ferocious storm has no power to destroy the sky and will pass.

- 3) Other people see things differently than you! We get caught up in the fulfilment of our own wishes but one of the simplest tips for a better Christmas is to remember that other peoples' wishes matter. Christmas is about giving and the most important thing to help others achieve is a happy mind; for everyone you meet think, "this persons' happiness and freedom matter".

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