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How are you doing with your Christmas shopping list this year? Keighley Market has some hidden surprises. Read my feature in the centre pages; pull it out and head to town!

Branshaw Golf Club is a well established gem in the Worth Valley, and did you know, you can join the club solely as a social member? Of course, they'd love to have you join as a full member and enjoy all that the club has to offer. See p5 for a winter special.

Shake, rattle, and roll into 2016 with the American Diner in Keighley, New Yorkies. Find vintage vibes on page 28.

Read what's on in our community pages and have a magical festive season full of fun activities & special outings.

We've included several puzzles this month to keep you pleasantly occupied while the sprouts boil on the stovetop and the rest of the family fight over the

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Branshaw Golf Club, in the heart of the Worth Valley, welcomes you.

Branshaw, the Worth Valley's sole golf course, was established in 1912 and designed by the notable golf architects James Braid and Alister MacKenzie.

Recently, the club has invested over £40,000 to improve the course and further developments are in the pipeline.

The club offers enjoyment and challenges to new and experienced golfers and boasts of stunning views over both the Worth & Aire Valleys.

Are you new to golf or thinking about taking it up again? Perhaps you are already a keen golfer and fancy supporting your local club?

It's a great time to join Branshaw Golf Club; it currently has a winter membership deal which includes lessons with its golf pro, Steven Dean.

Additionally, starting January 1, 2016, the club is offering **15 months membership for the price of 12 months.** There is an easy payment scheme in place giving the option of monthly direct debits.

On the social front, Branshaw is an active and friendly place with regular live turns and events. It welcomes everyone in the community and is pleased to host non-members and social members alike. Social membership starts at just

£10 for the year. Early in 2015 Peter and Sharon Cusey took over the hospitality reins after the retirement of long serving steward Alan Smith. Peter and Sharon provide home cooked food and drink at reasonable prices. Sunday roast dinners at £6 are a firm favourite for many.

The main clubhouse, which includes a handsomely appointed room with a fully stocked bar including cask ales, accommodates 120 for a buffet style meal and can be hired for as little as £40 for private parties and functions.

Christenings and Funeral teas are especially popular and Sharon regularly works with clients to provide a menu to suit all budgets.

Bookings for 2016 are already being taken.



All details for membership, events, etc. can be found on the club's website: www.branshawgolfclub.co.uk
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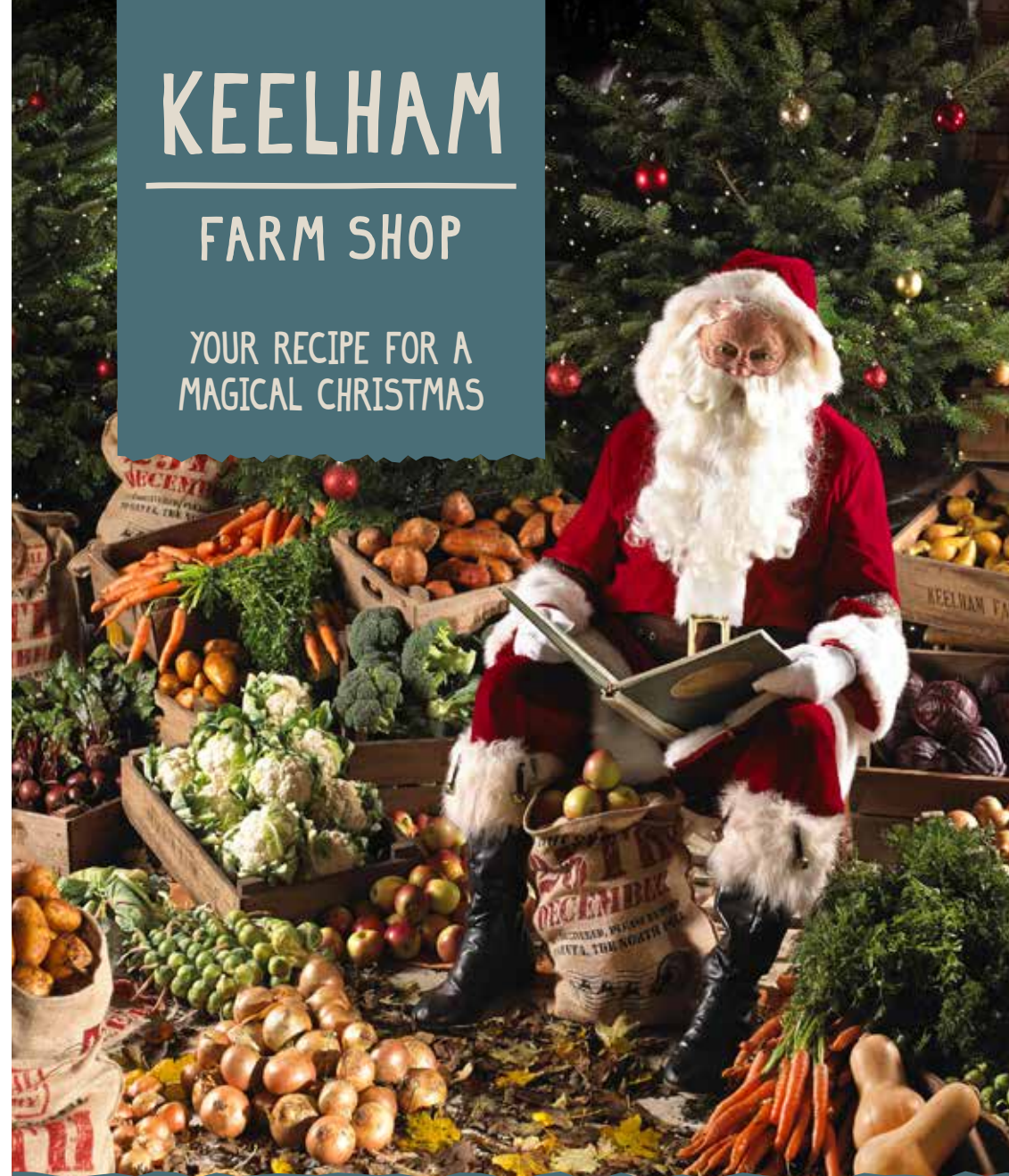
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Person's Group as a volunteer. Proudly carrying his junior membership card received for his 13th birthday, he joined the Group on their first working weekend of 2015 in early January and was introduced to the myriad of safety rules that we have in place, and he has never looked back since. Most Saturdays, which is our Young Person's Group working day, he and the rest of the group can be found helping with various duties around the Railway. Having undertaken appropriate training and with close supervision,



the duties he has performed range from cosmetic restoration of our exhibits in Oxenhope shed, where the members of the Young Person's Group learn the basics of restoration and the importance of protection and care of our magnificent heritage artifacts, through to helping out on Station duties, where he's learning about the importance of

passenger/customer-service and some of the challenges of booking duties. He's now (not very patiently!) waiting for his 16th birthday, which will permit him to train for level crossing-keeper duties, and beyond that on to Guard trains and other roles that appeal to him as he gains in experience and years. Our aim is to keep the youngsters engaged, interested and motivated to learn about the Railway, so that continue with us to be the drivers, engineers, station staff and all the other roles in the future.

It is thanks to the efforts of just those volunteers over the years that means that this year we celebrate 50 years of running our Santa

Special services. Every year we carry packed trains in the four weekends before Christmas, and the morning of Christmas Eve too, with excited children (and parents!) meeting the great man himself and his band of merry Pixies. There are just a few tickets left, so do look on line if you would like to join us, or call during office hours to check for availability. If you

can't join us before Christmas, our popular Mince Pie Specials run from Boxing Day through to the New Year, where you can enjoy the festive feel of the railway (and the on-train real-ale bar) with family and friends. Of course you can always follow in Harvey's footsteps, who still cherishes his Santa Special present from when he was much younger, and join the volunteering team.

Matt Stroh, Keighley & Worth Valley Railway



It is no secret a number of concerned residents, local parish councillors, and district ward councillors in the Worth Valley are working hard to keep the fire station in Haworth as a Worth Valley wide community asset. Friends of Haworth and Worth Valley Fire Station, the community group set up by Steve Thorpe

and other residents, have worked at a grass roots level to gather support and raise funds. The money will initially demonstrate a local commitment to create a new working model in conjunction with the Fire Authority for providing certain services in the future. It will be the first of its kind and a pilot scheme is being considered which could be rolled out across West Yorkshire if it proves to be successful. Steve, with the support of a number of businesses in the area, has created a calendar to raise money for the Fire Station. Show your commitment to retaining this community asset by purchasing a calendar. "Every

penny of the sale of the calendars will go towards saving the Fire Station and it will bring us closer to the reality of creating a new service." Steve confirmed. Thank you to those who have already given generously either with their time, services, or money.

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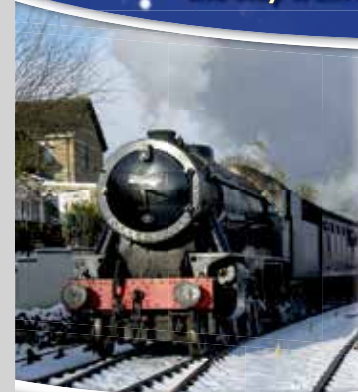
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 Sunday, December 27th - *'Churches Together in Haworth' - Joint service 10.30am*

STANBURY (At St Gabriel's, Main Street)

Thursday, December 24th at 5.00pm - *Blessing of the Crib*
 Friday, December 25th at 9.30am - *Family Christmas Communion*
 Sunday, December 27th at 9.30am - *Spoken Book of Common Prayer Morning Prayers*

And don't forget you can join us for all our other services too. Click on: www.haworthchurch.co.uk for full details or call 01535 648464



fundraising update

The Worth Valley continues to support refugees into the bitter winter. Thanks to the **Worth Valley Tent Project** <https://www.facebook.com/worthvalleytentproject/> we will be housing around 20 people in warmer fully wintered tents, complete with boilers and water heaters in the "jungle" camp in Calais this winter. This was recently boosted by over £400 from a Gerry and the Hatricks concert - so a huge thanks to **Jens Hislop and friends**.

We have now collected and shipped over 30 food bags to the camp - each one feeds a few people for a day. We will continue to collect these at **Damside Mill in Crossroads (07835 115900)**.



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When a friend tells you they are heading to Keighley Market for the afternoon what do you imagine? The pictures in your head will be determined by your previous experiences of the place or by the stories others have told you. Depending on your age and social background you will have a particular view of what to expect. I can tell you, having spent a few days meeting the stallholders and shopping in Keighley Market, the experience is both delightful and full of surprises.

public transport is a cinch; all of the buses that take you to Keighley town centre can drop you within yards of at least one of the market entrances.

The first thing I notice when entering the market is the bright and clean appearance of the place. There is a certain pride and order that is evident. I don't know if I expected a chaotic mess, but it was

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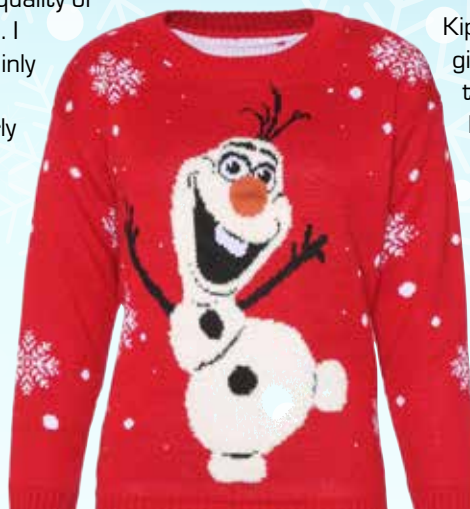
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comforting to see a notably tidy parade of stalls.

Within a few steps I am greeted by a friendly butcher stacking freshly made pies in his display case; the smell of golden warm pastry is a joy to my senses and I make a mental note to return for a taste.

As I make my way around the units, a pleasant surprise is the quality of the merchandise on sale. I was expecting to find mainly lower end quality items geared towards an elderly customer and priced as cheap as chips. There is some of that here. For example, if you are looking for a housecoat, thermal undies or a pair of slippers for under £10, you will find them



all in Keighley Market. Bargain books, discounted greeting cards, and all manner of haberdashery and craft supplies as well. (I've never seen so many colourful buttons and cotton thread on display!)

But beyond the things that one expects to find in a town market, there are some additional gems...and many to satisfy your seasonal shopping list.

Kipling bags and John Mackie glee prints...who'd have thought you can find these in Keighley Market?

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say, "I'll have an Americano and that gorgeous print of Haworth Main Street to go please!" (What's more, you can cut out the Coffee Love ad from these pages and use it to save on your cup of coffee too.) I also discovered Kipling bags at Franklin handbags (unit 38/39) as well as other quality brands such as LYDC & DSUK.



I love the little Eco Chic shopping bags. (Enjoy a 5% discount at Franklin; some restrictions apply but you'll find great value here.)

If you are shopping with the family you might need to employ a little harmless and enjoyable trickery...sit them down at Funky Monkeys (Canopy Unit 3) for yummy waffles and milkshakes and leave them with Grandma or Dad for a few minutes while you nip next door to Graham's Miniature Autos to choose a few stocking stuffers. Then head to Santa's grotto in the centre of the market to pre-book your slot to visit Father Christmas. The stall next to the grotto is worth mentioning...Rowan House Textiles. Check out the stunning fabric samples for soft furnishings and curtains. I noticed bright rolls of seasonally themed coated fabric; just the thing for covering the holiday table on the run up to Christmas and oh so easy to wipe clean at the end of a baking or craft session with

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the family. Make a note to return for the Rowan House Textiles January sale and treat yourself to some new curtains in the New Year.

Another worthy stop is Just 4 Paws...if you can't find a present for your favourite furry pal then something is seriously wrong; the mind boggles at the depth of knowledge and amount of merchandise in this friendly pet shop.

It occurs to me, in our fast paced and increasingly 'online' world, you can't click on a smile or download the sounds and smells of this unique market experience.

You have to get up out of your chair and get yourself moving to enjoy the life of this bustling and friendly local market. So get on that bus or pile the kids into the car... Keighley Market awaits you!

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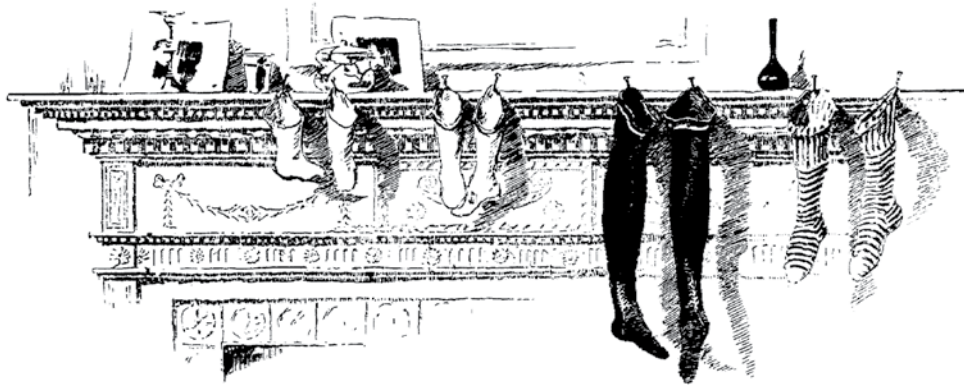
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The stylish interior is the culmination of months of planning and preparation by the couple. The result is a "Happy Days" 1950's look with all the right stuff: a wall of comfy booth seating with sleek chrome trimmed tables, a 'free play' juke box, vintage signs, checked 50's style flooring, and rooms currently decked out with tinsel & decorations for the party season.

As for the menu, how do buffalo wings with maple syrup glaze or portobello mushrooms with mozzarella sound?...Then ease into the main attractions: we like pulled pork, corn on the cob, and tripple

cooked sweet potatoes. But you won't be disappointed in a rack of ribs or a spinach and rocket salad which includes quinoa, blue cheese and roasted pine nuts.

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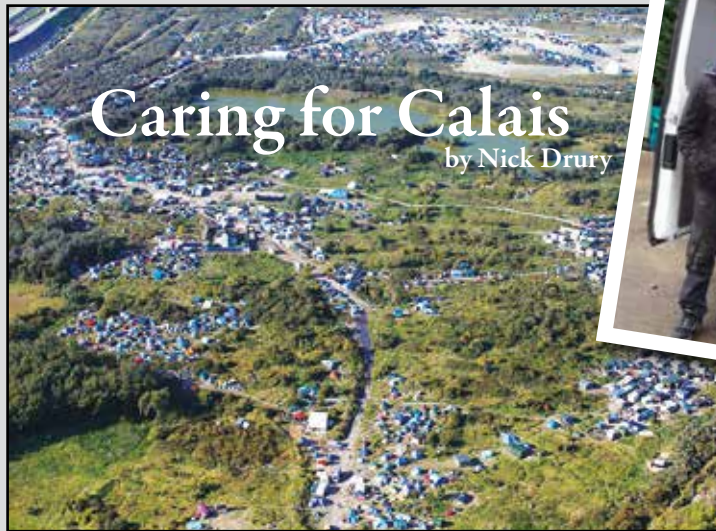
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Caring for Calais

by Nick Drury



(Left to right) Nick Drury joins Martin Kounnas and Luke Ferrey from the charity Fresh Waters in Keighley on a trip to Calais to distribute food and clothing.

I moved up to Haworth a few months ago to start training as a Minister at West Lane Baptist Church. Since then I've been involved in a number of different church and community initiatives, a key one is helping with the refugee crisis in Calais.

It's been amazing to see the response of the people in the Worth Valley. Many have come together to raise money and make donations of food and clothing for the refugees.

Last month I made a journey down to Calais along with Martin and Luke who head up the charity Fresh Waters in Keighley. Martin had access to a van through the charity, and we spent a number of weeks collecting, raising money, and sorting donations of different items including tents and sleeping bags to take to Calais.

Once we had stocked the van we made the 300 mile journey via the ferry. When we entered the camp it was instantly clear how great a need there is there, as there's approximately 7000 refugees camping in awful conditions. It is mostly young men in the camp from numerous different countries affected by war and poverty, however there was also a large women's section



in the camp, and a number of children too. We linked up with a local charity there called 'L'auberge Des Migrants International' and it was encouraging to see the volunteer work already going on there through the organisation, and people who had committed months of their time to help the refugees. However it was quite easy to feel overwhelmed by the scale of people

living on that wasteland. They estimate around 100 refugees are arriving every week, with no sign of them being allowed into the UK, or being given proper housing in France. None the less it was still encouraging to see the small but instant impact we had by providing the items we brought to the charity, and helping distribute coats to the refugees. It's opened my eyes to the need, and I look forward to exploring what more we as a church and community can do to help our fellow human beings.

A massive thank you to all who contributed in the lead up to the trip. We were overwhelmed by the donations of items – we couldn't fit them all in the van! Martin is considering another trip to Calais and we are also exploring other ways of helping the refugees as some get placed in the Bradford area – so watch this space!

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Thurs 10th Dec 10.30am informal coffee and carols at **West Lane**



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shared with friends from Marsh Methodist Church.

Sun 3rd Jan 2pm Memorial Ceremony Tewitt Hill, Tewitt Lane. More info call Janet Armstrong 01535 642625.

Tues 12th Jan Pensioners Christmas Party at the Bay Horse Oxenhope..

Thurs 21st Jan at 7.30pm in Oxenhope Community Centre, Shaw Lane, Oxenhope We kick off our exciting new season with Ian Butterfield talking about the conservation work of Forest of Bradford. We are also welcoming new members to our club for this special 25th anniversary year.

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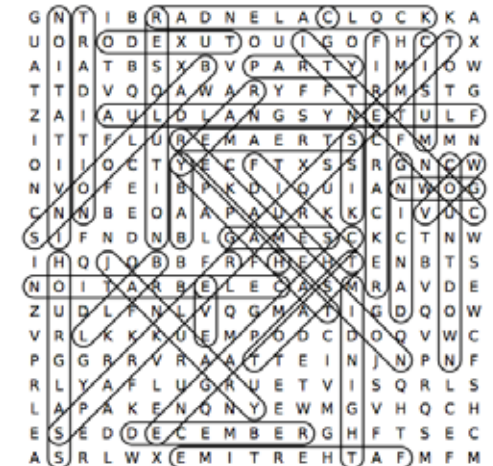
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