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The Haworth 1940's Weekend DVD is available (*see page 15 for details*) £3 from each sale goes to the Royal British Legion.

Bronte Vintage Gathering is the other big weekend event taking place this month. We have covered it extensively in our community pages. The proceeds will benefit Manorlands Hospice; your support is greatly appreciated and a fun family outing is certain to be enjoyed by all.



By special arrangement, prints of the well known oil painting, The Railway Children, by P.K.C. JACKSON are for sale. These are part of a limited edition and are numbered and signed by the artist.

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For as long as I can remember herbs have played an important role in my life- both in the kitchen and for general wellbeing. I have fresh herbs growing in my garden amongst the flowers and dried herbs in the pantry which I keep for medicinal use, and doing without any of them is as inconceivable to me as working alongside Gordon Ramsey (the swearing would ruin my cakes).

Herbs in all their sweet-smelling splendour breathe life into any dish; small but powerfully potent they add sparkle and brilliance to the flavour.

A tomato dish without basil, no matter how superbly made is just tomato sauce; the addition of chopped fresh basil transforms it into something although different, infusing it with all the flavour and promise of the Mediterranean. Ligurian basil is the sweetest and the most aromatic and combined with garlic, olive oil, pecorino or parmesan and pine nuts creates the most wonderful pesto, an Italian essential, (The French have their own version- Pistou) used for pasta sauces, in fish dishes and as a flavouring (just one teaspoon will do) for minestrone. Salads which include fresh basil will transport you to sun-kissed Italian shores and Tuscan hillsides. Basil leaves steeped in wine produce a very effective tonic and basil tea will settle the nerves and stimulate the brain helping it to work

more effectively.

Bay is very subtle, gently infusing stocks, soups and meat dishes, its flavour quietly compliments and enhances rather than overpowering its culinary companions. Rosemary, on the other hand, must be used sparingly as it has a tendency to eradicate the intricacies of flavour being all

pervading when used in large quantities. Medicinally, however, it is something of a miracle worker being an antiseptic, diuretic, a tonic for anyone suffering from depression or convalescing and a stimulant for the brain.

Tarragon, another feisty little number, must also be used with care, but, when used well it gives depth and character to dishes, especially those including chicken for which it is the perfect foil. Try to find French tarragon which has the best flavour. The French know what they are doing when it comes to this particular plant; after all a Sauce Béarnaise without a sprig of tarragon would not justify its name. It is also worth knowing that tarragon has the capacity to aid digestion and to soothe pain.

The list of herbs and their various uses is too vast to cover in this small space; but it goes without saying that when it comes to cooking fresh is best wherever possible. Some plants are becoming harder to obtain due to new government legislations, so I would advise starting your own herb garden even if it is only an indoor window box. Snipping a few sprigs from your own lovingly tended patch, and inhaling the fragrance as you chop is one of life's great culinary pleasures. Using herbs to maintain your own health adds another dimension which can only enrich and empower.

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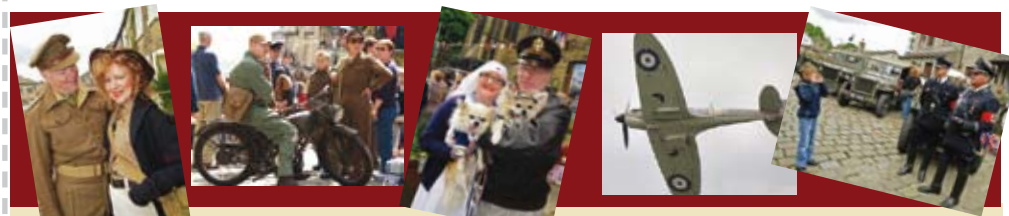
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- 11 - 4 Paul Harper entertaining on church steps
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- 12.00 Churchill speech on church steps
- 1.30-2.30 Churchill lunch on Embers balcony
- 1.30 Marching band and land army assemble on Changegate then proceed down Main St.
- 1.30 - 3.30 Jiving in Black Bull car park
- 2.30 Marching band arrive back at Changegate
- 2.45 Churchill speech on church steps
- 3.00 RAF BBMF Lancaster flypast
- 3.15 Marching band play outside Apothecary for 15 mins
- 3.15-3.30 Vintage vehicles assemble on Butt Lane for parade
- 3.40 Vehicle parade sets off doing 2 circuits coming in at Changegate



Sunday

- 11.10 Churchill, Queen, veterans, Paul Harper, Tony ready on church steps to watch flypast.
- 11.25 RAF BBMF Dakota flypast
- 11.35-12.00 Remembrance service on church steps
- 12.15-1.15 Churchill & Queen lunch in Stirrup
- 1.30 Evacuees arrive at Changegate on bus
- 1.30-3.30 Jiving in Black Bull car park
- 2.00 Evacuees proceed up Main St on foot with Pathfinders
- 2-4 TC & Swing Cats playing in park
- 2.15 Churchill & Queen on church steps to receive evacuees
- 2.30 Evacuees Street party on West Lane (free ride on carousel)
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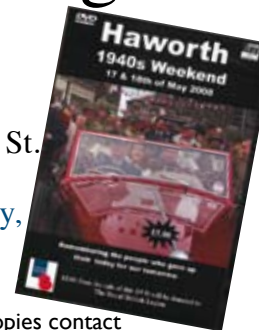
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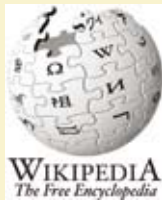
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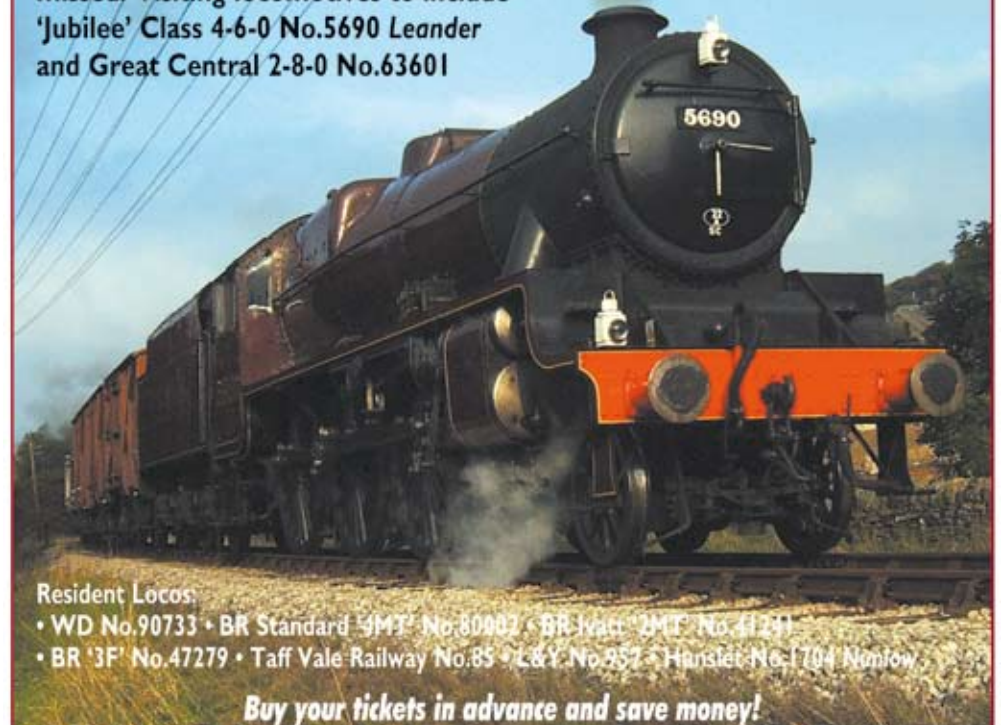
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 So let the others drink and smoke and dance the night away,
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 Now, I don't want to waste a drop of any hour we spend,
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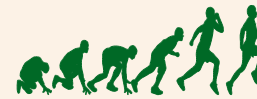
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NEVILLE'S WAR

The Battle of Britain had been raging for seven weeks over Southern England in a war with Germany which had been going on just two days short of a year when the reality of war was brought home to the people of Bradford. News of the war just happened on radio or in the newspapers. Wartime censorship forbade the identification of towns hit by air attack. Every evening we had to sit in silence and listen to the BBC Newsreaders relating news stories from distant parts.

When Dad finished his milk round off he went with his gas mask in its cardboard box and his black steel helmet with a "W", into the "blackout" to the Wardens Post. The main job was to check the "blackout" down the road and join his mates in the East Bierly Memorial Hall, the wardens post. All was peaceful in Bradford.

At 10.13pm on the night of Sunday August 31st 1940, an air raid "purple warning" was received at the ARP control in Bradford.

The mill siren wailed the warning, dad dashed out on duty, while we went down into the small pantry under the stairs. It was a very tiny space with just enough room to squeeze onto the tiny step. Twenty minutes later we heard the sound of heavy bombers droning overhead, some very loud, others far away, as they circled around. Then the

thump of bombs, some near, some far away, it was hard to tell.

The night would fall silent for a short spell followed by more aircraft, more bombs and the rattle of anti aircraft fire. Two explosions were very close and the house shook with the blast. It was a long night under those stairs in the dark.

By 3.15am the following day, the last wave of the raid was over. I don't remember dad returning home that night, but he was off on his milk round as usual and we lads were packed off to school to swap tales and valued bits of shrapnel to impress our mates.

Shortly after that raid, my brother and I were taken by train to Leeds, each with a small suitcase and the obligatory gas mask. We were taken to a selected road junction to await the arrival of a milk wagon.

On its arrival our cases were stuffed behind the milk kits, we were bundled into the very large cab and told to keep down and stay out of sight as we trundled out of Leeds towards Harrogate, then on to Ripley and High Gill Moor.

It was a real contrast to the dark satanic mills of Bradford. We went to school at Pately Bridge in Nidderdale. We learned to play cricket, went rabbiting with the big lads and even had extended holidays for farming pursuits like potato picking, a very cold job.

I loved the days when the giant steam



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time. It couldn't last, and as the fortunes of war changed we returned to Bradford.

So just what did happen that Sunday night? The local newspaper was unable to give a full account of the attack as Wartime censorship forbade the identification of the towns hit by air attacks.

All it was able to report was, that a chain raid caused considerable damage to property in and around the central area of a northern town. Having regard to the severity of the bombing the casualty roll was insignificant.

A full picture was recorded and published when the war is over. The Odeon Cinema was hit just after the audience had left.

Eleven fires were all caused by bombs that night. Lingards, a large departmental store was destroyed, the Robert Peel Hotel was damaged, Robert's Pie Shop in



Godwin Street had its window shattered. However the famous pie in the window which puffed out steam carried on regardless.

A number of wool warehouses were set alight. People waiting for trams in Tyrrel Street to Gt Horton and Wibsey had a lucky escape when a bomb landed in the middle of the street, snapping the tramlines.

A signalman jumped from his signal box in Battye St when it was hit by an incendiary bomb. The nearest bang to our house was in a little used and very deep railway cutting near Drighlington Junction.

The records show that only two people died as victims of that raid. The German bombers never returned again to bomb Bradford throughout the war.

As young lads we used to cycle past a large camouflaged structure with model cows on top, this was the Avro Workshops where the York and Lancaster RAF bombers were made. The Germans never found it. Now it is part of the Leeds Bradford Airport complex.

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NEL'S WARTIME WINNERS – MOCK GOOSE

If you can remember Lord Woolton, Dig for Victory, and the Don't Waste Bread campaign, you may well remember this recipe too.

There are many "mock" recipes – mostly bearing absolutely no resemblance to the original item at all. The one I love most is "mock banana sandwich" – which is actually steamed or boiled parsnips, mashed with banana essence and a little sugar until it resembles the texture of bananas, and served between two slices of bread (often made with potatoes). While we may laugh (or shudder) at the thought of this now, it might not be so different to many of the "ready meals" which look and taste like one thing, but contain a surprising list of ingredients which you would often never imagine, or want, to put together on a plate.

This is a collection of good honest and cheap ingredients which make a delicious meal for 4 with some green vegetables on the side - but it looks and tastes absolutely nothing like goose!

- 1 pound Potatoes,**
- 1 pound Cooking Apples**
- 1 pound Onions,**
- 9 ounces Cheese (a strong cheddar is good)**
- 2 tablespoons Chopped Fresh Sage (or 1 tsp dried sage)**
- three quarters of a pint vegetable stock**
- 1 tablespoon flour**
- Salt and Pepper**

- Topping**
- 1 packet Sage and Onion Stuffing Mix**
- 2 ounces extra cheese**

Pre-heat oven to 375 F or 190 C., gas mark 5

Scrub and slice potatoes thinly, core and slice the apples and slice the onions. (Save the peelings to feed the pigs, or your compost heap!) Grate the cheese.

Grease an ovenproof dish (stoneware or cast iron are best) and put a layer of potatoes, then a layer of apples and then a layer of onions. Sprinkle some sage over this, and then a layer of grated cheese. Keep layering until everything is used up, and then pour over half a pint of the stock. Cover the dish with a lid, or with tinfoil.

Cook for around 30 minutes (until the potatoes start to soften), and then add the rest of the stock, mixed with the flour.

Sprinkle the stuffing mix onto the top, and the last of the cheese; turn up the oven to around 425 / 220 gas mark 7 and put back into the oven (uncovered) for another 15 minutes until crunchy.

Similar versions of this can still be found across Europe; my favourite replaces the stock with strong cider, adds garlic with the onions and uses cream at the end instead of the last bit of stock. I have tasted local versions of this dish in Normandy, where the D-Day landings were, in Berchtesgarden, where a certain Herr Hitler had a holiday home and near Lake Como in Northern Italy, where Mussolini was executed.

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In the Spring of 1939, with war against Germany all but inevitable, the British Government's Ministry of Information commissioned a series of propaganda posters to be distributed throughout the country at the onset of hostilities. It was feared that in the early months of the war Britain would be subjected to gas attacks, heavy bombing raids and even invasion. The posters were intended to offer the public reassurance in the dark days which lay ahead.

The message from the King to his people, was to assure them that 'all necessary measures to defend the nation were being taken', and to stress an 'attitude of mind' rather than a specific aim.

At the end of August 1939 three designs went into production with an overall print budget of 20,600 pounds for five million posters. The first poster, of which over a million were printed, carried a slogan suggested by a civil servant named Waterfield. Using the crowns of George VI as the only graphic device, the stark red and white poster read 'Your Courage, Your Cheerfulness, Your Resolution will Bring Us Victory'. A similar poster, of which



around 600,000 were issued, carried the slogan 'Freedom is in Peril'. But the third design, of which over 2.5 million posters were printed, simply read 'Keep Calm and Carry On'.

The first two designs were distributed in September 1939 and immediately began to appear in shop windows, on railway platforms, and on advertising hoardings up and down the country. But the 'Keep Calm' posters were held in reserve, intended for use only in times of crisis or invasion. Although some may have found their way onto Government office walls, the poster was never officially issued and so remained virtually unseen by the public - unseen, that is, until a copy turned up more than fifty years later in a box of dusty old books bought in auction.

Shop owners Stuart and Mary Manley liked the poster so much that they had it framed and placed near the till in their shop. It quickly proved popular with customers and attracted so many enquiries that Stuart and Mary decided to print and sell a facsimile edition.

The Ministry of Information commissioned numerous other propaganda posters for use on the



home front during the Second World War. Some have become well-known and highly collectable, such as the cartoonist Fougasse's 'Careless Talk Costs Lives' series.

Unfortunately, we cannot acknowledge the individuals responsible for the 'Keep Calm' poster. But it's a credit to the nameless artists that, long after the war was won, people everywhere are still finding reassurance in their distinctive and handsome design, and the very special 'attitude of mind' they managed to convey.

*Primary source of information: Lewis, R.M, 'Undergraduate Thesis: The planning, design and reception of British home front propaganda posters of the Second World War': Written April 1997.
www.wm2poster.co.uk/research_project/ugrad/index.htm
Careless Talk Costs Lives sourced from King's College London*

The Spitfire, along with the Hurricane, was the mainstay of Fighter Command in its victory over the Luftwaffe in the Battle of Britain. The Spitfire was to become the symbol of the battle and later versions made a key impact in battle



fought after D-Day. The Spitfire was built by the Supermarine Company. The fighter plane was what Sir Hugh Dowding,

head of Fighter Command, believed the country needed if it was to defend itself against the might of the Luftwaffe. Designed by Reginald Mitchell and feared by the Luftwaffe's pilots, the Spitfire had speed, firepower and manoeuvrability as its strong points. When asked by Goering what he needed to win the Battle of Britain, Adolf Galland, a noted Luftwaffe fighter ace, is said to have replied "a squadron of Spitfires".

However, for all its performance, the Spitfire did have its problems. If the plane was hit, it burned easily and quickly. The huge Merlin engine needed plenty of aviation fuel and a large percentage of the fighter plane was given over to storing fuel. If the plane was hit, it could quickly catch fire. This put the pilot in extreme danger as the cockpit was difficult to escape.

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