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I am encouraged by the positive attitude that exists in the community despite all the gloomy news streaming over the air waves.

Often it is the consistent and relentless act of one passionate person that tips us into a new perspective. Whether it is listening to Mary Portas championing the High Street or chef Martin Morales relaying the joys of cooking for family and friends, their exuberance is contagious and somehow spurs us into action. We see new possibilities and things start gaining momentum. Of course, inspiration is not the exclusive domain of celebrities. Magnificent things happen in our lives, in our neighbourhoods, on our streets and in our homes without the fanfare of TV or

the status of fame.

Haworth had the privilege of welcoming many 'VIPs' to the village a few weeks ago with the renewal of the Twinning with Machu Picchu. It was a spectacular success by all accounts and you can read more about it in the following pages, but what was really impressive was the power and focus of individuals in the community who came together, stepped up and took part. Another initiative that is heart warming, and I hope will gain traction, is the **Feel Good Friday** campaign started by Annie Milner at Rosa Rugosa Florist in Mill Hey. It is a simple idea with lovely intentions to spread good will and well being. See page 11 for more details and, as always, have a fabulous month!



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## BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM

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Following an enjoyable visit to the Museum for Emily Brontë's bicentenary celebrations, we are delighted that John Agard, one of the most highly regarded poets in the UK, is returning to Haworth to read his work. He is a unique and energetic force whose poems have featured on the English GCSE syllabus since 2002 and his work has been described as 'a wonderful affirmation of life, in a language that is vital and joyous'. His performances are mesmerising, due in part to his captivating Anglo-Caribbean accent.

John Agard was born in 1949 and grew up in Georgetown, Guyana, then known as British Guiana. His love of language began in school where his favourite subjects were English, French and Latin. Early influences were eclectic: he recalls reading fairytales and Enid Blyton as a child, before discovering the humour of PG Wodehouse and the Mersey Sound poets Adrian Henri, Roger McGough and Brian Patten. He has fond memories of being an altar boy, and his Roman Catholic upbringing is evident in his poems. Another key influence

that affected his love of words was BBC cricket commentary. In a 2013 newspaper interview, he recalled how 'In the same way that a young teenager today may dream about becoming a rapper, I used to love pretending to be a cricket commentator, like John Arlott. That's when it all came together.' He began his career as a teacher, and went on to work as a librarian, then a feature writer for the Guyana Sunday Chronicle, before moving to England in 1977, with his wife, the poet Grace Nichols.

Agard's poetry concerns itself with cultural differences and class divisions and he enjoys subverting racial stereotypes. He writes for adults and children, using humour and satire to great effect. His poem Half-Caste, which has been on the GCSE syllabus for a number of years, is one such example of this. The poem cleverly challenges the reader to consider the term "half-caste" and its associations with inferiority: "Consequently when I dream / I dream half-a-dream / an when moon begin to glow / I half-caste human being / cast half-a-shadow".

Humour is vital according to Agard, because it 'breaks down boundaries, it topples our self-importance, it connects people, and because it engages and entertains, it ultimately enlightens.' We can't wait to be engaged, entertained, and enlightened in equal measure by John Agard on November 2, so don't miss this opportunity to witness one of the UK's most mesmerising performers.

Diane Fare.

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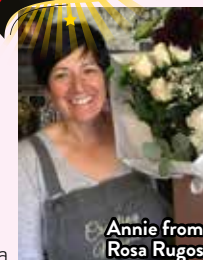
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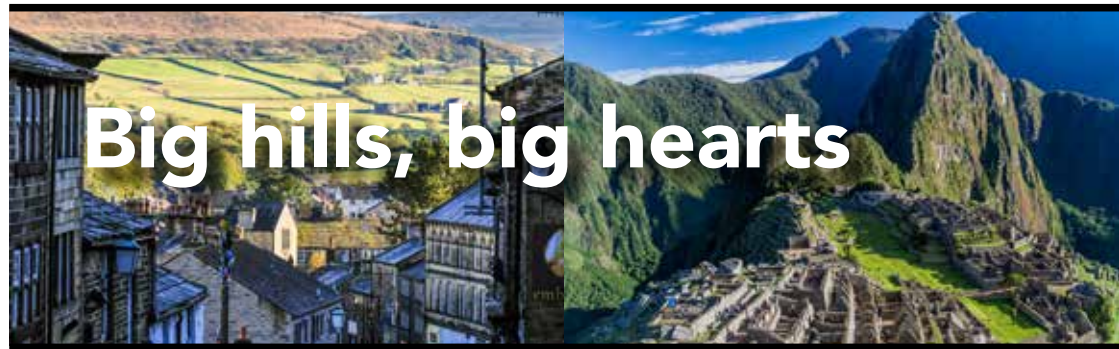
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The 10th anniversary of the Twinning of Haworth and Machu Picchu has been celebrated in a spectacular way with a two day programme of events.

Arriving by steam train, our Peruvian guests, Ambassador to the UK Juan Carlos Gamarra, his wife Desiree Prinzessin Von Preussen, and chef Martin Morales experienced Yorkshire hospitality in return for their support in strengthening Haworth's link with Machu Picchu Pueblo, the community at the foot of the famous World Heritage site in Peru.

The highlight of the Friday evening event at the Bronte schoolrooms was the re-signing of the agreement via a live link up between Machu Picchu and Haworth.

John Steel from Fairtrade coffee company Cafe Direct spoke about the children of the coffee farmers who will be communicating with our children.

John Grogan MP spoke about the recently formed All Party Parliamentary Group with

Peru, and the upcoming bi-centenary of Peru's Independence from Spain in 2021.

Saturday, saw the schoolrooms packed for a demonstration by chef Martin of the classic Peruvian dish ceviche, after which he signed

copies of his book. He spoke about his life and his involvement in the charity Amantani.

Thornwood brought a touch of the Andes to Church Street with an opportunity to pet and walk with alpacas whilst we enjoyed another mobile live link up speaking to our

Peruvian counterparts, discussing the future possibilities.

Musicians Kieffer and the Andean Beats transformed the hall with the mystical sounds reminiscent of the Amazon Rain Forest.

The collaboration between the many local supporters, businesses, District and Local Councils and the Peruvian Embassy made the weekend such a huge success, we are extremely grateful to each and every one who took part.



Ambassador Juan Carlos Gamarra being welcomed on the platform at Keighley station by Pauline Brown and Jane Mathewson from the Twinning group.



*"What a triumph!  
We were so impressed  
with Haworth, the warm  
reception and hospitality  
we received."*

Ambassador Juan Carlos Gamarra

Above from left, Rita Verity, Twinning Group Chair, John Grogan MP and Martin Morales Chef.

The Old Schoolroom in Haworth decorated in an Anglo/Peruvian theme for the Machu Picchu Twinning reception, Friday, August 30th.

**What next?**

During the past 10 years, the Haworth Machu Picchu Twinning group has been involved in several projects but not until now have we had the close links to enable us to put into practice all our ideas. Advances in communication are the key for us to keep in touch. As the first Fairtrade village, those same principles form the foundation of the link; Haworth is well known and respected and the Fairtrade group has built up many contacts.



Juan Carlos Gamarra, Peruvian Ambassador

We were delighted to be asked by the Ambassador to help Machu Picchu become a Fair Trade Town, something which is now being explored. We have initiated communication with schools and are planning a teacher exchange. People have now come forward who are making their own connections; a specialist in mixed ability sports for example, and an artist collective from Peru

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The Haworth Machu Picchu Twinning Group and friends display the new sign created to welcome visitors to Haworth. From Left: John Steel, Liz Barker, Jane Mathewson, Pauline Brown, Rita Verity, Juan Carlos Gamarra, Martin Morales, Felix Morales, Desiree Prinzessin Von Preussen, Ricardo Malca.

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**Above:** Thornwood Alpacas delight visitors in Haworth during the Twinning celebrations.  
**Left:** Fairtrade cotton Twinning shopping bags and Cafe Direct, Limited Edition Haworth Celebration coffee are for sale to raise money for the Twinning Group activities. (Currently available at Origin 8 and Sonia's Smile on Haworth Main Street and more outlets to follow. Contact Rita for details: 01535 647776 )

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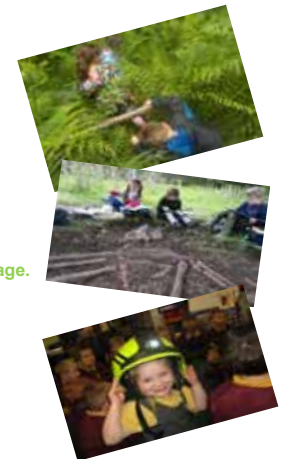
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the Civil Maintenance gang will be taking a break and reflecting on their achievements over a pint or two selected from the choice of over 100 that will be on offer during the event!) and then **Halloween specials**. Full details, including advance booking options, are all available on the website. I daren't finish before reminding you that it's not that long until Christmas. I know the reminder is far too soon for many of us, a number of **Santa** dates are already full and tickets sold even faster than last year when we opened the booking in July so please do consider being a little festive now to avoid any disappointment. Finally, some sad news. With the Railway having been operated by the Society for over 50 years, it is inevitable that we have had to bid a very final 'right away' to many of the volunteers who have been a familiar sight on the Railway for several decades. Many of you will have travelled on the annual Carol Service and it's with great sadness that I learned that Canon Bruce Grainger passed away in September, quite suddenly and very peacefully. He had led the Carol train lessons and choir for over 30 years and my very best wishes to his direct as well as his wider church and choir families.

Matt Stroh, Chairman

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# COMMUNITY PAGES

**Keighley Mens' Forum** meet every **Thursday** morning from October to April from **9.45am to about 11.30am**. The Forum is open to men over retirement age and after refreshments we have a guest speaker for an hour or so. First meeting **Thurs 3rd Oct: 1, Devonshire Road, Keighley** (only 3 steps to manoeuvre). Weekly dues are just £2 and there is an annual membership fee of £5 per member which also gives our members membership of Keighley Playhouse.

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**Laycock & District Women's Institute** meet on the Third Thursday in the month at **7.30pm** in **Laycock Village Hall** All welcome **Every Monday 11am 12pm Health Walk** starting from West Lane Baptist Church. All Welcome.

**Every Monday 10.30am to 12 noon** at **Oxenhope Bowling Club** Learn to play crown green bowls. Help given to get you started, or just come along for a cup of tea and chat.. Free of charge.No booking required - just turn up at the **Bowling Green** in **Oxenhope park** anytime between the hours stated.

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**Fri 4th Oct until Sun 6th Oct Haworth Sausage & Cider Festival** at **Haworth Old School Rooms**.

**Sun 6th Oct at Oxenhope Community Centre 7.15pm** A medley of songs from **Evita**, together with folk songs and chart hits such as **Keane's Somewhere Only We Know** will be performed by the **Oxnop Singers** in conjunction with the **Hall Royd Brass Band**. The money raised from ticket sales will be donated to the charity **Embrace**.

**Sun 6th Oct 2pm - 3pm Music at the Museum** at **Cliffe Castle**. Admission free - advise to arrive early as limited seats.

**Thurs 10th & 24th Oct Oxenhope Methodist Women's Fellowship** **7.30pm** at **The Chapel, West Drive**.

**Fri 11th to Sun 13th Oct Steampunk at Haworth Village**.

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**Mon 21st Oct - Sat 26th Oct A Streetcar Names Desire** at the **Keighley Playhouse**

**Thurs 24th Oct Oxenhope Antiques & Collectors Society 7.30pm** at **Oxenhope Community Centre**, **Shaw Lane, BS22 9LH**. Speaker: **David Keeton - Combe Down, The Saving of a Village**. Visitors welcome - For more information contact **Christine** on **07974 785489**

**Sat 26th & Sun 27th Oct Haworth Craft Fairs 10am - 4pm** **Haworth Old School Rooms**.

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**Sun 27th & Thurs 31st Oct 11am & 4pm Halloween Train** at the **Keighley**

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**Weds 30th Oct 11am - 4pm Wild Wednesday** at the **Bronte Parsonage Museum** boggart - making workshop. **Thurs 31st Oct open until 7.30pm Spooky Storytelling** at **The Bronte Parsonage** Free admission to local residents after 5.30pm.

**Sat 2nd Nov 10am Operation Oakworth** Join in to help to clean **Oakworth**. Collect kit from **Christ Church, Colne Road**. **Sat 2nd Nov Oakworth Methodist Church** invites you to our coffee morning **10 am - 12.30 pm**. Refreshments, gift stall, raffle, cakes etc. All proceeds go to **Yorkshire Cancer Research**.

**Sun 3rd Nov 2pm - 3pm Music at the Museum** **Bradford Accordion Band**. **Cliffe Castle Museum** Free performance.

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The residents of Oakworth and the surrounding area have been quick to embrace the idea of The Shed and have now set up a Committee to oversee the running of the group. The group is really welcoming and enthusiastic. As well as a programme of events there are ongoing projects for people to join in with such as; woodworking, crocheting, knitting and gardening. The Shed utilises the knowledge of community members who can share a skill and offers a place to learn something new or just pop in for a cuppa and a chat. Courses are also run from The Shed. October sees an Introduction to Patchwork Course and November an Art Course. **The Shed Cliffe Castle -The Lion's Den** has now opened its doors on a **Tuesday, Wednesday and**

**Thursday 10am to 4 pm for Men.**

There is the opportunity to get involved in woodwork, horticulture, gardening, pond / fish management and socialise over a cup of tea. A cook confident 4 week course is planned, as well as a Women's Shed in the near future.



**The Shed-Oakworth is planning an Open Day on Friday 15th November. 10 am to 12 noon.**

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## THE FINE ART OF COMMUNITY by Lisa Holmes

I have been working as a photographer for 19 years, running my busy photography studio on Haworth Main Street providing a full range of photography services for the local community from Maternity and Newborn, to Family Photoshoots and business branding shoots.

Along side this for the last 11 years I have been a lecturer at Bradford College teaching their photography degree. I decided I wanted to give something back and connect with the community around me.

I've always been passionate about analogue photography and wanted to set up my own darkroom so when the opportunity came up to do just that at Keighley Creative Space I jumped at it. I find photography can

be extremely cathartic and a great vessel to communicate things we sometimes find hard to talk about. I wanted show how photography has more to offer than selfies and funny animal pictures.

The darkroom is about spreading the joy and magic of analogue photography. We live in a very digital and fast paced world now, analogue photography is the complete opposite of that. It's all about slowing things down, thinking about what you want to communicate, enjoying the process and then having this



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My community workshops and projects are all about allowing people to have fun with photography and using it to tell their stories through image making. Whether is a children's pin hole photography workshop, kids after school club or a community group's weekly meeting to work through emotions or life experience, photography is the perfect medium to allow them to express themselves without any fear of judgement. That is the wonderful thing about photography, there is no right or wrong, it's simply a personal vision.

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Lisa lives in Oxenhope with her husband and two kids. She's passionate about all things photography and loves nothing more than spending her free time camping in Rodger, her beloved VW Campervan. She also has a love for quilt making, flowers and fell running. Full details about all of Lisa's courses, workshops & photography sessions can be found on her website and Facebook page. [Lisaholmesphotography.co.uk](http://Lisaholmesphotography.co.uk)



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