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Keeping focussed on the reason for the season is a challenge at this time of year. My favourite thing is to light the fire and curl up on the sofa with an inspirational book. (I am currently relishing The House of Belonging by David Whyte). But I also enjoy sparkly nights entertaining friends and family too. Once the Christmas lights are draped around our front door I look for any excuse to have folk 'round. I tend to over cater, so left overs keep us going for several days; or if I get on a roll, I might even have a second party fast on the heels of the first.

In the magazine this month you will find Nel's amazingly decadent recipe for cherry trifle (p.6). I have made it twice and it has been a hit on both occasions. Also, lots of Christmas greetings from local traders and opportunities for big savings. If possible, purchase gifts locally and support the Worth Valley economy.

Happy Christmas to you and yours!



Liz Barker

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Museum Haworth



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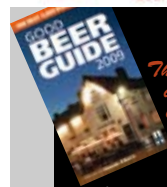
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Nel's cherry, amaretto and white chocolate layered trifle

Serves 12

- 2 tubs (400g) philadelphia soft cheese
- 300g white chocolate
- 500ml double cream (not whipping cream)
- 2 packs (500g) amaretti biscuits
- 2 x 400g packs frozen cherries defrosted
- 1 jar seedless raspberry or cherry jam
- 50g almonds

This is made in several simple stages:

White chocolate mix

1. Melt 200g of white chocolate, along with 2 tablespoons of the cream. (You can do this in the microwave for 30 seconds on medium power. Stir and repeat until melted)
2. Whip 400ml of the double cream until firm (cream whips much more easily if it is at room temperature)
3. In a large bowl mix the cream cheese and melted chocolate until smooth, and then add the whipped cream. Stir well and leave on one side

Fruit layer

Put aside 8 cherries. Place the jam and the rest of the fruit in a bowl and microwave until just warm and the jam is melted. Stir through.

Amaretti biscuits

Put 8 biscuits on one side. Lightly crush the rest, so they are around 1/3 of their original biscuit size

White chocolate and almond topping
Keeping aside 2 squares, gently melt the rest of the white chocolate with 5 tablespoons double cream.

Keep aside a few whole almonds for decoration; coarsely chop the rest of the almonds, and fold into the chocolate



This is a trifle which will look great on any Christmas or New Year table and is incredibly easy to make. Why not make your own variation using dark and white chocolate (like this photo), or add a splash of amaretto or baileys to the chocolate mixture for a really decadent dinner party dessert.

To assemble...

In a large trifle bowl, place a third of the crushed biscuits, cover with a third of the fruit mixture, and a third of the white chocolate mix
Repeat twice, finishing with a layer of the white chocolate mix.
Top with the white chocolate and almond topping, and decorate using the set aside amaretto biscuits, almonds and cherries. Finally, cover with a dusting of grated white chocolate, stand back and take a bow!
For more recipes and tips for cooking this Christmas, check out Nel's recipe club at www.pamperedchef.biz/nel - and use the contact page on the site to let me know what you think of the recipe and your own variations on it!



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I remember going for the tree with my father, the three of us, my brother, sister and I helping him to carry it the half

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to feeling more than a tinge of excitement when unwrapping my ever growing huddle of rich brandy fruit cakes in order to administer the weekly infusion of alcohol, the heady scent of brandy, fruit and spices being intoxicating and oozing with a sense of expectation.

The feasting associated with Christmas was traditionally intended to brighten the dark days of winter and to bring about the coming together of family and friends, to celebrate the arrival of the new sun after the shortest day. Filling the run up to Christmas with lots of mini celebrations in the form of family traditions and rituals, such as the making of the cake, the pudding, or even a few mince pies (my family take it in turns to stir wishes into the cake before it goes into the oven) will help to make Christmas preparations more of a pleasure and less of a chore. If you prefer not to get involved in the culinary aspect of the season take pleasure from seeking out the best that you can afford. Everybody loves arriving home with edible treasures to savour and relish; glossy clementines, mahogany chestnuts, fine cheeses, fresh figs and exquisite hand made chocolates. A succulent ham infused with wine and herbs, chutneys, sauces and brandy butter; marzipan, mince pies and tiny chocolate desserts. Chocolate truffles are very easy to make and boxed and ribboned with a hand made label they make as good a gift, if not better (much better in my opinion) than any mass produced chain store trinket. May December be a magical month for all of you. I wish you all a very merry Christmas.

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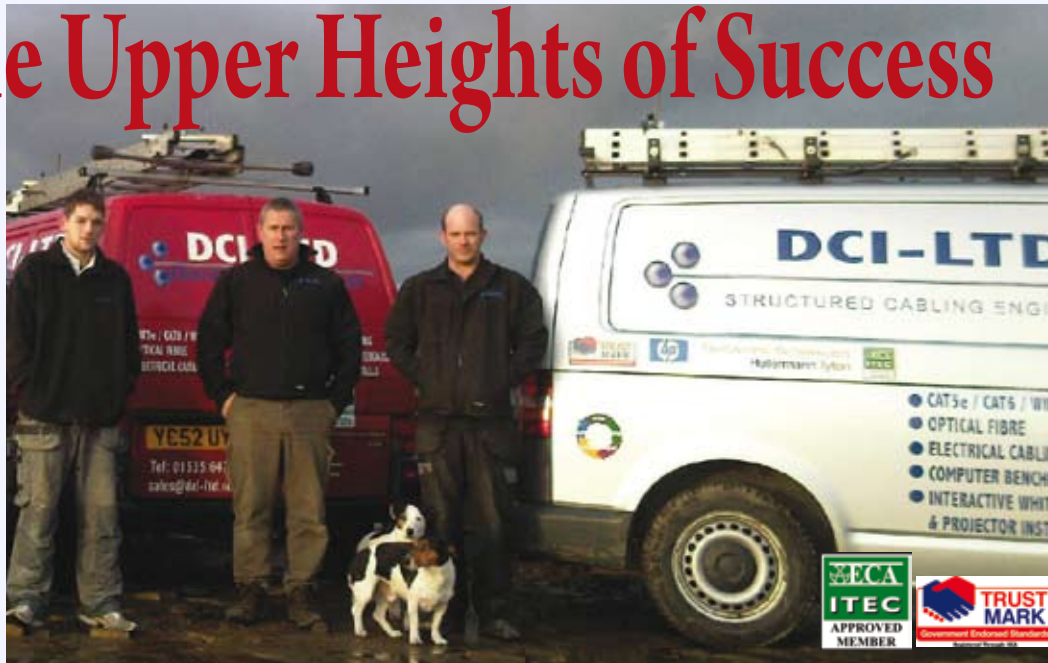
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When Sam Barr set up his business, Datacabling Installations Ltd. in 2003, he had good reason for high hopes and great expectations for the future. What was clear to him then and now is the burgeoning technological landscape that lay ahead. In the 21st century, the sky is the limit, data is flowing at the speed of light and in unprecedented volumes, and Sam has placed himself and his company in the forefront of this digital and data revolution.

Businesses, governmental departments and agencies including schools and hospitals, are all clamouring for improved connectivity and digital interface. Domestic demand for increased networking capabilities and larger bandwidth is also a component of the new business horizon presented to DCI and other infrastructure providers.

DCI put in place the physical means by which the data can flow. Whether a mains cabling project, wireless system, telephony package, or a full suite of computer benching, Datacabling Installations provides a complete service including a free site survey for all proposed installations, warranties on any work undertaken, and topographic network diagrams on installed cabling for future reference and planning. Sam and his team of installers travel the length and breadth of the UK to lay down the cabling that enables us to get connected.



Pausing for a photo opportunity on the stormy Upper Heights in Stanbury, Sam Barr (centre) is joined by one of his installation teams, including Mickey Walker,

Importantly, DCI is equipped with qualified engineers and technical specialists who can assess the needs of a site and provide solutions specific to a client's brief. Datacabling Installations is fully compliant with European Standard wiring regulations including the 17th Edition, they are PART - P approved domestic installers (and are inspected at least once a year), which ALL electricians should be if they are to carry out work in domestic premises, and are registered as a Trustmark approved supplier. All staff are CRB checked and able to work within the education sector.

While DCI is well placed to service large scale projects anywhere in the UK, Sam is keen to take on projects closer to home in and around the Worth Valley. "We travel to Swindon practically on a weekly

basis to service the LEA there, while there are identical requirements here on our doorstep that we drive past on a daily basis."

"I am aware of the benefits of keeping trade local and I am all too happy to make my team available for more local business; it just isn't something I have focussed on in the past."

DCI has grown organically, mainly through referrals and word of mouth. "We haven't needed to do much advertising; one job has led to another and we have built our reputation on quality of service and reliability," Sam explained. "Most of our work in the Worth Valley has come following a conversation over a pint in the pub." It also helps that Sam has been in the data cable and electrical industry for

over 13 years. DCI is currently working on a house in Stanbury laying all the mains cabling and electrical work. The domestic side can be just as challenging as the commercial contracts and equally rewarding.

The head office for Datacabling Installations Ltd. is in Stanbury at Upper Heights, on a track that leads to Top Whithens. "Remote" is the word that springs to mind, but Sam insists it is a great location, and he can stay just as connected and switched on as his urban counterparts with the benefits of the latest modern technology fully in place even at these windswept heights. Canine mascots Zippy and George couldn't agree more. The comical duo can be seen out and about in the works vans or hobnobbing out on Stanbury Moor; come January 2009, you may even spot them on DCI's webcam when it goes live. The latest addition to the DCI suite of services includes video security, CCTV and remote webcam surveillance installations. Datacabling will be featuring its very own webcam positioned at Upper Heights. The installation will showcase the latest Panasonic "i-Pro"SDIII - IP technology (for more info see <http://213.235.25.65/ipro/EN/home.html>) or view the system in person at the demonstration site at DCI's offices.

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If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork.

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If you ever find yourself wondering how to get that red wine stain out of the carpet then this month's website is for you. From golf balls to venetian blinds, from tv remotes to cats & dogs, bronze, silver and gold, silk, satin or spandex there is a step-by-step guide on how to get them spick and span. There are even a few silly suggestions - such as how to clean cockroaches and rabid monkeys..! There is a list of the ten dirtiest things in your home and how to tackle the filth that collects there. (computer keyboards are in there - mine is full of crumbs!)

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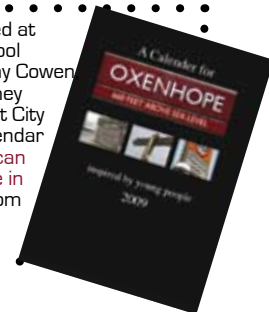
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The Lord Mayor of Bradford seated at his desk, with young Parkside School photographers, Josh Gibson, Jenny Cowen, Matt Burtenshaw, Craig Dyson. They were invited to a Civic Reception at City Hall to discuss the Oxenhope Calendar Project. The Oxenhope Calendar can be purchased from the Post Office in Oxenhope for £7.99. Proceeds from the sale will go towards pupils at Oxenhope School & Parkside.



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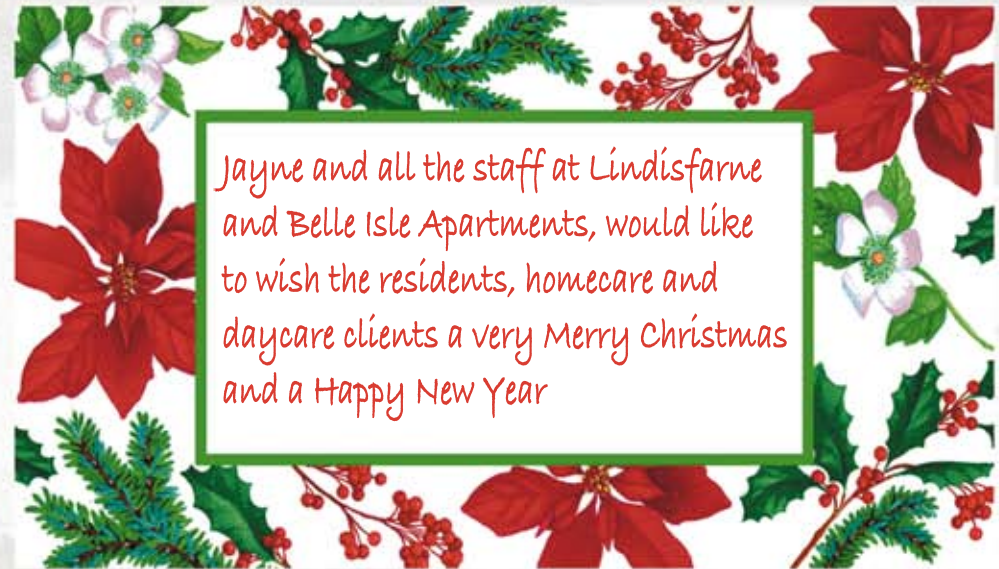
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Practice Uncommon Appreciation

by Jack Canfield

A recent management study revealed that 46% of employees leaving a company do so because they feel unappreciated; 61% said their bosses don't place much importance on them as people; and 88% said they don't receive acknowledgement for the work they do.

Whether you are an entrepreneur, manager, teacher, parent, coach or simply a friend, if you want to be successful with other people, you must master the art of appreciation. I've never known anyone to complain about receiving too much positive feedback. Have you? In fact, just the opposite is true.

Keeping Score

When I first learned about the power of appreciation, it made total sense to me. However, it was still something that I forgot to do. I hadn't yet turned it into a habit. A valuable technique that I employed to help me lock in this new habit was to carry a 3" x 5" card in my pocket all day, and every time I acknowledged and appreciated someone, I would place a check mark on the card. I would not allow myself to go to bed until I had appreciated 10 people. I did whatever it took until it became an unconscious habit. I did this every single day for 6 months—until I no longer needed the card to remind me.

Who Cares?

If asked, could you name the five wealthiest people in the world, or five people who have won the Nobel Prize, or the last five Academy Award winners for best actor and actress?

The point is none of us remembers the headliners of yesterday. These are no

second-rate achievers either; they are the best in their fields.

But if I asked you to list five teachers or mentors who believed in and encouraged you, five friends who have helped you through a difficult time, five people who have taught you something worthwhile, or five people who have made you feel appreciated and special – that's much easier to do, isn't it?

That's because the people who make a difference in your life aren't the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They're the ones who care. If you want to be remembered for being important to someone else's life, make them feel appreciated.

Appreciation as a Secret of Success

Another important reason for being in a state of appreciation as often as possible is that when you are in such a state, you are in one of the highest emotional states possible.

When you are in a state of appreciation and gratitude, you are in a state of abundance. You are appreciating what you do instead of focusing on, and complaining about, what you don't have. Your focus is on what you have received... and you always get more of what you focus on. And because the law of attraction states that like attracts like, the more you are in a state of gratitude, the more you will attract to be grateful for. It becomes an upward-spiraling process of ever-increasing abundance that just keeps getting better and better.

Jack Canfield, #1 Success Coach, is founder of Chicken Soup for the Soul and a leading authority on Peak Performance. If you're ready to jump-start your life and have more fun and joy in all that you do visit www.FreeSuccessStrategies.com



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And yet, at this late morning hour, the meadow slumbers on,
Unaware the sun is up, the freezing night is gone.
But in this magic snowspell, a blanket purest white,
The meadow fails not to present a glorious, happy sight.

And is it not a privilege, a blessing held in store,
To walk among the frozen flow'rs, to stand in frosted awe,
To trace the path of dry stone walls, their stones a darkened line,
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Sat 6th December

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Sat 6th December 7pm

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Sun 7th December 6pm

St Michael & All Angels Church, Haworth, Christingle Service

Sun 7th December 3pm

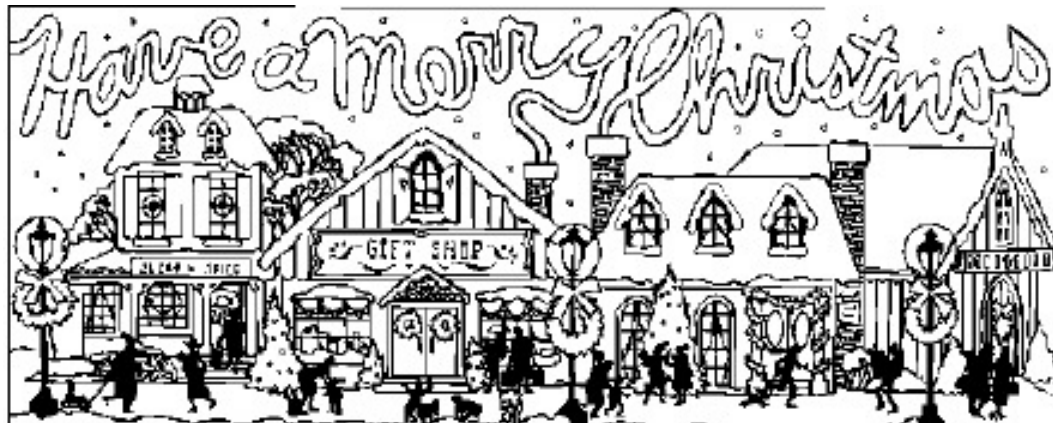
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Sat 31st January 11am

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Owner, Alfie Walker, was all too happy to show us his feedback page for Highfield Motors. With a satisfaction rating of 99% and 63 different feedback reports, it is understandable why Highfield attains a 5 star rating. The feedback speaks volumes about Alfie and his customer focussed ethos. The words, "reliable, friendly, competent, efficient, polite," continually crop up in the reports.

For those who don't know Alfie, he is a local Oakworth resident, is married to Alison and they have two

sons, Archie and James Thomas. Highfield is a family run business with a small staff. They work together to provide customers with a first class service including a local drop off or pick up service if required. Alfie's attention to detail and his ability to communicate effectively with both customers and staff has given him a winning formula. Apparently he wasn't always so confident. It has taken years to develop this skill and Alfie is keen to acknowledge Derrick Butler, Highfield Motor's founder, as a significant influence in nurturing this characteristic in him. "I am grateful for the confidence that Derrick instilled in me." Derrick continues to lend a helping hand, despite his retired status, an indicator that demonstrates



Derrick Butler and Alfie Walker

the commitment that he has in seeing the business flourish beyond his time of ownership and the good will that he and Alfie share.

In the past year Alfie has invested in the Highfield premises and upgraded the workshops with new ramps and doors, improved lighting and new



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Alfie Walker has good reason to smile; with a 5 star rating from the Good Garage Scheme he is delighted to be recognised for his hard work and customer focussed approach.



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