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I don't know about you, but I am so pleased to see the end of 2021 in sight. I'm grateful to be alive and well and living in the UK despite the challenges that have come up this year, (need I say more?). It's been a tough year. We (Worth Valley Publishing) will contine to support and root for our local businesses and residents in whatever way we can. The following pages represent hard working individuals and organisations and it is a privilege to engage with so many community minded folks every day.

We hope you will find joy and peace this season. If you feel alone or need some

support, **www.treacle.me** lists a number of services that are locally based and ready to help (See page 24).



Have a safe, merry & bright holiday season & New Year. Liz x Liz Burker. Editor



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As a 14 year old everyday I immerse myself in a digital world of social media, catching up with friends on Snapchat or being creative on Instagram and TikTok, but after seeing an advert for Air B&B at the cinema, it really made me think - was I born too late?

With plenty of free hours in the day I spent most of my pandemic year delving into history and appreciating the lives and loves of earlier decades.



"My heart will (always) go on" for one of the best movies of all time "Titanic". Starring the icons Kate Winslet and

Leonardo DiCaprio the 90s made us fall in love with a love story about the historic event and living in the 1900s - introducing me to corsets, gloved handshakes, the true meaning of "ladies before gentlemen" and the society divisions that determined life and death.

Note to self! - every romantic date night of my future should include a three piece suit, a ball gown and dancing!

The pandemic also introduced me to my parents decade of youth as we spent our lockdown evenings playing the vinyl of the 80s." Now that's what I call music!" What an extraordinary decade of diversity and talent to live through.

The incredible pop culture of disco, new romantic, funk, post punk and synthpop all played out through the brat pack movies of its time.

> Crimped hair, neon socks, denim and blue mascara are all elements l've loved to experiment with in my early teens -

"Grease" certainly is the word and "Nobody is keeping this baby in the corner!

The digital world I live in today seems like we've lost the romance, hesitation and thrill of decades gone by but my joy is that I get to experience the best of both.

I can live the decades through the archives, digital memories shared world wide. photographs, music, books and films all refreshed, remastered and presented at the touch of a key, search function or website browser.

My parents, my grandparents experience their history in different ways, boxes of photos, diaries, dvds and a music collection all gathering dust - for me the trends reappear in one form or another but the realities are forever recorded in our digital world.

Every person has their own extraordinary story within the framework of time.

I wasn't "born too late", I feel very blessed that my digital world lets me live and love the decades of the past as well as the present.



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Where in the Aire Valley?

Where is the **red** X located in the photo to the right? This month's prize is donated by Keighley Picture House: Family ticket Email your answer including your name & address to: mail@worthvalleymag.co.uk

The winner will be selected from all correct answers received by 20th January 2022



Last month's location was David Gallagher Funeral Directors in Utley. The winner was Jessica Anne Heaton from Keighley.

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To solve a sudoku puzzle, each row of nine squares must contain the numbers 1 through 9. Each column must also contain the numbers 1 through 9, and each box must contain the numbers 1 through 9.

Robbie Moore MP Standing up for Keighley ? Ilkley

Merry Christmas! As your local MP, I am here to help with any issues you have - including throughout the festive season. If you'd like to arrange an appointment to discuss an issue of concern, please get in contact using the details below

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Base:

60g Butter

50g Butter

& sprinkle with

grated chocolate!

Filling:

(no baking required)

Method

Crush biscuits to a crumble consistency. Melt 60g Butter & add crushed biscuits. Put mixture into pie dish & press down. Place in the fridge to set. In a saucepan: melt 50g Butter - When butter Is ALMOST melted add the cream & remove from heat. Stir in chunks of the chocolate, mix until ingredients are combined & all chocolate is melted. Pour over set biscuit base & return to fridge until firm. Easy as pie. Enjoy!

A warm welcome from Coach Rick

Keighley Table Tennis Centre is a voluntary run facility located in Keighley.

We spoke to Rick Gonzalez, a Voluntary Trustee for the Centre to understand a bit more about Keighley Table Tennis Centre and why more people should get involved in everything there is to offer.

Yorkshire coach of the year, Rick Gonzalez, has been coaching table tennis for about 7 years as a professional level 2 coach. He's worked with young people in schools, colleges and University and worked with adults of all ages using table tennis to engage with a diverse range of people including those living with long term health conditions to offer inclusive table tennis for all.

What is the best thing about **Keighley Table Tennis Centre?**

The people. The Centre shows off what we are about. We have young people from 5 years old to adults in their 80's from all different backgrounds, disabilities, genders and ages. It's an inclusive place and it really is table tennis for all.

What is an over 50's session? Do you have to be good at table tennis?

The sessions run at different times on 5 different days of the week to give people choice, we usually get in the region of 20 people over the age of 50 turn up for social play in either doubles or singles. Sometimes



it's competitive but mainly it's just a laugh. There are volunteers on hand to meet and greet, sign you in and make sure everyone has someone to play with. Halfway through, everyone takes a break for a chat, coffee and a biscuit before returning to some play. You don't have to be good at table tennis at all, we welcome people at all different levels and it's for anyone who is interested to play.

What would you say to someone thinking about joining an over 50's session who might be a bit worried?

Well firstly, we've got a new offer of 3 free sessions from November 2021 to lanuary 2022 to come and see if you enjoy it.We're a friendly bunch of all abilities including complete beginners, and everyone starts somewhere. We've got a coffee lounge where people will just chat, you can play as much or as little as you like. We can lend out equipment so you don't need to invest in it and if you don't know where we are we will meet you and bring you in and show you around so you can feel comfortable.

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Christmas in Haworth is underway, with events continuing through December:

- 4th and 5th December: The famous Torchlight Weekend
- Thursday 9th December: Late Night Shopping
- I I th and I 2th December: Christmas Music Weekend, including the much-loved brass bands
- I8th and 19th December: Eagerly awaited Nativity Weekend

Stroll the atmospheric Main Street and enjoy the twinkling Christmas lights and festive shop windows. The village is a wonderful destination for independent shopping, and you'll also find a fantastic collection of cafes, bars, and restaurants to refresh along the way.



Take the time to discover your own local High Street this winter, you might be surprised at the wonderful range of retailers on your doorstep. Once you've got the shopping ticked off, then there's lots more to explore.

At museums and attractions across the Bradford district you will find a host of events and exhibitions to brighten your winter days. If you've little ones and are looking for something different to do, pop down to **East Riddlesden Hall**. On weekends in December they're holding **Percy the Park Keepers**



Winter Wander Trail. Join in the fun with Percy and his animal friends and give nature a helping hand this winter. Follow the trailaround the garden, looking for wildlife along the way.

If you'd prefer to stay warm and cosy, take a seat at the cinema with a tub of popcorn. It's not just Hollywood blockbusters; there's a whole host of seasonal delights waiting for you. Look out for Christmas classics for all the family, from It's a Wonderful Life to Elf, alongside musical spectaculars, opera and ballet. Check out the listings now for The Picture House in Keighley, Ilkley Cinema, The Light and Pictureville in Bradford.

Winter is always a perfect time to get outdoors, and the **Bingley Photo Walk Challenge Competition** is fun for all the family. This easy, self-guided walk provides photographic clues for walkers to follow in order to solve the riddle. Submit a photo





taken on the walk for a chance to win the monthly prize.The



competition runs until February, making it the perfect activity for over Christmas and early in the new year. For more details search **Bingley Walkers are Welcome** online.

As we head into the new year, it's a great time to try out new experiences and activities. You could try out a virtual reality experience at **VR City** in Bradford or learn to crochet at The Craft House in Bingley. How about finding a restaurant that's new to you, or going out to a live music venue. Sparkling Bradford can provide you with lots of inspiration to fill your winter days.



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Sat 4th & Sun 5th Dec Haworth by Torchlight Weekend

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Sat 11th & Sun 12th Dec Wreath Making Workshops at the Bronte Parsonage Museum

Sun 19th Dec Bad Apple Theatre company present ' The Snow

Dancer' at Morton Institute. Tickets can be bought at the Morton Community Shop or online at www.badappletheatre. co.uk.Tickets £10 and £8 under 16 or Family tickets £30(2+2 or 1+3) **Tues Dec 28th Keighley Model Railway Club** are having thier first open day at the Clubrooms The club are embarking on several new projects. A new 7mm layout, and either an 00 gauge or N gauge layout. We would like to invite new people along to help build these exiting new projects. Just come along for a chat and a friendly welcome.

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'THAT a Brontë Society be and is hereby formed and that the object of such Society be, amongst other things, to establish a Museum to contain not only drawings, manuscripts, paintings and other personal relics of the Brontë Family, but all editions of their works, the writings of others upon those works or upon any member of the family, together with photographs of places or premises with which the family was associated.'

We like to think that we're not quite so formal these days, but the original mission of the Brontë Society hasn't changed dramatically. Just before news of a worrying new virus in China started filtering through, we were celebrating a successful fundraising campaign to bid for one of Charlotte Brontë's little books at auction in Paris. In early February 2020, visitors saw the book on display for the first time, and we could never have imagined that six weeks later, we would be closing our doors for the first time in ninety-two years. We also could never have imagined that upon reopening the Museum in May 2021, that news of a so-called 'lost' collection of Brontë manuscripts would come to light, and we would begin fundraising to save objects that hadn't been seen for nearly a hundred years.

Like similar organisations, surviving a global pandemic has caused us to reflect on the work we do and the work we would like to do.We'd like to mean more to more people, particularly the people on our doorstep. We're immensely proud of the home we look after, and we're keen to find more ways to share the story of the amazing and inspirational family who lived here. And so, as we reflect on the past two years, and look to horizons new, we'd like to think that the founders of the Brontë Society would be immensely relieved that we have survived a global pandemic, and proud that we continue to campaign to save Brontë treasures for the nation. We will continue with this mission of course, but the Society is about more than 'collecting'; what's important is the sharing, and we look forward to doing more of this with our neighbours in 2022.

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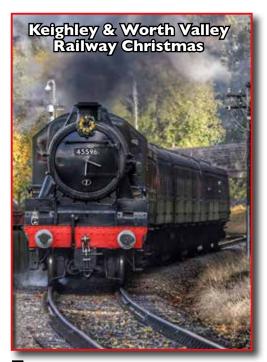
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here were many times during the last 18 months when it was difficult to look forward with optimism. We had lockdowns, enforced closures, and all the uncertainty about when we could reopen. Our volunteers worked tirelessly to provide Covid-secure accommodation for passengers on both ordinary operating days and the Elf Express Christmas services, which have again sold out this year. It was a great relief to be able to move cautiously back toward a more "normal" operation earlier this year, with a mix of open and compartment carriages now available to passengers. However, for the weekends before Christmas we are focused on our sell-out Elf Express before reopening the Railway to walk-up passengers with the Mince Pie specials that start on Boxing Day and run right though to 3rd January. To make all this happen, we rely very heavily on our 700+ strong team of

volunteers and I would like to ask you to consider making joining us one of your new year's resolutions. We have voluntary roles across all aspects of the operation of the Railway, including engineering and maintenance activities of the locomotive and carriage fleets at Haworth and Oxenhope respectively. We also have the front-ofhouse roles that you will see if you join us on board, including station, retail and catering activities as well the operational activities such as guarding and being a member of the footplate crew. Then there are the scenes roles that are really behind the scenes which encompass all aspects of the administration of the charity's activities. Full training is provided, and - as you would expect - we have a well-established system of accreditation for safety-critical and operational roles. You can volunteer for as much or as little time as you can offer, and all support is very welcome. You would be joining a team that keeps an important part of our history alive with our volunteers quite literally keeping the wheels turning. You can find out more about volunteering opportunities on the website or by enquiring at Haworth station. If you are not able to volunteer, then I do hope that can support us by travelling. Don't forget that if you live in BD20/21/22 you can apply for Local Residents' Railcard which offers half-price travel on timetabled services.

Finally, thank you. It is thanks to the continued support from our passengers that we are now positioned to look to the future with confidence. We have weathered a very challenging storm and are looking forward to 2022 with a renewed optimism. Between then and now, I hope you and yours have a great festive break and we look forward to welcoming you on board soon. ~ Matt Stroh KWVR.

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of time thinking about joy, and how to increase it all year round. He along with a colleague started a movement called

'15 seconds 30 minutes.' or **15s30m**, for short. The

idea is that there are loads of things that we can all do each day which take no time at all, but will save someone else a much bigger job. This increases joy and reduces frustration for someone else.

It sounds like a tall order. I know, what can you actually do in 15 seconds? At home for instance, don't leave a room empty handed, just take your cup, the washing or that pile of stuff on the stairs with you. It takes 15 seconds but will save a mountain of time if left un done. At work. pass on that message, refill the empty kettle or restock as you go. There are so many small actions that take almost no time at all. but save someone else a bigger job.

- Spend 15 seconds writing a Christmas card to your neighbour.

- Donate an advent calendar to a local children's charity.

- Write a letter or leave a little note for the post woman/man to say thanks for their hard work over the year.

- Spend 15 seconds making sure repeat prescriptions have been ordered to cover the festive period.

- Spend 15 seconds texting that person who's been quiet recently. All these will have a huge knock on effect

to others and will bring more joy to all. Check out www.15s30m.co.uk for more ideas from this transformational change platform. (🥣 @15s30m)

One way that residents in the Aire and Worth valleys can spend 15 seconds to save lots of time searching online, is to check out www.treacle.me. It is an easy to use site that can take you straight to all sorts of support and help. Whether you are a **parent** worried about your **teenagers** mental health, are caring for an elderly person and struggling to manage their **dementia**, whether you are stuck financially and need to know where to get **help** with your **fuel bills**, or are feeling **lonely** and need help to find **local** groups where you can make friends. It

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In the 5 years since Red Dog Pest Control began, we have gained a loyal customer base with much of our work coming from word of mouth recommendations and repeat custom.

Whilst we 'Keep it in the family' Malc is our principle Pest Control Technician, Shell covers admin and invoicing, and we are now also able to offer the services of a fully qualified female Pest Control



Technician. Our daughter, Nim, was one of the youngest people in the UK to qualify as a Pest Control Technician at just age 14.



She is currently studying for her A-Levels and spends school holidays and weekends out with Malc developing her knowledge and experience in the trade; she has proven to be quite an asset to the business. Female Pest Control Technicians are few and far between! Our son is now wanting to join the business too when he is older.

We would be pleased to help you should you be in need of our pest control services. Please call Malc on

07805371101, or email rdpestcontrol@ hotmail.com

Wishing you a pest~free Christmas holiday!





Keighley measures up for The Accountancy Pod



Charlotte Karacaaslan of award-winning practice The Accountancy Space has opened a new business in Keighley. Here she explains briefly about her new venture,

Charlotte Karacaaslan why you shouldn't

underestimate your accountant and how glad she is to be back in Yorkshire!

The Accountancy Pod

The Accountancy Pod is a dream I've been working towards for a while - an ethical, responsible firm, closely connected to the community, training a new generation of young accountants. It's my strong belief that success should be shared. I hope that by transferring the success I've had with my specialist eCommerce Practice to a local setting I can help businesses in the region to thrive and also provide career opportunities for the younger generation.

Accountants – not just bean counters!

There's a stereotype around accountants we're very dull, sensible people who appear once a year, charging you a huge amount for the privilege of telling you how much tax you owe but there's more to us than that! I personally work closely with all of my clients, for example by having a very close relationship with one company I helped them go from nearly closing to a multimillion pound turnover within three years. This was through daily communication, outside the box thinking and a healthy dose of plain speaking and compassion. Similarly, your own accountant will have



vast reserves of business knowledge and acumen, in addition to their skills in taxation and reporting. Next time you have a problem or concern with your business you should ask for their advice rather than leaving it too late - they might surprise you!

Why Keighley

After I graduated I moved all over, eventually ending up down South for 20 years. It was there that I began my career in Chartered Practice but I found that the plain speaking and forthrightness Yorkshire people are known for wasn't always appreciated! It was a balm to my soul to move back to this area in 2019 and I've been overwhelmed by the warmth and help my husband and I received from the people of Keighley. There's a real sense of community here when I speak to local organisations and I want to be able to contribute to that.

The Accountancy Pod website is currently under reconstruction but you can connect with them on Facebook or LinkedIn. If you'd like to know more about how they can help you – or you just want to chat! – please call 01535 322020 or email hello@theaccountancypod.co.uk

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