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Was that snow in April or am I imagining things? Thankfully it didn't accumulate and my seedlings are safe in the ground. Thinking warm summery thoughts, read more about Gobbledigook Theatre's new production set in the stunning grounds of Bolton Abbey: Wind in the Willows. It should be amazing (see p6). May means vintage fun in Haworth as the 21st 1940's weekend gets underway. Enjoy the spitfire flypasts (weather permitting) and big band sounds on the street.

If you are a Happy Valley fan, you might be interested to learn more about Sally Wainwright's latest creation on page 22.

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Wind in the Willows at Bolton Abbey



Bolton Abbey Estate is the spectacular setting for a brand new outdoor theatre adaptation of 'Wind in the Willows', Kenneth Grahame's enchanting tale of adventure and mischief featuring childhood favourites Ratty, Mole, Badger and Toad. The production from North Yorkshire based Gobbledigook Theatre, written especially for Bolton Abbey, takes place July 23rd - 7th August 2016 and will be set against the backdrop of Bolton Priory Church and ruins on the banks of the River Wharfe. It's the first time Bolton Abbey Estate has embarked on a bespoke outdoor theatrical event and the performances are expected to attract hundreds of visitors from across the region.

Phil Grainger from Gobbledigook Theatre

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commented: "So much of the novel is about nature and so Bolton Abbey Estate couldn't be a more perfect setting for the story. It's an absolute dream to stage the production in such a beautiful place and one which could have been the original setting for the novel."

"The production is a new adaptation of the novel and it stays true to the book but with a re-imagined timeline. We will bring the story to life with real props including a



classic car and a rowing boat, as well interesting locations to make the experience extra special for our audience who will also be part of the scenery and action. Expect a few surprises from the moment you arrive."

As an immersive theatre experience the production has no stage and visitors will move around with the characters as the performance is delivered. Tickets are available now from www.boltonabbey.com

THE YOUNG WRITERS' CLUB

What is a ward councillor?

Ward councillors are elected by the public, that is, by those who are eligible to vote! Councillors represent the people of their area or district. If you have a local issue then you can write to your local ward councillors and they will try and sort it out for you. They listen to the views of the people who they are elected to serve, and they hold council meetings with other members of the council to agree how to provide services to the community. You can also send petitions to your local councillor if you want to change something in your local area or protest about something you don't agree with.

Continuing with the theme of citizenship, the Young Writers' Club interviewed Russell Brown about his experience as an active citizen and a ward councillor.



Russell Brown

How did you become a ward councillor?

I became a member of a political group and then attended an interview where I was selected to become that group's Council candidate. I was then elected.

What qualifications or background do you need to become a Councillor?

You can't already be employed by the council nor be bankrupt, apart from that you don't really need any qualifications to stand as a councillor.

Do you remember when you first became an active citizen?

I have always worked hard in our local community; becoming an 'active citizen' was an extension of my teaching career which has happened over the last ten years.

Did your parents encourage you?

Yes - I was brought up in Oldfield's farming community, my Dad was a farmer and my mother always encouraged me. I worked on many local farms in the area and got to know many people in my community.

What is the best thing about your job?

Being able to help people, definitely.

What is the worst thing about your job?

The worst thing is when people criticize you unfairly, when they don't listen and having to make unpopular decisions which the council have to make from time to time due to the cutbacks.

What is your typical day like?

No one day is the same. It can range from a few enquiries from the public to spending long days sitting on council committees making difficult decisions such as in the planning and educational appeals committees.

What do you hope to achieve as a councillor?

A fair distribution of the limited resources Bradford has available.

What do you think is the best way to get young people involved in becoming active citizens?

Show young people respect, try and put yourself in their shoes and get them involved in volunteering - which many do already.

How would you get young people interested in politics?

Talk to them, invite them to visit council meetings or visit government.

Interview conducted by Toby, Lainie and Chloe



The Young Writers' Club meets weekly in term time at Cobbles & Clay in Haworth. The group is open to both Primary (year 6) pupils and secondary school students who are interested in writing, photography, multi media and digital arts in the Worth & Aire Valley. Contact Liz Barker for details. 01535 642227



  
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EGGS WITH SPINACH SERVES 6

I hope you liked my Aunt Janet's tablet recipe last month. One of my aunt's carers recently told me about this egg-and-spinach dish, and I think it's rather tasty. I've done it a couple of times with groups now, and have learnt what mistakes to avoid. Really, it is an idea rather than a precise recipe. You can easily make it for one person or for many, so it is a good 'quickie', as Janet would have said.

Janet also used to call the mid-week deal in a restaurant the 'cheapo'. She was pretty discerning about which food offers were worth having, and which were not! But this dish is no poor-value 'cheapo'. If you take care with it, then you can serve it up elegantly and feel that you have had a 'right good nosh'!

The main thing to remember is to dry the spinach really thoroughly after washing it. Yes, you are 'sweating' it, but you do not want it to be soggy; otherwise, you will end up with a sad green puddle on your plate.

Cath Bromwich, a Silsden resident, is a cookery teacher and forager. Her livelihood includes foraging and cookery courses, such as cooking on a budget and outdoor foraging and cooking experiences. She trained at Ballymaloe Cookery School, Ireland. For more information, or to pass on your stories and recipes, contact Cath at www.facebook.com/foragercathyorkshire

Ingredients:

- 1 large bag of spinach, washed
- 6 eggs
- A knob of butter
- A handful of mature cheddar, grated
- Salt, pepper and any other seasoning you would like

Instructions:

Put a knob of butter in a large pan, with the heat on medium.

After washing the spinach, shake it dry in a tea towel and place in the pan with a lid on.

Gently steam/sweat the spinach until it starts to wilt (usually at this point there is too much water rather than too little, so strain some off – or, if you are sure the pan is too dry, you can add a little)

Carefully break the eggs on top of the spinach, keeping them separate from each other.

Put the lid back on and let the eggs cook.

When the eggs are nearly done, scatter the cheese across them and add anything else you would like (e.g. fresh coriander, chilli flakes and seasoning).

Put the lid back on until the eggs are cooked to your liking.

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Keighley Worth Valley Railway: A Journey Back in Time

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As well as running steam trains every weekend and daily in the school holidays and in June, we have a range of special events that I'm particularly looking forward to.



Beer: on all the steams we have our real-ale bar, but for the weekend of **28-30 May** we are running our inaugural Steam & Ale Trail.

This will see a bar serving real-ale on each of the stations. There will be over 40 beers to choose from, with a different brewery represented at each station as well as on the bar on the train. You can purchase event tickets on the day or beforehand by calling Haworth Station on 01535 645214 during office hours.

Fish & Chips: our ever-popular 'Haworth Haddock' service is next running on **30th April, then 21st May and 18th June**, with further dates in July, August and September. With the food served to your seat on board the train, you also get to enjoy a stop at Keighley station where live music to entertain you at Keighley. The train departs from Oxenhope at 7.30pm and returns around 11pm, with two return trips to Keighley and a stop at one of the stations en route when the food is served to you at your seat.

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Cheese! Following the success of Postman Pat (and Jess!) visiting us earlier in the year, Wallace & Gromit will be making personal appearances on **1st and 2nd June**, with face painting and various craft activities planned for all the family to enjoy.



That's a wide range of activities and all the details can be found on www.kwvr.co.uk, and of course don't forget that we're supporting the 1940s weekend (**13-15th May**) running an intensive service to help alleviate the challenge of parking in Haworth for the weekend, as well as running trains every weekend and in the school holidays. We look forward to welcoming you on board. In the meantime,

I'm for a pint in anticipation of the Steam & Ale Trail weekend. Cheers! MS

Wallace & Gromit



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Cobbles and Clay, the café that keeps growing and giving



Jill Ross behind the counter at Cobbles & Clay, 70-72 Main Street, Haworth. The café is open 7 days a week, 8:45am-5pm

Cobbles and Clay, the creative café located on Haworth's Main Street, celebrates its 10th year in business next month.

Within a decade Jill Ross and her team have established a convivial space for the community and its visitors, serving up scrumptious homemade cakes, soups, stews and lashings of lovingly prepared meals, in addition to thousands of scintillating cups of ethically sourced coffee and tea, not to mention some super smoothies!

Over the years, countless people have had a go at painting a pot, or mug, or a bauble of some description with a friend or loved one by their side. It is a kind of therapy. And also just good fun.

The café has been the location for numerous gatherings of groups and Jill has championed many special interests, from raising money for charity, hosting live music and local Open



Mic nights, fostering a fledgling Ukelele group, supporting festivals, Fairtrade fortnights, and various literary and creative meet ups.

Food, fun, creativity, and social engagement have played a big part in creating what is now a well established and valued local business.

I interviewed Cobbles & Clay owner, Jill Ross, who on the day was juggling her work and home life with what looked like to me, casual ease.

What made you decide to start Cobbles & Clay?

I have always had an interest in food, even from an early age, and one of my first jobs was working at Brown Muffs café in Bradford.

I have been a vegetarian, a macrobiotic, and I ran a wine bar in Guernsey in my twenties after University. Food has played a big part in my lifestyle choices and experiences.

I went into teaching, had my children, and a

homeopathy practice. That was all fine and good. But in the back of my mind I wanted to have a job that was more fun and creative.

I was coming up to a milestone birthday...and I decided it was a 'now or never' moment.

What is important to you in the context of business and community?

I love the community aspect of it.

We have shared peoples special and meaningful occasions, from birthdays, to funeral receptions.

We have got to know young mothers and fathers, watched babies grow up to be toddlers and school age, and watched teens turn in to young adults setting off to University. My friend who has been coming to the café with her family for ten years says, "My kids have grown up on your lentil soup!"

And it is true. She started coming when she was pregnant. That kind of thing, well, It is heartwarming.

In the 10 years, what has been the most gratifying thing about the business?

I do feel so fortunate. That is, when everyone has turned up on time for work and no ones off poorly. It is fantastic to have created a place where people can gather. Someone walks through the door and there is someone else here in the cafe that they know and they are so pleased to meet one another. And when the place is all buzzing. I'm really proud of that.

The staff development is gratifying. I've had apprentices for example, and now they can practically run the café; that feels good.

Are there people you would like to acknowledge or thank for being supportive or your cheerleaders in the background?

All the staff, so many over the 10 years, some of whom have gone on to set up their own businesses; my suppliers, they've been supportive, but mainly the customers who keep coming back, and are now friends. Of course,

my family have been tremendous. They have been there through it all.

What have you learned about yourself?

I have more energy than I thought I had; I'm surprised at my stamina.

I love being around all these young people. My daughters say that the girls in the café are like my surrogate daughters, and I suppose that is true. I've learned about technology. I couldn't even send an email before I took on the cafe.



I know it sounds funny but I can talk about the weather all day and I don't mind. I love the light and happy environment. And I don't feel like it is superficial, I really do like to greet people and have a friendly chat.

You outgrew your first building and moved a few doors up the

street? That was a bold thing to do.

Yes, there is lots more space here to expand and do new things on both levels.

Hosting special occasions, business meetings, away days, schools painting pottery trips, and we are toying with the idea of creating a kind of after school youth group where there is music, shakes, chocolate and activities.

The other difference is the investment in the new kitchen facility and dedicated professional catering staff. It steps it up a level and it is wonderful to have that kind of input.

We have more specials and a variety of interesting things on the menu. Our customers favourites, like Tuscan bean stew and Chilli con carne, have remained, and our commitment to a no gunk, no junk menu for children is as strong as ever.

It keeps getting better. And I am grateful to be celebrating 10 years. It is a fabulous place to be and I'm loving it!

You can find Cobbles & Clay on:



The 3 Acres - 'Sweet Chilli Sauce'



3 Acres chef, Tom Hudson

This tasty sweet chilli sauce can be served as a dip, dressing or marinade. We recommend it smothered over 'Chicken, Chorizo & Pepper Skewers' as follows:

Ingredients:

- 450ml of water
- 450g Granulated Sugar
- 3 Fresh Chillies (Finely Diced including seeds)
- 1/2 Lemon
- 1/2 Lime
- 1/2 Red Pepper (Diced)
- 1 White Onion (Diced)
- 1/2 Tsp Paprika
- 1/2 Tsp Powdered Ginger
- Dash Malt Vinegar
- 2 Tbsp Tomato Ketchup
- 2 Tbsp Tomato Puree

1. Add the water & granulated sugar into a pan and bring to the boil.
2. Allow to boil and reduce in quantity by half.
3. Once reduced by half add in your lemon and lime chopped into chunks.
4. Add in your diced chillies, onion and red pepper.
5. Add in 1/2 tsp of paprika and 1/2 tsp of ginger and continue to boil for approx 12-15 minutes.
6. Add in 2 Tbsps Tomato Ketchup, 2 Tbsps Tomato Puree and a Dash of Malt Vinegar to taste.
7. Once all of the above is completed, you should have a syrupy consistency.



Chicken, Chorizo & Pepper Skewers

Ingredients:

- 2 chunks of Spanish chorizo
- 2 Chicken Breast Fillets (small)
- 2 Chunks of Fresh Red Pepper
- Wooden Skewers x 2

1. Pan fry your chorizo chunk, chicken breast fillet and red pepper chunk.
2. Once browned, smother in sweet chilli sauce and place in a preheated oven (180 degrees) for approx 4-8 minutes.
3. Ensure chicken is cooked thoroughly.
4. Skewer your chicken, pepper and chorizo and serve on a bed on mixed leaf garnish.
5. Spoon over your remaining sweet chilli sauce from the pan and serve.

Chef, Tom Hudson has worked in catering from the age of 14 and completed his catering qualifications at Craven college whilst working at The Grouse Inn at Oldfield. He is now completing a Nutrition, health & lifestyles degree at Sheffield Hallam University and is due to graduate this year.

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To Walk Invisible

Early in June, there will be a fabulous opportunity to see Haworth Main Street as it looked in the Victorian era AND to see a film set being built.

Sally Wainwright, the writer & creator of 'Happy Valley' and 'Last Tango in Halifax', amongst many others, is set to film 'To



Sally Wainwright

Walk Invisible' in and around the village during the week after the Spring Bank half term. The film, a feature length drama, is based on the lives of

the Brontë family in Haworth. Wainwright suggests that this will not be the chocolate box image of a cosy village, but will show the 'true grit' realism of life at that time.

During the half term week itself, many of the shops towards the top of Main Street will be taken back to the 1840s. All of the shops will still be open while the transformation takes place giving locals and visitors this unique opportunity to experience the village at the time of the Brontës as well as seeing how a TV company creates a film set.

You may have seen the construction on Penistone Hill where a temporary mock up of the Parsonage and the Old School Rooms is being constructed. It's difficult

NOT to see it - it can be viewed from as far away as Harecroft, 4 miles from Bradford. It is being built as, during the period when the film is set, there were no trees around the building, and where many of the houses in the area now exist, there were fields - the area around the Parsonage looks very different today! At the end of filming, this new 'old' Parsonage is due to be completely removed by the middle of June!

The week after half term is when the filming takes place. Much of the upper part of Main Street (from the Black Bull Inn down to Lodge Street opposite the chocolate shop) will be closed to visitors and traffic between Monday 6th and Thursday 9th June. Arrangements are being made for locals and visitors to bypass this section, and a vintage bus will run during that time to improve access to the rest of Main Street as it will remain open throughout this time.

The production company will likely use local people as extras in the production and have prioritised people on Haworth Main Street who might like to be involved.

Follow the 'Haworth Experience' Facebook page to keep up with the latest developments.

The drama is due to be screened this Christmas on BBC1.

To Walk Invisible cast

Jonathan Pryce



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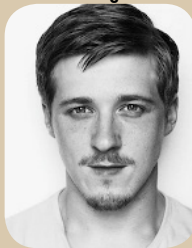
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Church Green 50+ Ruggers meet in the Shared Church Hall (between Church Green & Morrisons in Keighley) on the first Wednesday in every month, 10.00-12.00hrs.

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May - 4th Sept Keighley & District Photographic Association at Cliffe Castle Museum. Displaying a selection of their members' works alongside our Alice in Wonderland exhibition. Photography played a key role in Alice author Charles Dodgson meeting his muse Alice Liddell.

Sat 7th & Sun 8th May 10am - 4pm Bronte Vintage Gathering is an annual two day fun filled family event taking place at Haworth Road Cullingworth. The attractions this year include the Xtreme Stunt team, plus The Sheep Show, humorous view of dancing sheep! Dog agility display,



terrier racing, clay pigeon shoot, Blackpool donkeys, SMJ falconry, various fairground rides, bouncy castles & slides. Vintage vehicles, trade stands, craft tent, community stalls in the Old Spot bar marquee and Catering to suit all tastes. Saturday at 5pm is the collectors sale in the adjoining field.

Free entertainment with live band in the bar marquee on Saturday night Auction of donated goods Sunday at 2pm

Mon 9th May 2 pm- 3.30 pm Meeting Point at Trinity Church, Fell Lane, Keighley - Mr Geoff Twentyman - Shaking with Laughter.All Welcome.

Mon 9th May Keighley & Thwaites Townswomen 7.15pm at Long Lee Chapel, Long Lee Lane, Keighley. Mr R. Whitehead Slides of the Bradford Millenium Walk

Fri 13 to Sun 15th May Haworth 1940's Weekend.

Sat 14th May Ramblers Social Walks Bronte Way (Thornton to Denholme approx 3 miles). Meet at Keighley Bus Station bus stop 696) at 9.50am.

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Thurs 19th May at 7.30pm in

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Mon 23rd May 7.15 pm at Long Lee Chapel, Long Lee, Keighley. Keighley & Thwaites Townswomen Mrs S Lambert Different Responsibilities of a Head Teacher.

Sat 21st May Laycock Village Hall, The Rotary Club of Haworth & Worth Valley - Dinner with Dewhirst. Ian Dewhirst is a local historian and his talk is entitled 'Notes from the back of Old Postcards! Tickets cost £10 each and this will include a fish & chip supper. Further details available from Rotarian Gordon Green on 01535 646232 or green.oldfield@btinternet.com

Thurs 26th May Clarus Opticians, 46 Cavendish Street, Keighley 9.30am - 11.30am . FREE drop in session - discussions on Cataracts. (includes cake & tea) Everyone Welcome.

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Sat 4th & Sun 5th June 9.30am - 4pm Saltaire Vintage Home & Fashion Fair at Victoria Hall, Saltaire With 40+ stalls of vintage loveliness for you and your home including genuine vintage fashion, such as 1940's tea dresses, 1950's prom gowns, jewellery, accessories, furniture, homewares, vintage vinyl, toys, books, kitchenalia and collectables, all from the 1920's to the 1980's.

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The soil should now start to be warming up to help to germinate the seeds that have already been sown directly into the ground.

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Later this month it should be alright to start planting out all the cabbage, cauliflower and Brussels sprouts that have been brought on indoors during the last few weeks. Birds love to eat newly planted brassicas. It is a good idea to cover them in netting, fastened onto bamboo canes.

Always be aware that we can still get keen frosts during May that can finish off those tender young plants.

Earth up all your potatoes as they begin to appear to ensure you get the maximum crops. Plant out leeks that have been grown from seed in the greenhouse. Make a hole with a dibber and drop one plant into each hole. Do

not fill the hole with soil, just fill it with water and enough soil will automatically drop into the hole.

Prune clematis montana once it has finished flowering. Begin by removing any dead and diseased wood and then prune back as far as needed depending where it is growing. This will encourage new young growth that will flower next spring.

Beware planting out summer bedding plant too early. Garden centres will have them in stock from early in May but I never plant up until about the second week in June when the risk of frost has passed.

Carefully hoe between plants and rows whether it is in the vegetable or flower garden. The secret is to catch the weeds before their roots become established. If you manage to pick a warm sunny day you can just leave the weeds on the surface to dry up and die.

Lawns will need mowing weekly to help to thicken up the grass. Try and mow it in different directions every time as this lays the grass in different directions and also helps to thicken up the lawn. Give your lawn a feed if you haven't already done so as this will give you a lush green lawn throughout the summer.



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Relaxation techniques provide one way of helping to alleviate some of the symptoms.

The fight or flight response affects us physically through the increased activity of the sympathetic nervous system to meet and resist the perceived stressor:

- agitating the breathing pattern
- brain wave activity is on constant 'alert' and unable to 'switch off'
- muscles are tense
- heart and pulse rate are increased
- blood pressure is increased
- the body floods the system with stress hormones
- the immune system is suppressed

Research demonstrates that relaxation techniques activate the parasympathetic nervous system - controlling the effects of unrelieved, long term stress and tension:

- calming the breathing process
- changing the brain function from beta (wakeful, active mental state) to alpha (relaxed, creative mental state)
- reducing muscular tension
- reducing heart rate
- lowering blood pressure

- reducing blood hormone levels
- supporting the immune system

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