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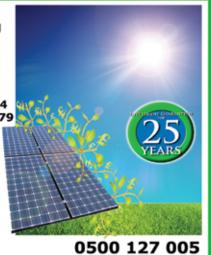
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Of course there is so much more than visitor attractions that make a place a home. It is the cast of characters we fill our lives with and the people who populate this patch who enrich, enrage, delight

be grateful for.

and surprise us; it is also our favourite coffee shop, the village pub, a familiar path we take to walk the dog, the park bench that holds our thoughts and dreams, the cemetery that contains the bones of our ancestors and loved ones, the church we attend or don't attend, the community hall and garden shed. Together we co-create

the experiences and spaces that help define this place, the Worth Valley, and it is indeed a special place that some call

I note as we go to press there is doubt as to whether the 1960's weekend in Haworth will ensue this month as planned. I can confirm that there will be informal

> celebrations and a peace party including a street piano or two for making music. And the scooters, minis & V Ws will still arrive. So get your groovy threads on and join in the fun. Be sure to stop at the Parish Church in Haworth to

participate in the Brolly Folly fundraiser too. (See the community pages)

The cover idea was inspired by the photo (centre)

I found on the internet. It is such a simple idea and one that conveys the positive spirit of the 60's...cooperation, hope, love, and of course...Peace! (something we want more of)







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We went out for our first walk And he went off running free No matter how I tried and tried He would not come back to me The little rascal ran with joy I stood and called in vain But he was on a mission now Running faster than a train I stood and rattled his box of treats My voice was getting higher But there was just no stopping him This boy of mine's a flyer Finally I caught up with him Breathless now and shattered I was just relieved to have him back That's all that really mattered He stared at me for quite a while Expectation in his eyes He was looking at the box at treats He now wanted his prize 'No way' I said in my sternest voice 'These are not for you. You didn't come when I called out, Or do what you should do.' I don't know if he understood, but, we're off to class one more I really have to get it right This recall that's for sure. From Heart to Pen by Maureen Parr is available on Amazon. Maureen is a Worth Valley Resident

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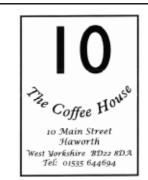
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Dessert

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I always like to finish off a meal with something sweet; any meal,

no matter how large or small seems to be left dangling mid-air unless punctuated by a pud. We probably all feel a twinge of guilt when choosing dessert: after all we are told on an almost daily basis that sweet things are bad for us and should be avoided at all costs. Some of you may be ok with that but I have to admit. fand I know a lot of people who feel the same) that I cannot imagine a life in which sweet things were never again allowed to pass my lips. Besides, if a dessert is homemade from high quality ingredients it must surely be far less sinful than the supermarket sweet which is most.

at least I have managed to persuade myself that this is true (and yes I do sometimes indulge in supermarket puds).

likely to be packed with additives

Desserts, by their very nature, have an allure which makes them both a joy to prepare and to eat. As far as I'm concerned making them is most definitely not a chore; the joy obtained by those eating it makes the preparation of the pud a hugely rewarding task. Their sweetly sinful reputation, the fact that they are often seen as a forbidden fruit, sometimes

enjoyed in secret affords them an aura of temptation and seduction, and like Oscar Wilde when it comes to dessert I find that I can resist anything but temptation. There is also a sense of romance about the dessert. Generally thought of as non-essential they are taken simply for the joy of eating them- they are all about enjoyment and pleasure. Many of us (I exclude myself from this statement) will choose not to have dessert everyday, meaning that when we do allow ourselves to indulge we want to really enjoy the experience. Much of the delight derived from

by Claire Smith of No.10 The Coffee House

preparation and enjoyment of dessert begins with the decision about exactly what you will choose. How decadent

do you want it to be? How simple or elaborate. Will it be something light

and summery like a gently poached toffee glazed peach, or a bowl of juicy, fresh berries with a

dollop of fragrant geranium

cream, or submerged in an exquisite champagne jelly. Will it be something from the rich, dark world of chocolate. luscious, hedonistic, with the felicitous addition of alcohol perhaps? Or something smooth, silky and creamy; a dessert which leaves you wanting to run your finger around the bowl in order to finish every last velveteen mouthful. There are so many wonderful ways to enjoy all things sweet. How far you wish to go is up to you.

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WOMEN are being urged to get their friends and relatives together and join the women-only Midnight Walk to raise vital funds for Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice. It's a 12km course, starting and finishing at Nab Wood Sports Centre, Cottingley New Road, Bingley, and there will be music and entertainment provided and refreshments along the way.

"Manorlands Hospice provides amazing care and support for people in the most distressing times and circumstances and I have seen first hand the excellent care they provide. I would urge anyone to take part and come and join in the fun. I think most of us in the area have a friend or know someone who has benefited from the wonderful work that Sue Ryder does and this is a great opportunity to help give something back.

"Walking at Midnight is a challenge and I really enjoy the atmosphere. It's brilliant that hundreds of ladies have taken a night out to support Sue Ryder. This will be my fourth year doing the walk and I feel it's a personal achievement."

"We have a great opportunity to support them knowing that we're able to walk and contribute to our own health and fitness while raising much-needed funds to care for others.

"Last year's event was fantastic with an exciting atmosphere so women won't want to miss out on taking part this year. We are hoping for a big turn-out, making it a night to be remembered.

"With even more walkers this year, we want to smash this amount and make a difference to the lives of more people with complex, life-limiting conditions such as cancer. It costs £2.2million each year to run Manorlands Hospice and we rely on voluntary donations for the majority of our income."

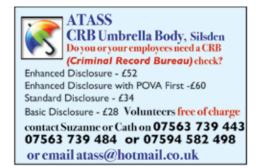
At the finish, walkers will receive special Midnight Walk goodies, a medal and warm breakfast sandwich.

Entry is £15 and all participants must preregister to take part.

The fundraising team would also like to hear from volunteers, including men, wanting to help in the run-up to the event or on the night itself.



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Numbers are strictly limited. To be sure of a place, early booking is recommended. Bookings can be made for 22nd June or 26th July. Tickets are £16. To book, please contact Sonia Boocock, Brontë Parsonage Museum, 01535 640192/sonia,boocock@bronte.org.uk



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by Karen Davidson of Weeny Boppers.co.uk

We all know that babies and young children learn through – and love, music! It's never too early to sing, dance or tap out a rhythm with a young child. In fact the research about music and children's development is truly jaw dropping and shows it can have a remarkable effect on all areas of learning.

Music, movement, actions and rhythm are all important tools for encouraging healthy development in young children. Whether your musical experiences consist of attending a local class or sing-alongs during a journey, play-alongs with home made instruments and dance-athons all around the front room, you can be sure you're helping your child's learning and growth during these important early years.

Songs & Rhymes - as children start to grasp the simple rhyming words in catchy songs and rhymes, they will start to build up a collection of word associations that will help them develop their language. Songs with movements and actions reinforce learning and help improve memory and recall, listening skills, creativity and confidence. That's because "doing" is more effective than "listening" where learning is concerned.

Movement - whether moving all around the room, stomping, jumping, stretching or swaying, such movement activities enhance physical balance, control and co-ordination; increase health and fitness; strengthen little limbs and muscles and give everyone something to smile, rock, bounce, or dance about! Physical activity to lively music has a real 'feel good factor' too.

Beat & Rhythm - awareness of a rhythmic pulse is important in everyday



life tasks that require a regularly-paced repeated motion such as walking, running - and for older children, bouncing a ball, riding a bicycle, handwriting, using scissors and so on. Clapping, tapping, swishing and moving in time to music help build an awareness of ratios and proportions and help develop sequencing, pattern recognition, number and maths skills.

Instruments & Props - children love using and exploring all sorts of instruments and play equipment, which can be done to music to increase the sense of enjoyment and emotional security. A variety of multisensory experiences can be provided at home with a little improvisation and imagination - eg. scarves, instruments, balls, drums, puppets, bubbles and so on.

Musical Concepts - babies and young children will adore the fun and suspense of start/stop; loud/quiet; fast/slow, bumpy/smooth etc. which can all be easily created with your volume control, pause button and a few different pieces of music. Having fun with your toddler in this way helps build important preschool and life skills such as listening skills and awareness of contrasts.

Music has many benefits for children and can so easily be enjoyed at home with very little effort, or by joining a class which holds the added benefit of helping improve turn-taking, social skills, confidence and providing interaction with other children.







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I wonder what should be the next Worth Vallley Mag recipe, I mused aloud, while handing around a tin of treats on a recent camping trip. My friends looked at me as though I was mad – why, these of course, they chorused, mouths full of oaty chocolatey toffee covered stuff. So here they are; great for extra energy on a camping trip, portable provisions for a hike across the hills or a well deserved mouthful of smugness after a hard afternoon's gardening.

[This makes quite a lot, so you can halve the recipe if you like and it will still work – but you will probably just have to make more the next day...and what on earth could you do with half a tin of condensed milk left over?]

8oz / 500g soft butter, 4 oz / 250g light soft brown sugar, 4 oz / 250g dark brown sugar and 2 egg yolks, all beaten together well until light and fluffy [a mixer will do this best if you have one]. Stir in half a can of condensed milk and beat again.

Then add 4 oz/250g porridge oats and 4 oz/250g plain flour and stir until well coated in the buttery mixture.

Press into a greased and lined swiss roll tin, or a square baking tray or cake tin – it doesn't matter too much what size as long as the mixture is at least half an inch deep (please do line your tin with greaseproof paper, otherwise its just impossible to get out). Bake for 20 minutes at 1900 / gas mark 5.



Leave to cool in the tin for about 10 minutes and then lift up with the paper and transfer to a rack (otherwise the bottom goes too soggy, which we really wouldn't want). While its still a little warm, slice into squares, but leave on the paper all together.

Then make the fudgy chocolatey topping:

Melt 75g butter with 75g dark brown sugar in a pan until bubbling. Add the rest of the condensed milk and stir well. Keep stirring on the heat for a minute or two – try not to let it bubble or burn. Allow to cool a little – it should thicken rather nicely. Drizzle over the oaty stuff.

Finally, melt about **100g** of chocolate with a teaspoon of butter or cream (this helps to stop it burning) until just melted; stir well and drizzle over the top of the other drizzle.

This has about half a million calories per piece, but is strangely light and moreish. You have been warned.

by Nel Hargrave



Haworth Fairtrade group would like to invite you to be part of our ecofair to be held once again in the Bronte Parsonage Meadow

The dates this year are Saturday and Sunday, 10th and 11th September and already we have lots more exciting things planned.

It's bigger and better but we have been careful to retain the unique Community spirit that made the first one so memorable.





If you would like to be involved or support in any way please let us know as soon as possible

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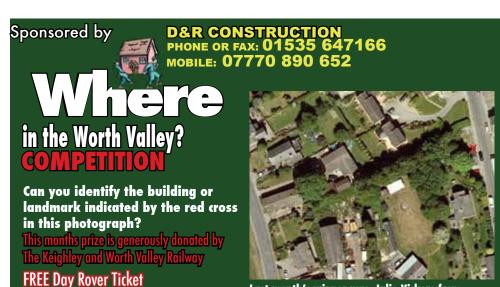






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"Passionate about food" is an understatement when it comes to Andy and his family. He and his wife, Mandy, and daughter, Kelly, own and run Gasgoigne's, the delicatessen and café that sits proudly in a prominent position at the top of Main Street in Haworth.

It doesn't take long to discern that this café is much more than a watering hole for tourists. Andy operates an old fashioned smoke house in the cellars of the café and has invested in the latest. and greatest oven to bake his Daily bread making handmade bread.



When they say, "made fresh on the premises every day," they mean it. There is no dashina to Morrison's for the scones or pulling out a frozen pie to throw in the microwave. While most shops on

Main Street are still

in slumber mode, Andy is baking the



photo courtesy of Chris McCarthy

day's bread provisions in the cellar

or smoking fish, meat, and cheeses in the smokehouse. And then there are pies and pasties to be made, or potted meat to be prepared. In fact, one wonders if this chap ever sleeps!

Meanwhile Mandy and Kelly graft above ground in the café serving their customers, a mixture of locals, regulars and tourists, who come looking for refreshment. "It is

lovely to see people i return each week" Kelly affirms. "They stop for a chat and a meal, shop in the deli, and pick up their bread order at or taken away



Freshly made sandwiches can be eaten in

the same time." It becomes part of the fabric of their lives. When they leave

The salmon is slowly cooked and then smoked

they say, "See you next week." Sure

enough, seven days later, the Gascoiane's welcome them back.

It seems like Andv. Kelly and Mandy are on a mission to return to oldfashioned values and sustainable local living. Kelly uses her blog and Facebook



technology doesn't have its place. Taking a further look at Gascoigne's online, you will discover even more about this dynamic family business and their devotion to raising the bar in Haworth and the surrounding valleys. You can follow them on Facebook or read Kelly's Blog to catch up on their latest happenings. Only recently, we discovered on Facebook, a young man proposed to his girl friend in

Gascoigne's. (Happily, she said yes, according to Kelly!)

June marks Gascoigne's one year anniversary. It has been an eventful year punctuated by a few surprises, plenty of success, and lots of hard work. While much has been achieved. in the first year of trading for this plucky Yorkshire family, the café is buzzing, the deli cabinet is brimming with innovative and delectable offerings; one nevertheless gets the distinct impression there will be little time to kick back and rest on their laurels.

With a glint in his eye and a wink, Andy confirms, "We have more things in the pipeline; another project." Somehow, we're not surprised.

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Hardcastle Crags, Hebden Bridge Join in at 4am for an early morning walk to hear the uplifting dawn chorus through the woodland, followed by breakfast at Gibson Mill. Price: Adult. £5. Child £2. Booking is essential. call 01422844518.

Sun 5 June Piano Recital 10.30am-2.30pm at the Bronte Parsonage Museum. Pianist Maya Irgalina from the Royal Northern College of Music performs on Emily Bronte's cabinet piano. Free with admission. Visit www.bronte.org.uk for more information.

Fri 10 - Sun 12 June Rock & Rail Music Festival 2011 A new event. held at the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway. For more information visit www.rockandrail.co.uk for more details or follow on twitter: @rockandrail

Sun 12 June Bradford Mela at Peel Park. This festival is expected to attract over 100,000 visitors and there is loads to see and do for all the family including music and dance, Street Theatre with acrobats, comedy and stilt walkers. Food from around the world will be on sale and there will be lots for kids to do including face painting, costume making and an

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Thanks to KTTC and to all those who attended the event in May. £10 was raised for Leeds & Bradford Dyslexia Association.

Thurs 16 June Everyday Lives 7pm at the Bronte Parsonage Museum. Ann Dinsdale and Suzanne Fagence Cooper take us through the domestic rituls of an early 19th century household. For more information visit www.bronte.org.uk.

Sat 18 June Bronte Moors Charity Challenge Organised by the Rotary Club of Haworth and Worth Valeev. in aid of the British Heart Foundation. Entry form and information www. brontemoorschallenge.

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Sat 18 - Sun 19 June 1960s Weekend in Haworth. Street performers and musicians capture

the decade for your pleasure, whilst scooters. Minis and V-dubs cruise the streets. There are dances and record 'hops' to be enjoyed and many people in period clothing to transport you back to the 60s.

Sat 18th-Sun19th June 1960's themed Brolly Folly

This is a competition where umbrellas are decorated to represent a 1960's song title. All the umbrellas are numbered and you have to match the relevant number to the song title on the list. During the weekend there will be 60's music, stalls and refreshments Haworth Parish Church

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shareholder added "It has been a tough few years trading and with no obvious family progression we felt it was time to find new owners who can invest in the future of the business and the staff, and Skipton Ford fit the bill perfectly. I and my fellow shareholders wish the new owners. all the success for the future". The new company will trade as Keighley Ford and retain the premises at Dalton Lane, Kevin Bentley, Director commented, "We are delighted with the prospect of developing business in Keighley and feel there is a real opportunity to expand whilst balancing the highest level of customer service." Keighley Ford will continue to operate the same departments that currently exist but the new owners have committed to a larger choice and volume of new and used car stock as well as commercial vehicles.



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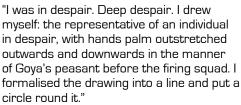
It is one of the most widely known symbols in the world; in Britain it is recognised as standing for nuclear disarmament —and in particular as the logo of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND). In the United States and much of the rest of the world it is known more broadly as the peace symbol. It was designed in 1958 by Gerald Holtom, a professional designer and artist and a graduate of the Royal College of Arts.

The first badges were made by Eric Austin of Kensington CND using white clay with the symbol painted black. Again there was a conscious symbolism. They were distributed with a note explaining that in the event of a nuclear war, these fired pottery badges would be among the few human artifacts to survive the nuclear inferno. These early ceramic badges can still be found and one, lent by CND, was included in the Imperial War Museum's exhibition From the Bomb to the Beatles.

What does it mean?

Gerald Holtom, a conscientious objector who had worked on a farm in Norfolk during the Second World War, explained that

the symbol incorporated the semaphore letters N(uclear) and D(isarmament). He later wrote to Hugh Brock, editor of Peace News, explaining the genesis of his idea in greater, more personal depth:



Eric Austin added his own interpretation of the design: "the gesture of despair had long been associated with the death of Man and the circle with the unborn child."

The symbol almost at once crossed the Atlantic. Bayard Rustin, a close associate of Martin Luther King had come over from the US in order to take part in that first Aldermaston March. He took the symbol back to the United States where it was used on civil rights marches. Later it appeared on anti-Vietnam War demonstrations and was even seen daubed in protest on their helmets by American Gls. Simpler to draw than the Picasso peace dove, it became known, first in the US and then round the world. It appeared on the walls of Prague when the Soviet tanks invaded in 1968, on the Berlin Wall, in Sarajevo and Belgrade, on the graves of the victims of military dictators from the Greek Colonels to the Argentinian junta. It remains a lasting and compelling image today.

Gerald Holtom's original, first sketches are now on display as part of the Commonweal

Collection in Bradford.

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De-Mystify Me the column for your computer queries in association with our friends at CloudfreeIT

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last month...

- **Q.** I bought what I thought was a bargain laptop with Vista Home Premium preinstalled, 1GB of RAM and an 80GB hard disk, but I wish I hadn't! Performance has been dreadful from the start; far worse than my old Windows XP laptop. Is it a lost cause? Should I bin it?
- **A.** The poor performance is most likely a result of Windows Vista being far more 'resource-hungry' than XP, particularly where 'Windows Aero' premium visual experience is enabled. This is designed to show translucent windows, 3-dimensional perspective, rich textures, advanced colour mixes and animations. It wasn't included in 'Home Basic' the edition of Windows Vista most often pre-installed on low specification hardware.

 Whilst Vista will run on a machine with

1GB of RAM, much of that gets eaten up

by Vista itself. This leaves very little RAM in which to run your applications or anti-virus software, hence the appalling performance you're getting. 2GB or more is recommended, to ensure that all features (including Aero) function well enough for users to remain 'even tempered'! As you only have 1GB of RAM you could do one of two things. Either:-

- 1. Turn off the features of 'Aero', assuming you're happy to live without the 'prettiness' in order to get usable performance. Doing this changes the look of the menus and Window title bars to more like they were in pre-Windows XP, saving on resources. Start right click on 'Computer' select 'Properties' click on 'Advanced system settings'- (click 'Continue' only if UAC is enabled) click on the 'Advanced' tab under the Performance section click 'Settings' select 'Adjust for bestperformance' click 'Apply') OR...
- 2. Upgrade the RAM in your laptop from 1GB to 2GB or more. Obviously this will cost money, so only choose this option if you really can't live without the translucent effect of 'Aero' or you find that option 1 doesn't make enough of an improvement to performance for your needs. If you find it difficult to explain your query in writing come and show us instead at our Drop-in

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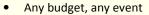


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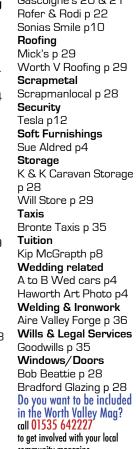
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