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We continue to support the campaign to Keep Trade Local with the publication of more information from Jenny Sergeant, the FSB's Regional Organiser, and ideas on how you might choose to get involved. Kris Hopkins, our Worth Valley ward councillor and Leader of Bradford Council, has pledged to back the FSB's initiative (pp 20/21). If you have ideas for encouraging the growth of our local economy we'd be delighted to hear from you. This information will be fed back to Jenny and Kris and will help to formulate an action plan for our area.

March 22nd is Mothering Sunday. Nel's muffin recipe (p. 36) is particularly suitable for adolescents or teens hoping to impress Mum on her special day, [Dads will need to supervise younger children]. We tested the recipe in my household and the results were spot on. My 12 year old son and his sister, aged 15, enjoyed experimenting with the fillings. [Blueberry with lemon zest was the clear favourite].

The Bronte Parsonage Museum is admitting Mums free of charge on March 21 & 22 in celebration of Mothering Sunday. (All Mums must be accompanied by a child!)

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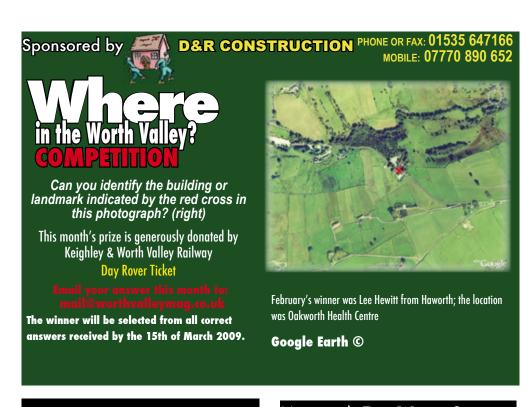
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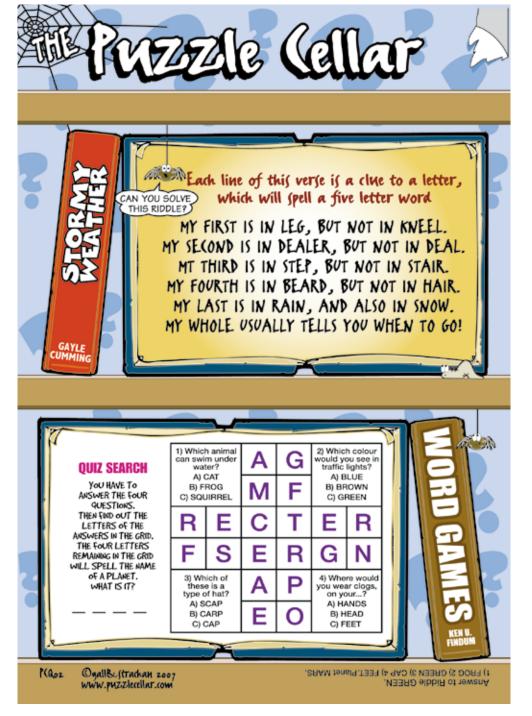
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small business owners and communities to come together and make this a powerful grassroots campaign with a far reaching message. The FSB has nearly 200 members in the Worth Valley area which is part of the Bradford branch district. FSB-Bradford is supporting the FSB's Keep Trade Local campaign by organising a series of meetings over the coming months on the theme 'Keep Trade Local and Beat the Recession', In addition to having a speaker talking on a topical business issue, members will look in particular at how they can support each other and so enhance the sustainability of local towns and communities. The next meeting is on Thursday 26th March 7:00 for 7:30 at the Dubrovnik Hotel, Bradford, BD8 7AQ. For further information contact Jenny Sergeant, Regional Organiser on 01977 690032 or email jenny. sergeant@fsb.org.uk

Keep Trade Local is a concept which speaks to everyone who wants to see the future of their communities and local high streets safeguarded. The FSB is campaigning to secure the future of small shops and local traders across the UK and to safeguard the choice and competition that people expect in the market place. The FSB wants to see local retail planning decisions reflect the needs of the local community; a review of business rates in town centres; and an end to unfair commercial practices, such as

below-cost-selling. The Keep Trade Local Manifesto sets out the issues that the FSB wishes to highlight in this campaign: planning; parking; business rate relief; crime prevention; post office closures and public procurement. All these issues need to be addressed locally as well as by the Government to ensure that our local communities remain vibrant. The number signing the Keep Trade Local petition continues to grow http://petitions. pm.gov.uk/keeptradelocal/ or they can be downloaded from the Keep Trade Local pages of the FSB's website www.fsb.org.uk

By supporting the campaign in this way and by doing what you can to use your local high street and the businesses around you, you will help secure your community's future prosperity.

What are you doing now? If you've got a story about how you help Keep Trade Local, whether you're a local business or someone who uses local businesses, or comments on the value of small businesses to the local economy and sustainability, the FSB wants to hear from you. Jenny Sergeant, Regional Organiser is collecting 'I Help Keep Trade Local' stories for a special feature in a forthcoming issue of the FSB's West Yorkshire Voice which is distributed to over 5.500 small businesses across West Yorkshire. Contact Jenny on 01977 690032 or email (as previous).

Help Keep Trade Local Worth Valley



Kris Hopkins, Leader of Bradford MDC & Parliamentary Candidate

When asked, I was only too keen to offer my full

support to the Federation of Small Business (FSB) "Keep Trade Local" campaign and to add my name to the online petition which, at the time of writing, had attracted more than 5.000 signatures.

The catalyst for the campaign was a report from the House of Commons All-Party Small Shops Group which estimated that, at the current rate of closure, there would be no independent retailers left in the UK by 2015 - a loss of 50,000 small businesses.

This is a tide which must be turned. particularly given the catastrophic damage the closure of shops and other outlets would have in areas like Worth Valley, the ward I am proud to represent on Bradford Council.

With its unique tourist economy and with attractions like the famous "Bronte Country" at its heart, we simply cannot stand by and allow our community and others like it be decimated by the power of big business.

As well as being Leader of Bradford Council, I am also the Conservative Parliamentary Candidate for Keighley

and Ilkley. I have already spent a lot of time in my campaign defending our local Post Offices from closure. Post Offices are small businesses too and, as the FSB rightly points out, their closure has a very damaging impact on other small businesses and communities - especially in rural areas such as Worth Valley.

There must also be changes to the planning regime to stop out of town retail developments drawing people away from their local high streets.

And business rates must be reviewed to stop the burden falling wrongly and disproportionately on small businesses.

Whilst I am familiar with many of the problems faced by small businesses here. I don't claim to know them. all and I certainly don't have all the answers.

That is why, in the coming weeks, I intend to ask as many small businesses as possible in Worth Valley to complete a survey which asks for their thoughts and solutions to the problems they currently face. Should this exercise prove successful, I plan to issue the survey to other firms in the Keighley and Ilkley constituency.

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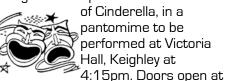
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Saturday 7th March

Table top sale in aid of Haworth Cat Rescue, at West Lane Methodist Hall, Haworth, between 9:30 and 11:30am.

Sunday 8th March

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3:45pm. Tickets priced at £3 for adults and £2 for children/concessions can be purchased by telephoning Matthew Binns on 01535 640448 or Tom Ogden on 07966 625363.

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Alter Ego Graphology Day at the Bronte



Parsonage Museum. As part of the Alter Ego exhibition, the Museum has commissioned graphologist Diane Simpson to analyse examples of Charlotte, Branwell, Emily and Anne's handwriting. Diane will be working with visitors during a one-day special event to reveal her findings and discover what your own handwriting says about you. Free on admission to the Museum.

Sunday 15th March

Guided Tour of the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway. Price per person is £29.50 and includes a full buffet lunch. To book call Haworth station during midweek office hours on 01535 645214

Sunday 22nd March

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Saturday 28th March

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Monday 29th March

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Tuesday 31st March

Firth's 'My Fair Lady' Fashion Show will be held at the Haworth Parish Church Bronte School Room at 2pm and again at 7pm. All proceeds from the show will be shared between two chosen charities, Marie Curie Cancer Care and Harry's Appeal (Alzheimer's). Tickets are available now from Firths

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FISHING 5.0. FOOTBALL 3.0 and Golf Clubs 4.1

Conversation 8.0 no longer runs, and Housecleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system.

Please note that I have tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems, but to no avail.

What can I do? Sianed.

Desperate

DEAR DESPERATE.

First, keep in mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an Entertainment Package, while Husband 1.0 is an operating system.

Please enter command:

ithoughtyoulovedme.html and try to download Tears 6.2 and do not forget to install the Guilt 3.0 update.

If that application works as designed, Husband 1.0 should then automatically run the applications Jewellery 2.0 and Flowers 3.5.



However, remember that overuse of the above application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0 or Beer 6.1 Please note that Beer 6.1 is a very bad program that will download the Farting and Snoring Loudly Beta.

Whatever you do, DO NOT under any circumstances install Mother-In-Law 1.0 (it runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all your system resources.)

In addition, please do not attempt to reinstall the Boyfriend 5.0 program. These are unsupported applications and will crash Husband 1.0.

In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn new applications quickly. You might consider buying additional software to improve memory and performance. We recommend: Good Cooking 3.0 and Hot Lingerie 7.7

Good Luck

Tech Support

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OAKWORTH IN BLOOM

Oakworth in Bloom, a small group of residents sharing an interest in gardening formed in the spring of 2008. The aim was to improve the village environment, but they were delighted last year to win a Certificate of Merit from Yorkshire in Bloom for the work they had done at Holden Hall in Oakworth. This is the second highest award in the public building category

and is an unexpected but welcome affirmation of their efforts. At Holden Hall the group planted half barrels and put up hanging baskets at the front, restored two flower beds at the side and made another bed and tidied up the lawn at the back. In

the future the group plans to create more planting at the front, and install an automatic, environmentally friendly watering system. They were also awarded a Certificate of Merit for this work from Keighley in Bloom.

After being approached by Keighley Town Council, and with the approval of Bradford Council, the group "adopted" the roundabout at the top of Highfield Court. With contributions of both cash and hard labour from local residents, the roundabout was transformed from a muddy eyesore to (we think) a thing of beauty! The residents are now keeping up the good work and have taken ownership of this project. With the help of local Brownies and Guides, the group also planted some 200 bulbs in the roundabout on Cure Hill which

should make a good show of colour this spring.

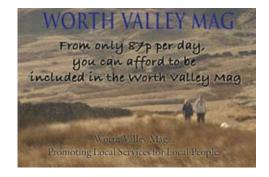
Fund raising stalls at both Oakworth Gala and the Christmas Fair helped raise both much needed funds and public awareness of our aims. The group provide the people power, but are grateful to have received funding for projects from Keighley in Bloom, B & Q, Oakworth Co-op and CSV Action Earth among others

Some thought was given towards

entering Oakworth in the Urban Community category of the Yorkshire in Bloom competition for 2009, but they have decided instead to develop from last year's efforts and enter Holden Hall in the same category. Entry for Y.I.B. is a

major undertaking which will need wider support from the community. Even so, already some local businesses have agreed to put up hanging baskets or window boxes, and maybe next year, if more businesses and individuals come forward to help, we shall have enough support to enter as a village.

If you think your street would benefit from a partnership project, like Highfield Court, or if you are interested in helping us make Oakworth a more colourful place to live, then please contact us by ringing Hilary Healey on 07761 791780 or come to the next meeting on 12th March at 7.00pm in Holden Hall. You don't need horticultural knowledge - just enthusiasm and interest- so all are welcome.





The Harehills Foundation Trust is a charity established in 1744 offering financial aid to help pupils and students with their education.



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250g plain flour
250 ml milk
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoons vanilla extract

- 1. Put the paper muffin cases in a Yorkshire Pudding sized muffin tin (or if you haven't got one, just put one case inside another, so you have double thickness, and put them side by side on a baking tray). Now put the oven on at 375 F / 190 C / gas mark 5
- **2.** In a large mixing bowl, melt the butter (you can do this in the microwave) and beat in the eggs and sugar until smooth
- **3.** Add remaining ingredients and fold together, but not too well the batter should still look a bit lumpy. A good silicone spatula is useful for this if you have one.
- **4.** Fill 4 of the cases about three quarters full with the plain vanilla mix **5.** Separate the rest of the mixture into two bowls, and into each bowl add your mum's favourite flavours here's some ideas:
- •a handful of blueberries and some lemon zest (this is the grated skin of a lemon)
- •a handful of white chocolate



buttons and some chopped strawberries
•half a chopped apple, dried apricots and raisins and a teaspoon of cinnamon
•half a chopped banana and some chocolate buttons.

6. Fill another four paper cases

with one of the mixtures, and then the last four with the other mixture – you should have a tray of 3 different flavoured muffins

Pop them into the hot oven for about 20 minutes.

NOW you can do the washing up and wipe down all the surfaces so it really is a Mothers Day treat when your mum comes into the kitchen!

When they have risen and cracked on the top, take them out and let them cool for 5 minutes in the tin (I know it's hard not to eat them straight away). Then take them out and let them cool a bit more on a wire rack (this stops the bottoms going soggy). Now you can take them in to your mum with her Mothers Day card and share them.





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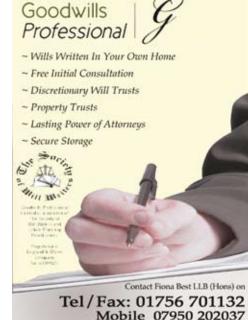


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