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October is a special month for the Aire Valley Mag as we launch a new edition of the magazine. We are also extending our reach to include more homes in Silsden.

All in all, our publications reach 20,000 households in the Worth & Aire Valleys over three editions.

We began publishing the Aire Valley Mag in Sept 2009. Since then a lot has changed. The internet has continued to rise in prominence; social media and mobile technology has ballooned as well. We are now engaging in conversations across a multitude of platforms.

One key component in creating a successful and valued community publication is the involvement of local people. Our contributors live and work in the Worth & Aire Valleys and are involved in the community.

We put money back in to the pockets of local people by hiring our own local team to distribute the magazines. When you choose to use one of the community mag advertisers, you are choosing to support the local economy. Do let them know you found them in the Aire Valley Mag, they will appreciate it!

We hope the message is coming through loud and clear...The Aire Valley Mag is Local, Local Local!

Let us know if you have ideas for shaping the content of these pages. We welcome your contributions and thoughts. It is our intention to continue to support the communities of Silsden, Steeton, Eastburn, Sutton, Crosshills and Glusburn. Feel free to contact us on 01535 642227 or mail@worthvalleymag.co.uk Have a great October!



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Washing Line
by Joanna M Weston

Washing Lines, A collection of poems selected by Janie Hextall and Barbara McNaught, is a delightful book available in that equally delightful shop: The Imaginarium Gallery, 74 Main Street, Haworth. Born of a shared love of washing lines and poetry, the subject of this anthology is laundry and washing, reflecting many human emotions to do with family, relationships and memory.

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Young Writer's event will be no exception.

The performance is based around the theme "Will the Future Have Leaves?" and explores big questions such as "What will the future be like?" and "What will happen to nature in the years to come?" These questions are increasingly important in a world where industry and technology seem to be growing in power ever more rapidly, often at the

expense of nature, as evidenced by the decreasing area of rainforest. Many of the pieces that the Group have written explore these ideas with the theme interpreted in lots of ways, incorporating a wide range of distinct and varied poetry and prose. As well as spoken word, there will be a musical element to the performances.

The event will take place on the Bandstand in the centre of Ilkley, as it seems fitting to base a performance themed around nature outdoors (although alternative arrangements will be made in case of adverse weather conditions!). The free event promises to be a dynamic outdoor poetry and prose show case from a talented teenage writing group and an imaginative and artistic show suitable for all ages.

Sam Fletcher from Ilkley Young Writers commented: "We've been developing much creative and thoughtful work for this event, and we'd really love to see lots of people there so please come and enjoy our performance!"
www.ilkleyliteraturefestival.org.uk/ / @ilkleylitfest



Will the Future have Leaves?

Ilkley Young Writers
The Bandstand on
The Grove, Ilkley.

Saturday 6th October, 2-3pm FREE

The Ilkley Young Writers are a group of 15 talented teenage writers aged 12-17 with a passion for poetry and prose who meet on a weekly basis to write and are inspired by each other's work. The group has previously been involved in many writing projects, most notably the Stanza Stones Poetry trail with Simon Armitage, which was a great success with some really innovative resulting performances. Now experienced performance poets, the group has taken part in the Stanza Stones Showcase and events at Ilkley Playhouse, amongst many more. Many of our members were also shortlisted for the Poetry for Peace Prize.

On Saturday October 6th 2012 the group will be showcasing their talent at an Ilkley Literature Festival Fringe event, as part of the annual Ilkley Literature Festival, a prestigious programme of events which this year includes appearances from household names such as Benjamin Zephaniah and Michael Palin. The Fringe events are free, fun and exciting and the

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Olympic style efforts achieve astounding success

Hundreds of cancer survivors and supporters enjoyed a spot of late summer sunshine during a record-breaking round-the-clock charity event late September. The "Relay For Life", which was organised by Skipton-based Ribble Valley and White Rose Ladies, raised £132,500 for Cancer Research UK, smashing last year's relay total by £22,000.

Cancer patients and survivors joined family, friends and local businesses to walk for twenty four hours round a specially created track in the grounds of Skipton's historic Broughton Hall Estate.

The relay was formally opened by the Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, Lord Crathorne. Eight year old Paralympic torch bearer Evan Whitton from Silsden was also there to take part in the opening ceremony.

Local town crier Roland Hailwood acted as MC throughout the round-the-clock proceedings, which included keep fit classes, dance, live entertainment and an emotional flame of hope ceremony, illuminated by five hundred candle bags made and decorated by local school children.

Now in its third year, the event was attended by cancer survivors whose ages spanned eight decades. Fourteen year old Zack Driver donned fancy dress for the occasion, while the oldest survivor there, eighty-one-year-old Frank Smith led survivors in a lap of honour to kick-start the marathon relay.

Ribble Valley and White Rose Ladies was set up in 1998 to raise



Evan Whitton of Silsden with mum Lynda, MC Roland Hailwood, Lord Cranthorne and members of the Ribble Valley & White Rose Ladies.

money for research into childhood cancer by Skipton hotelier, Karen Weaving. Since then the all-female fundraising force have raised £900,000 for the charity.

Karen, who runs Skipton's Rendezvous Hotel with husband Malcolm, said,

"The glorious sunshine helped to get proceedings off to a great start. Spirits remained high into the evening and right through the night, thanks to the hundreds of dedicated supporters who took part."

The group organise fundraising events throughout the year. For more information visit www.ribbonvalleyandwhiteroseladies.co.uk or contact Karen Weaving on 01756 700100.

Supporters in fancy dress get into the relay spirit



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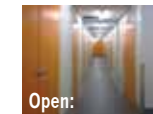
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Airedale Business Growth Conference

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The reasons businesses use a coach vary, but often they are looking for an objective person to help them plan their business growth. This might involve business planning, help with recruiting staff or looking at ways of attracting new customers and increasing sales. For all businesses, whether they are 1 person just starting out, or a multi-million pound international business, creating a loyal customer base is their number 1 priority, and that will include attracting new customers, whilst at the same time ensuring that their existing customers are delighted with their service, and that's before they get started on the day job!

One of the most effective ways that businesses can increase their profile and start to attract customers is to forge links with the wider business community, and one of the best ways of doing this is through business networking. While there are a number of very effective business networking organisations, many of the Enterprise Coaches will hold occasional events to introduce local businesses to one another and encourage them to trade amongst themselves.

The 3 Airedale Coaches are holding one such event on the 19th October. The Airedale Business Growth Conference will be held at the Mercure Hotel in Bingley on **Friday 19th October 11.30-2pm**. The Conference will provide a unique opportunity to find out what support is available to businesses within the Airedale area, as well as providing unlimited networking opportunities. The event is free to all sizes and types of business, and a buffet lunch is included.

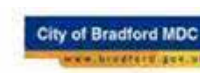
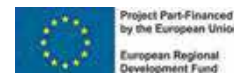
The programme will include speakers from the Business Support programmes as well as information about Apprenticeships and Bradford Council's procurement process.

This two and a half hour conference is a comprehensive introduction to the support available to your business, whether you have just started, need help to survive or are looking to grow. You will have the opportunity to meet with the coaches if you would like to, gather information, or just get to know your business neighbours. Who knows, you might even meet your new best customer!



Enterprise coaches Rav, David & Candy are available to help!

To book your place, please go to: <http://airedalegrowthconference.eventbrite.com/> Or contact rav.panesar@bradfordkickstart.com
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TO BLOG OR NOT TO BLOG?

by Michelle Thompson, CloudFreeIT

Allegedly there's 60 million+ WordPress blogs on the web today, so along with blogs on other 'blogging' platforms (e.g. Joomla, Drupal, Tumblr, Posterous etc), there could be zillions of blogs out there! Many are created and forgotten, or are so boring that they serve no purpose (see www.number10.gov.uk). Some grow massive followings, receiving a huge amount of attention in the media. Google 'Belle de Jour', the blog which formed the basis for TV's 'Diary of a Call Girl', to see what I mean (not when the kids, or Granny, are around though!).

Your typical 'Blogger' might be a:-

1. Person maintaining a weblog of valuable, interesting, controversial or just plain entertaining content (see www.stephenfry.com/blog or check out www.creativetourist.com for 'Top 25 Arts & Culture blogs'), or
2. Dull individual with an unhealthy dose of self-interest, who wants to show off pics of rude shaped root vegetables he grew this summer (I won't encourage such puerile nonsense by naming names), or
3. Self-obsessed D-Lister/'wannabe' who microblogs (brags) at every opportunity how much free #Bolly they blagged at #ChinaWhite last Friday, posting pics to promote her 'ample talents' in the hope of securing:
 - a. a walk-on part in #EastEnders
 - b. a double-page spread in #Zoo or #FHM magazines, or
 - c. an OK wedding special for their forthcoming, but probably very short-lived, marriage to a 3rd Division one-legged footballer with nice hair. You can spot

them a mile off due to over-use of 'hash tags'* on social media sites. Types 2 & 3 clutter up the web with utter drivel, so I call upon you, dear reader, to re-dress the balance. Share your thoughts and creativity (no root veg please) with the world through blogging. Even absolute beginners can DIY for free, and it really does only take a few minutes to set up. I tried it one evening last week using www.webnode.com. Follow instructions on screen:-

1. Choose a name for your site. I called mine 'Shell's World' (a work in progress and not ready for public viewing yet!). Provide your email address and your choice of password. Use these as your login details later for adding content to your blog.
2. Activate your account by clicking on the link in the welcome email you'll receive.
3. Choose a layout & colour scheme template (you can modify this later).
4. Log into the Content Management System (CMS) and start blogging!

If you're at all daunted, just remember this... If you 'Facebook' or 'Tweet' you're already a microblogger, anyway. Building your own blog site is just the next step. Get a few visitors who like your blog to tell others. Build yourself a following and, if you're canny, money can be made from selling advertising space (or selling your creations via your blog site).


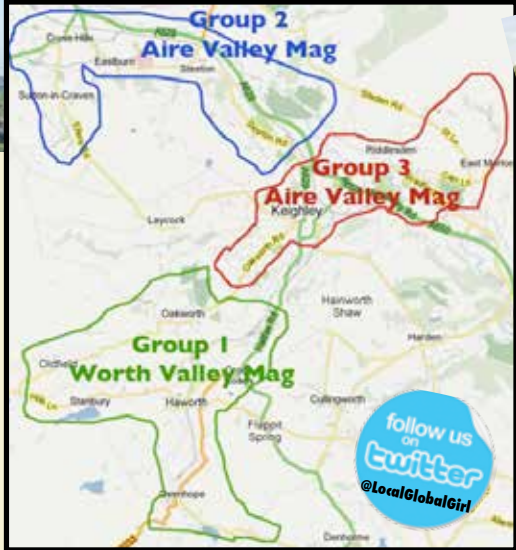
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A sudoku puzzle consists of a 9 x 9-square grid subdivided into nine 3 x 3 boxes. Some of the squares contain numbers. The object is to fill in the remaining squares so that every row, every column, and every 3 x 3 box contains each of the numbers from 1 to 9 exactly once.

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BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM

by Jenna Holmes



Simon Warner's series of films, displayed on miniature screens and as projections throughout the rooms of the Parsonage, record encounters with natural features, vegetation and the elements



Still photo taken from Simon Warner's video

on a series of walks towards Withins Height over the year of his residency. His films bring the landscape that so inspired the Brontës back into their former home. The miniature scale of the works echo the Brontës' great imaginative kingdoms contained within the pages of tiny books. Top Withins – and its associations with Emily Brontë's *Wuthering Heights* – holds particular prominence in the exhibition. Its mythic status and remote wild location has inspired generations of artists, photographers and writers, and



Sketch of *Wuthering Heights* by Sylvia Plath

the exhibition documents its progressive ruination during the twentieth century, seen through the lenses of early photographers as well as loans of major works by Fay Godwin, Bill Brandt, Alexander Keighley and Sylvia Plath. The earliest photographs from the Parsonage archives date from around 1895, when the farm was still inhabited. Historian Steven Wood has written a new essay for the exhibition catalogue which documents the history of the Withins farm settlements from the 1500s. All of this fascinating material has been brought together for the first time, capturing the significance of the wild and visceral landscape of Haworth moor.

The Brontë novels are intimately connected with the landscape of the South Pennines, especially the unique moors and heaths that characterise the Worth Valley. So when the Watershed Landscape Project was announced [a three year programme which seeks to tell the story of the South Pennine uplands through projects and commissions] it seemed very appropriate that the Brontë Parsonage Museum should get involved. Local photographer and filmmaker Simon Warner has been photographing this unique landscape from his base in Stanbury since the 1970s, and was commissioned as our artist in residence to create new work for exhibition at the Brontë Parsonage Museum. The resulting show, *Ways to the stone house*, opens on 28 September until 3 December 2012.

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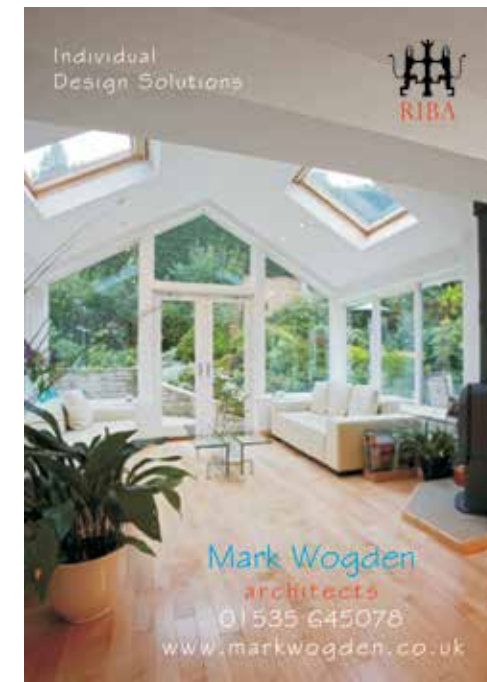
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“I Got Those Worth Valley Blues”

by Worth Valley Dad



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It was a sell out and we were lucky to get two of the last tickets available – and that was weeks in advance of the gig.

All the way from Detroit via London, guitar maestro Larry McCray is not the kind of act you expect to see in your local village hall.

“So nice to be back here in Yorkshire”, he beams as his excellent band launch effortlessly in to a slick steam roller of a set that gets the crowd hollering. As the notes (and the Golden Best) start to hit the spot I begin to wonder how this place has passed me by, but then it’s not as if they need to shout about themselves too loudly to attract customers. With a healthy membership of hard core blues disciples it’s essential to sign up for membership if you want to stand a good chance of getting tickets. I’ve always liked the blues. It is after all the root of all modern music, but despite playing in a few bands that have dabbled in the genre I get the feeling I’m strictly a weekender when it comes to knowing my Blind Lemon Jefferson’s from my Blind Boy Fullers.

Still – I’m sure I can learn a lot more from signing up to the the BBC and experiencing some more acts like Larry McCray. We were buzzing when we left the place and one things for certain – we didn’t have the blues.

On the rare occasion that the Worth Valley Mum and I get a night out together we like to let our hair down a bit. Baby sitters don’t come cheap so rather than stay out clubbing till drunken o’clock we like to catch a band at one or two of our excellent local venues.

We’ve had some memorable nights down at the Exchange Arts Centre in Keighley and The Cricketers on Coney Lane always delivers great music and fine ales , but one venue we discovered recently truly deserves the accolade of “hidden gem”.

The Bronte Blues Club (aka BBC) is run by Michael Ford and it might be his status as editor of “Blues in Britain” magazine that helps secure the excellent roster of renowned international acts that grace the stage at Laycock Village Hall. Yes. That Laycock. That tiny village that you can barely squeeze two cars through. I recently took my 5 year old to a kids party at the village hall there and it didn’t strike me as the sort of place that could transform itself in to a downtown Chicago style juke joint, but I can now confirm that this peaceful hamlet on the doorstep of the Worth &

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I am a university drop-out

I am a university drop-out and, as strange as it sounds, I'm actually quite proud of it. Like many young people, I became swept

up in our secondary education system's efforts to send as many pupils to university as possible, but after one year of study at a prestigious Russell Group university, I simply didn't feel like I was getting my moneys worth. After looking at the facts I've decided that I don't feel like I need a degree to pursue my goals and dreams, so to spend £50,000 and 4 years of my life studying for one wouldn't really make much sense.

I don't want to suggest that a university education isn't valuable, I just feel that other options can be just as valuable for many young people. Sure, the world needs highly educated professionals like doctors, lawyers and scientists, but it also needs craftsmen, entrepreneurs, labourers, salesmen, beauticians, actors and artists. If you want to work in a more practical profession, then why spend 3 or 4 years taking exams if you could learn much faster by just doing in 'real life'? Work experience, apprenticeships and internships can all be very useful tools for getting a foot in the door and learning new skills. It feels like the 'just get stuck in' attitude is somewhat overlooked, and there seems to be a consensus between many young people that if you get a degree, you'll be guaranteed a good job.

If this is the case then why do recent estimates from the Office of National Statistics show that 80% of graduates don't even end up working within a role that is related to their degree, of which 36% are working in a 'lower skilled job', and 20% are unemployed altogether. While a poor economy is partly to blame for these statistics, a huge over-supply of graduates must also be taken into account.

On average, for each graduate post available there

are 52 applicants chasing after it, and in competitive industries such as retail there are 150 applicants per graduate post. I think young people now have the task of finding new ways to shine out from the crowd. Employers are looking for dedicated hard workers who have skills and experience that could benefit their organisation. If you can do a work placement, learn a language, read up on a certain topic or volunteer with a charity then you are adding to your knowledge and are showing that you are self motivated and pro-active.

If you know what you want to do and getting a degree in a certain subject will help you achieve it, then by all means go for it. I'm just saying that I can't be the only 18 year old who went off to university because I wasn't sure what my goals were or what I wanted to do with my life. Going to university for the sake of it is a luxury we can't afford anymore, with university fees rising to £9000 per year and students finishing their degrees with up to £50,000 debt. I'd say now is the time more than ever for students to think 'is a university education really right for me?' and not be afraid to do something different and forge their own unique path.

As for me; I've decided to work at my entrepreneurial skills and start my own business. There is a lot of support for young people doing this, most recently the Startup Loans project: a government-backed scheme which provides under 25s with loans to encourage enterprise in the UK. You can go to www.startupbritain.co/ for more information if you're interested. The other thing to remember is that if you do reach a point in your life when you need or want to study for a degree then you absolutely can.

Never say never, right? I personally believe that I could go back to university in the future, but it will be after much more thought and consideration than I put in the first time around.

by Lauren B (19 yrs old)



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The recipe

Prick your sloes, about 450g, with a needle or freeze them and bash with a heavy weight.

Tip them into sterilised bottles, the fruit coming a third of the way up. Divide 350g of caster or granulated sugar among them then top up with gin or vodka. It will take about 750ml. Place the sealed bottles somewhere cool and dark. Leave for 8-10 weeks, turning the bottle occasionally, giving it a shake every week.

The Trick

The hardest part of making sloe gin is keeping patient while it mellows. Well, that and finding enough sloes. Take pleasure in pricking each berry with a needle in several places then dropping them into a bottle with sugar and gin. Some like to freeze



the sloes in a plastic bag then bash them hard with a hammer or rolling pin. It is an effortless, kind-on-the-thumb way to get the best out of your hedgerow booty, though I much prefer the slow, non-violent way. Sloes are notoriously evasive. And to be honest, you are lucky if you can find them! Forage for your own or try local farmers' markets.

The twist

Yes, warming in a glass, but have you ever thought of using sloe gin

in the kitchen? Even a tablespoon will add fruit depths to everything from gravy for game birds (pour it into the roasting tin and stir over a high heat to dissolve all the roasting debris into the gravy) to a major injection of flavour to a fruit crumble. Try it with plums or – best of all – with blackberry and apple.

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The Keighley Playhouse Calendar Girls; Gilly Rogers, Debbie Park, Sheila Kershaw and Nikki Barrett reunited at the theatre after the week's run and were delighted to hand over the money.

Frank added, "The outlook for patients with leukaemia is much better now than it was many years ago thanks to the money raised with such projects as Calendar Girls. The Keighley Playhouse has raised the bar in donating money for local and national charities. With the help of supporters of the theatre to fund our life-saving research we are determined to give every patient with leukaemia and lymphoma the best possible chance of survival."

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