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Local poet, Jo Longbottom has written some poignant poetry about loss and remembering on page 16.

Dare I mention the "C" word? The festive season is just around the corner. The village of Haworth is festooning its cobbled streets with old world charm and vintage styling. See the centre spread for a special pull out section to keep and refer to in the weeks that run up to Christmas.

Our cover photo this month is by Oakworth resident and photographer Andy Wilkinson of You In Frame. Andy specialises in portrait and location photography. Enjoy!



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Over the past year Oxenhope Parish Council has sought to produce a website for the village, and a platform for people within the village, to communicate, to interact and to help facilitate social inclusion. The village at that time had two existing sites, however it was felt that neither engaged with the community in any wider sense. The new site would be designed to show all that is happening in Oxenhope and the latest news on our village community and events.

Over a series of meetings involving representatives from the local community including the Parish Council, Oxenhope Primary School, Oxenhope Community Centre, Fibre Valley (a community led campaign to see next generation high speed



broadband services universally available to homes, farms and businesses in the Worth Valley) and J Craig Melia of Social Evolution (an Oxenhope web design agency) a plan grew around a village website that allowed for communication and connection within the community and a central resource for local information.

One of the primary aims was to provide a platform for the village to come together and share and promote the many wonderful activities taking place in Oxenhope. Clubs and communities of interest would be able to form groups and post content and useful information online, providing a 21st century village noticeboard.

Groups, individuals and businesses operating in Oxenhope can all get involved.

If you live in, or just love, Oxenhope we want you to sign up to the site. Come along to the Autumn Fayre, 17th Nov 2012, 10.30am - 3.30pm, Oxenhope Community Centre to find out more.

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WINED & DINED with Claire Smith from No.10 The Coffee House



Some weeks ago – towards the end of September if I remember rightly – I came across an article by Janet Street – Porter headed “Sorry Nigella, I’ve

lost my appetite.” Commenting upon the pre-Christmas launch of the most recent glut of the ever more glossy offerings from Nigel, Nigella, Jamie and the rest, who, taking advantage of the impending festive season and it’s consequential earning potential, are aiming to extract millions from a public desperate to find the perfect gift for the fanatical foodie in their life, she begs the question “what can be left to say about whipping up a quick plate of pasta or cooking a chop?,” and suggests that these “lavish cookery books suddenly seem as redundant as a monster handbag now deemed passé by the fashion police.” I have to admit that she presents a pretty persuasive argument. Though I love to spend time composing new recipes of my own and find myself unable to leave a bookshop without running my fingers longingly across the books nestled in the cookery section, Street-Porter has a point. Most cooks use only a handful of recipes but will admit to owning drawers, shelves and cupboards that are literally stuffed with cookery books. Though their presence in any home undoubtedly casts an air of domesticity, I wonder if we really do need to own cookery books by the yard all containing more or less the same recipe for a coffee cake, tomato and basil bruschetta etc. If we are honest, how many of the recipes contained within each of these gigantic tomes do we actually use? The answer is probably a couple, half a dozen at best – the other 370 being too exotic, expensive or time-consuming to bother with. This is not to say that I don’t find it difficult to imagine never buying another cookery book – I have a healthy respect for the experienced cook and the wisdom afforded by their experience. When it comes to buying cookery books my personal preference is for the writing of Elizabeth David who appears to have a down to earth approach to food and its preparation. But it seems to me that whilst it has almost become a form of domestic escapism to read about how lovely the lives, gardens local shops and endless informal gatherings and dinner parties enjoyed by the likes of Nigella, Jamie and Co are, those of us leading a more earthly existences can get a little jaded with the self congratulating nature of the approach taken by certain celebrity cooks. It can have the effect of making one feel a little Bridget Jones!

My grandmother had a couple of cookery books for inspiration and filled in the gaps herself. Maybe a refreshing change would be that the enthusiastic amateur was offered the encouragement to achieve spontaneity and creativity in the kitchen instead of being cajoled into paying £30 00 to join some celebrity cookery club. I would be interested to know what you think.

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Cllr. John Huxley

The proposed closure of Haworth Fire Station is a controversial subject. We know that because villagers from not just Haworth but the whole Parish (and neighbours) packed the Haworth, Cross Roads and Stanbury Parish Council meeting at West Lane Baptist Church, Haworth on Monday, October 15th to hear an explanation from West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service representatives about the plans.

The Parish Council doesn't ordinarily have that many people attend its meetings which emphasised the feelings of the district.

Basically, Fire & Rescue have got to make massive savings in the next few years and the part-time Fire Station in Haworth where there is one fire engine has been put up for closure as part of the re-structuring and cost-cutting plan while, at the same time, the number of full-time fire engines in Keighley would be cut from two to one.

It was revealed during the meeting that the saving in cash terms for closing Haworth Fire Station would be £310,000 annually; that should the Fire Station on Station Road be closed that the site would be sold and the money taken into Fire & Rescue's Funds and that the Haworth fire engine had been called out 64 times in 12 months.

At the same time it was disclosed that there would be an increase in the amount of time a fire engine would take to reach Haworth, Cross Roads and Stanbury. Those times ranged from a few seconds to possibly 15 to 20 minutes extra. And that raised serious concerns about losses of life as a result of the closure and servicing of the Parish from Bingley or Illingworth if the remaining Keighley engine was otherwise engaged.

It has to be said that Haworth wouldn't be the only station to close and that Fire & Rescue do have to make massive savings.

However, the residents at the meeting made quite clear to the Fire & Rescue representatives that they are very worried by the proposal and the closure of Haworth Fire Station together with the reduction in fire engines in Keighley is exposing our Parish to a substantially increased risk.

Part of the justification of the Fire & Rescue plan was that modern houses are not such a big fire risk but the Parish Council intends to make the case to the consultation, which closes on November 30th, that there are still substantial numbers of old properties in the district; that the risks to life increase dramatically should the Haworth Fire Station close and Keighley lose one of their two engines and that we do not believe their plan for this area is either fair or sustainable.

Cllr. John Huxley (Haworth, Cross Roads & Stanbury Parish Council Chairman)

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asked if she bought her milk from ASDA would it have come from us; she clearly would have changed where she bought her milk on the strength of what she saw. We had nothing but positive feed back so we are considering doing it again.

You may have read about the dairy crisis during the summer. Well it was very real to us, with 4p knocked off the price we received for the milk over a two month period, if it had not been reversed we would have been facing financial ruin by Christmas. I did go and protest in both Leeds and Manchester till the early hours, not easy when you've to milk next morning. At that time the cost of producing a litre of milk was put at 30p (supermarket figures), we believe over the coming months that will rise to over 32p. I currently receive 29p! You may ask how is that possible? Clearly, this is unsustainable.

Very simply, I do the work of two men for less than the minimum wage, my father who's 77 still helps 6 days a week and my wife 1 day; I could not do it without them. I am lucky enough to enjoy my job but it is one thing to work long hours for little, and another thing completely when money is leaving with every litre produced which is what we were facing this summer.

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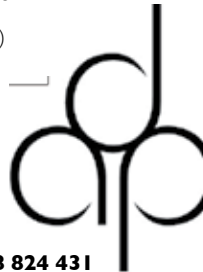
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Poet Jo Longbottom (nee Hodgson) is an Oakworth resident, originating from Sutton. She is married and has two grown sons. Jo is a retired Primary Teacher and Special Educational needs Co-ordinator. From a very early age Jo loved poetry and literature; she has fond memories of sitting on the knees of parents, by the coal fire, reading Mother Goose, AA Milne, J M Barrie, Jean de Brunhoff. Her first verse was written at aged 4 with much acclaim by totally unbiased Mum and Dad! Since the age of 15 Jo has been writing on paper napkins, receipts, scraps of paper; graduating to notebooks and even the iphone. She is a member of the Airedale Writers Circle, Keighley, and studied English Literature and Language and Education at Durham.

Night Forest by Jo Longbottom

In my troubled night time mind
 You creep through my thoughts
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A couple of years ago my son Joe asked me what happened to that barrow extender thing I had? He reckoned we could make and sell them. I wasn't so sure, but we had 1000 made, and it went from there.

Last March, we were offered a slot on Dragons Den.

Mike Smith and son Joe.



The Barrow Booster



I initially refused - being on TV wasn't for me. I was eventually persuaded on the grounds of promoting the product, because where else could you get that sort of exposure for free?

Our ten minutes of 'fame' was whittled out of an hour and a half stood in front of them, with far more exchanges than anyone saw on the night. It was obvious that I didn't want to be there, nor was I going to be pushed around

or go in 'hand wringing' - almost begging, like some of them do. Because we didn't need to come away with any offer, on reflection I overdid the 'take it or leave it bit'. The Dragons may not have liked it, but the BBC crew loved it! While I didn't enjoy the 'personal' exposure, the filming experience in general was very interesting, as its a lot different to how it appears.

Despite my best efforts to put them off, two of the Dragons offered us a deal - which we turned down on the grounds it wasn't good enough. We've since been offered better deals by other individuals, should we need them.

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AUTUMN WINTER FASHION ROUND UP

by Nikki Carroll of Firths

As the leaves start to fall, the nights draw in and there's threat of snow, we find ourselves wondering where did our summer go? (if it was ever here at all, and did we even get the chance to wear our summer wardrobe?)...Perhaps not, but with your winter wardrobe, I can guarantee one thing, you'll have the weather to wear it!

So here's a few tips on fashion trends for Winter 2012/2013

A Fine Wine Wine colours like burgundy and plum teamed with dark grey or gold can be seen throughout many of our major fashion collections. It may be a simple dark grey dress but team it with burgundy opaque tights, scarf and burgundy patent bag and you can step straight onto the catwalk.



A must have for your wardrobe this winter is a poncho, once again back in fashion, a cosy stylish knitted poncho with slits for arms or a simple cropped over the shoulder knitted poncho will prove an invaluable purchase this Autumn/Winter.

Vintage Inspired - Peplum jackets skirts

and dresses made a huge return to our wardrobes this summer



and its popularity is holding strong this winter and getting bolder by the day. Vintage Victorian lace trims, cuffs and collars bring noble femininity to any outfit and was spotted all over the Spring 2013 fashion runways so be ahead of the game.

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We know he embarked for France in July 1916, serving overseas for 2 years 46 days. During this time he had ten days leave in September 1917 to marry Annie Chaplin, living with his parents at 10, Ann Street, Brow in Haworth. Returning to the war in France, he received a gunshot wound to his

right hand in September 1918 and he was treated at Carrington Hospital in Nottingham where he sent home some pictures of the nursing staff. His 'Blighty Wound' was serious enough to send him home permanently as 'No longer physically fit for war service' and so 146092 Sapper H. Chaplin was discharged in November 1918 with a weekly war pension of 13 shillings and 9 pence.

He was awarded the 'Silver War Badge' which was worn to show war injury, because of the stigma sometimes attached to men who were of service age but not serving in the armed forces. Herbert later worked at Ebor Mill in Haworth. Annie died in 1951 aged 64 and Herbert died in 1975 at 89. They lay together at Haworth Cemetery on Penistone Hill.

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Sun Nov 11th Short Remembrance ceremony at the Cenotaph in Oakworth Park. 10:45am.

Sun Nov 11th 10:45 - Remembrance Service at St Michael and All Angels Church, Main Street, Haworth. Following service Congregation to make their way down Main Street to the Cenotaph. 12:00 - Act of Remembrance and wreath laying ceremony at the Cenotaph at the bottom of Bridge House Lane.

Mond 12th Nov 7.30pm Stanbury & District WI Agatha Chrisites Riviera by Mrs Sheila Kenny. *This meeting will be held at **St. James Church Hall, Cross Roads.*** Details tel:-644231

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TOP TECH TIPS by Michelle Thompson of Cloud FreeIT

The Tablet – is it death of the laptop?

Got a loved-one dropping elephant-sized hints about how nice it would be to find some technology in their Christmas stockings?

Sorry for mentioning the 'C-word' before 1st December, but in the run up the market gets a bit swamped with new 'must-haves' and special offers on last year's 'can't-live-withouts'.

Apple's iPad has been around for a few years now and expensive though it might seem it is still the tablet market leader but, now that various vendors have got competing products available at various price points, touch-screen tablets are set to be a huge hit this year.

Despite being more expensive than an iPad the new Microsoft Surface sold out in the UK, BEFORE its official launch date on 26th October (much frantic pre-ordering by over-excited gadget lovers, but more civilised than pre-launch queuing out in the cold the night before, eh Apple?)

From around £200 you can get an Android-based device. The iOS-based iPads start at around £350 and the new Windows RT-based Microsoft Surface starts at £399.00. Despite big price differences they have lots in common. Data is stored on flash memory (no spinning disks), the screens are generally between 7 and 10.6 inches diagonally. Efficient, low-power consumption processors mean there's very little heat output (so no hot thighs!). Low power consumption + smaller screen – hard drive = less battery weight. Properly portable!



At the lower end of the market internet connectivity is wi-fi only, but higher up the market some devices include built-in 3G so you really can access the internet from anywhere.

Naturally, less power and data storage than a PC means a tablet device won't completely replace a laptop or desktop (yet). Most avid tablet users still retain a 'proper PC' of some sort, to do the things a tablet can't, e.g. to run software that isn't available in the app stores. Microsoft seems to be the only vendor aiming to push the boundaries with their Windows 8 Professional-based Surface when it launches.

In addition to email/web access, I use my tablet for:-

- Taking notes quietly in meetings (no clacking laptop keyboard). I don't have to decipher my own awful handwriting and can quickly turn notes into a proper word processed document at the office later, or email them straight out as they are.
- Social networking from the comfort of my sofa
- Internet TV and movies in the kitchen (or in bed)
- Carrying days' and days' worth of music to plug into my car stereo
- Basic word processing, spread sheets and quick photo editing
- Getting my jumbled ideas into order (there's a very handy brainstorm app for that!)
- Playing games (my favourites are Scrabble and puzzle games, but there's 1000's available)
- Reading e-books

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Yorkshire girl opens up the secrets of North East nightlife for all to enjoy!

I am a local girl, and since moving to Newcastle upon Tyne for a taste of the notorious party atmosphere I have strived to dig out the secrets of just what makes that northern city's nightlife so great. The reputation of Newcastle attracts hoards of hen and stag parties each year, particularly in the summer months between May and August.

What didn't make sense to me was the lack of a professional service to help these groups make the most of their time in Newcastle. So often I would ask ladies what their plans were or where they were going on their night out and they wouldn't have any clue. Working in hospitality, I came into contact with hen parties almost every weekend, and if I had a pound for every time I was asked 'where's good to go tonight?' or 'what are the best bars and clubs' I would be very rich indeed! It struck me that these girls were being completely taken advantage of; paying a fortune for hotel accommodation, ending up at bad restaurants and being herded into rubbish clubs by promoters on the streets. Basically they were being totally ripped off!

It seemed so unfair that ladies were traveling from all over the country to get a taste of Newcastle's famous nightlife, but it was kept just out of their reach due to a lack of decent advice. I began to research into professional hen night planning services and what they were offering in Newcastle, and was very disappointed with the

results. 'I could design much better hen parties than this and show these girls a proper Newcastle experience' I thought... and so Hen Night Angel was born.

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How 'fair' is Haworth?

2012 marks a couple of significant milestones for Haworth.

Firstly, we will celebrate 10 years as a Fairtrade village. This is a concept which has worldwide recognition and although there may be only a minority of individuals in our community actively involved, Haworth is known not only by campaigners but politicians in many Countries as being at the forefront of the initiative.

Ethical trading has become a recognised benefit to achieving success and it is accepted that customers given the choice and affordability would prefer to deal with people demonstrating integrity and principles. This ethos is beginning to permeate throughout the majority of businesses, services and corporations and is bringing a new enlightenment where 'people before profit' gives the added value beneficial to all.

The second significant event will make the task of marketing Haworth as a great value destination somewhat more honest. We have much to offer the visitor whether literary or train buffs or just someone wanting to sample our heritage and stunning location.

The change in the law which forbids clamping of cars on private land has been welcomed with delight for most people and particularly for the unlucky individuals who have had contact with distressing and often completely unjust encounters here in Haworth.

We have all heard the sad tales about visitors vowing never to return and leaving with their memory of Haworth forever tainted but maybe not of the efforts to try and counter this in some small way.

The guilt and shame felt by many that this happened in our community resulted in random acts of kindness, for instance discounting goods, delivering flowers as an apology and one local paying for a family's meal in a pub.

There is nothing wrong with making money, but at what cost? Doing the right thing applies equally whether exploiting workers and children in developing countries or damaging the reputation of a village trying to welcome visitors from across the world.

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Participatory Budgeting What does it mean?

Participatory Budgeting is a process which allows members of a community to participate in making spending decisions about local things that affect them.

I've been asked by our Parish Council Chair Person, John Huxley, to put this offer to the residents of Stanbury; it is an opportunity to take part in a pilot scheme. Stanbury will be the forerunner of PB. In essence local people can put forward a proposal and if the community agrees with that proposal and it is accepted, then it should go ahead.

The money has to be spent on things that improve the area on a sustainable level. This is a way for people to get involved in all sorts of things that are practical and affordable. So far, more than a dozen communities and parish councils have taken up the challenge and benefitted from the PB Scheme.

A meeting for the Stanbury Residents is to be held at St. Gabriel's Church, Stanbury on Wednesday 14th November 2012 at 7.30 pm. There will be an information brochure and a short DVD showing how villages in rural areas have used the monies that

they have been given to improve their village.

Some of the things that other communities proposed were re-decorating their village hall, green energy solar panel installation, refurbishing the local bowling green, a music festival, a youth club helping young people towards employment, planting fruit trees and new books for the local school and church. The projects that went ahead were supported by a team of people looking to champion their idea for the good of their community. It will be very interesting to hear what schemes our Stanbury residents will put forward.

It must be said at this point in time I have not been informed how much money will be available, however, I hope that this will become clear at the meeting on the 14th November.

It is my understanding that all the villages and its residents benefitted from this social scheme and it created a good sense of community spirit.

If the Participatory Budgeting Scheme is successful in Stanbury, it could be rolled out for the benefit of the residents of Haworth and Cross Roads in the future.

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