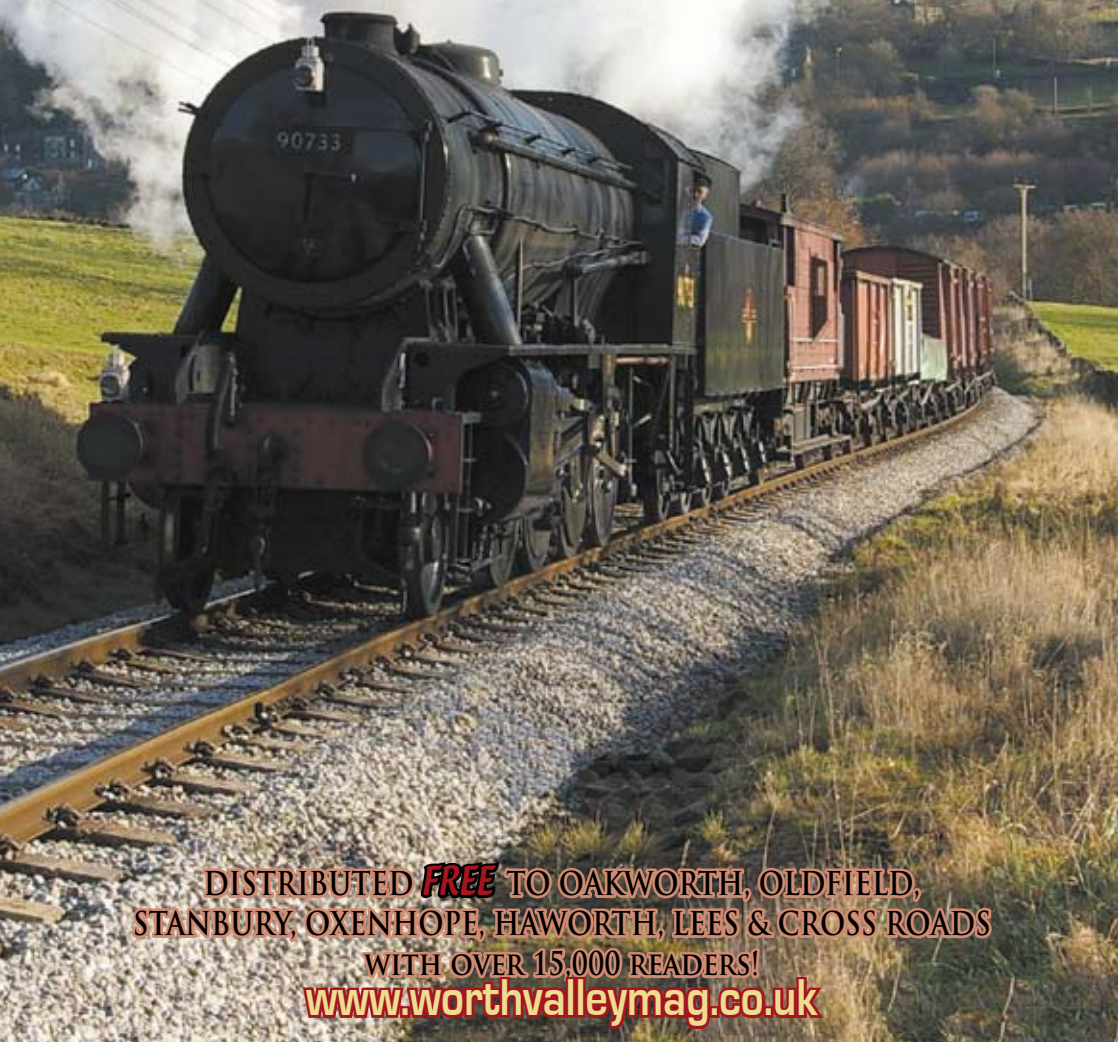


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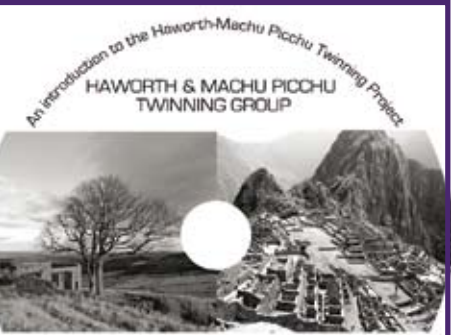
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and support a variety of local initiatives. "We have been involved in the Oxenhope Straw Race for several years. It has a national presence but it benefits a number of local charities like Oxenhope's Manorlands Hospice." Recently, Phil and Carol have sponsored Oakworth Primary School and provided new athletic kit for the girls and boys of the school.

With help from local company and brand specialist Mine Creative, a complete overhaul of the company signage and website is helping to bring Hodgsons up to date. The new look minicoaches and buses can be seen out in the community. "We are really pleased with the work Colleen and her team have done for us," Phil continued. "People can now make enquiries on line and we usually get back to them within twenty-four hours."

Hodgsons have developed some great options for social away-days or nights out. A day at the seaside, a hen night, theatre trip or an evening at the pantomime, are all examples of trips Hodgsons have organized for their clients. If you need some ideas for a particular occasion give Phil and Carol a call and they can put a package together to suit your brief. Currently, they are putting together a number of summer holiday options. For example, Coach transfer and entrance to theme parks at Lightwater Valley - from £25 per person, Flamingo Land - from £35 per person and Alton Towers - from £35 per child (under 12 yrs) and £45 per adult. So get your summer day-trips sorted with the help of Hodgsons.

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BY CLAIRE SMITH

Claire is the proprietor of No. 10 The Coffee House in Haworth where one can find peace, tranquility, and the most scrumptious cakes on earth.

The organic box this week brings a medley of fabulously fresh seasonal leaves and vegetables; tiny new potatoes scarcely pulled from the ground, garden peas and broad beans, a tender butterhead lettuce and firm, fleshy cherry tomatoes. There are three velvet-skinned white peaches and a small punnet of fresh, fragrant strawberries. Inspired I put together one of the peaches, some soft white goats cheese and crusty bread, which I take out into the garden and sit amongst a tangle of roses, clematis and honeysuckle to enjoy a simple garden lunch bursting with summer freshness. The white fine-textured flesh of the peach is sweet and delicate (superior, in my opinion to that of the yellow peach which though still lovely as a table fruit is less aromatic and not as juicy). A little of the sweet scented juice oozes onto my lower lip; it is like nectar on my tongue. I finish this lazy summer lunch with a handful of the strawberries, sprinkled with a little sugar and clothed in thick yellow cream, cold from the fridge; the berries are meltingly sweet and juicy, the cream rich and luxurious.

The joy of this type of meal is derived from its simplicity. The enjoyment of gorgeous summer food cooked simply (or not at all in my case) provides a

dining experience unrivalled by that of the highly processed over-elaborate dish. June is the perfect time to pare down the preparation and fuss involved in cooking, simplicity being the key when it comes to summer food. I rarely cook fresh garden peas for instance, indeed it seems almost criminal to do so, preferring to add them to salads or to split the long green pods and pop the sweet tender young seeds straight into my mouth. The sooner fresh peas are eaten after picking, the better they taste. Madam de Maintenon a lover of good food with a great interest in cooking put this point across perfectly (this she did in 1696 suggesting that our love affair with the fresh garden pea has been an enduring one) "The question of peas continues. The anticipation of eating them, the pleasure of having eaten them and the joy of eating them again are the three subjects that our princes have been discussing for four days..... It has become a fashion - indeed a passion" If you do decide to cook them try adding a little fresh mint to the pot while cooking to give them a special summer piquancy.

Amber green gooseberries, clusters of tiny jewel - like redcurrants, strings of pearly white currants (white currants having a slightly sweeter taste) and mouthwaterly plump logan berries all have a very short season and need to be made the most of. Use them to make fruit fools, crumbles and sweet, syrupy compotes and enjoy all that the season has to offer.

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WORTH VALLEY WILDLIFE

BY THE BIRDMAN FROM HAWORTH

This month we look at 2 contrasting birds of prey – one that you will be quite familiar with and the other an occasional visitor to local gardens.

The first is a real master of open skies - the kestrel, locally our commonest bird of prey (though in western areas, the buzzard is now more numerous). Birds of prey will always be scarce, simply down to the encroachment on their already limited habitat. However the kestrel – a cliff top nester, has adapted well to our environment whether nesting on buildings or feeding alongside our road-side verges.

So how can you be sure it's a kestrel? Well, quite simply by its flight, as it's our only bird that has really mastered the art of hovering. Assuming a crucifix shape it will spy for its favourite food (the short tailed field vole) by fixing a position in the sky and "simply" hanging there. For all appearances as if attached to the sky by an invisible thread. Even in a Pennine gale it will manage to hold its position with millimetre precision, by the merest adjustment of the angle of its wings. But flying consumes precious energy and voles are scarce, so telephone wires can provide welcome vantage points. Here you will see its hunched silhouette – brick

orange front and rusty back.

One place where people sometimes think they see kestrels is in parks or gardens – but, unless you are the Duke of Devonshire its highly unlikely that you will see a kestrel in your garden! What people are seeing are sparrowhawks. Usually it's nothing more than a quick flash of a dark shape flying low over the



Kestrel

garden. In recent years sparrowhawks have been beneficiaries of the growth in popularity of bird feeders. They have extended their ranges from local woodland fringes to gardens.

Once a suitable bush is found they will sit tight and wait for the moment to make their ambush. The drama will be over in a flash, as the hapless sparrow or blackbird is taken in an explosion of feathers! The sheer force of the hawk's strike usually kills the bird outright, but not always... and, I am afraid it does not delay the plucking process! This may seem cruel, but please do not stop feeding the birds. The success of predators at the top of the food chain - whether it's lions in the Serengeti or hawks in Haworth is a sign that the eco-system is still working. With all the challenges that the world faces, isn't this something we should all surely celebrate?



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It's a gut wrenching fact that marine wildlife is killed through mistaking plastic bags for food. We use over 1 million plastic bags globally per minute.

The Morsbag movement is about inspiring groups of friends to make reusable bags from old duvet covers / curtains / fabric and to hand them out en masse FREE to the local community. The movement aims to accelerate the reusable bag campaign where supermarkets and politicians are dragging their heels. It encourages individuals to do something positive to prevent more marine wildlife from dying from plastic bags wedged in their guts. Morsbags and/or further info are available in Haworth at Oates & Wiles or Sonia's Smile. Help is needed to sew, cut out or donate cotton fabric. The local group are also contributing to a presentation of 1000 morsbags to Parliament in early June.



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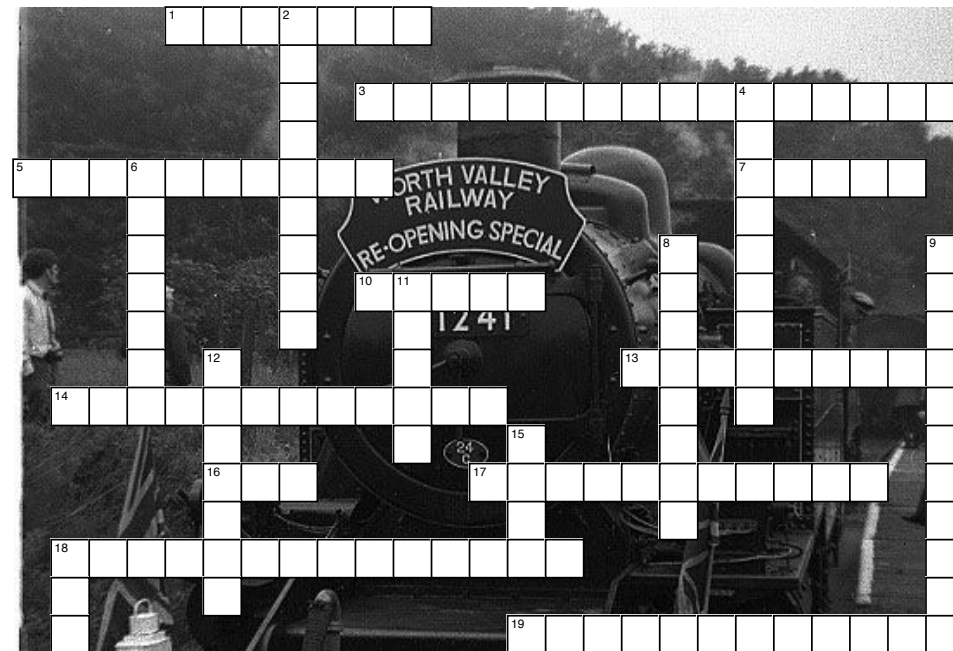
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- A popular Steam Special at Christmas time (5)
- classic movie about wartime American servicemen in the North of England filmed on the KWVR (5)
- The prestigious Pullman dining train (5,4)
- Which Society fought to save the line from closure in 1962?(12)
- How many tunnels are there on the line? (3)
- KWVR's magazine (4,3,4)
- A famous detective TV drama that used KWVR for filming (8,6)
- A fleet of locomotives & carriages (7,5)

Down

- A jolly diesel train that will run again for the 40th anniversary celebrations (9)
- A special pass can provide reduced fares on the railway for these people (9)
- A refreshment served in the on-train buffet car (4,3)
- A limited edition model locomotive commissioned for the 40th anniversary (8)
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up the steep gradients of the Worth Valley branch to Ingrow, Damems, Oakworth, Haworth and Oxenhope. Never before had a group of railway enthusiasts succeeded in reopening a complete, full size branch line – and when the society had been formed in 1962 after closure of the line, many said the task was impossible. “Now after carrying more than five million passengers and seeing its tracks graced by more than one hundred different steam locomotives and many heritage diesels, it’s time to celebrate” explained Julian Jones, events Coordinator for the KWVR 40th Anniversary.

The range of events includes a Diesel Gala on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 6-8th June with the Railway’s fleet of historic diesels being joined by a number of classic and preserved locomotives operating a special intensive service over the three days. In the centenary year of the iconic Jolly Fisherman poster devised by the Great Northern Railway to publicise excursions to Skegness, the Friday of the diesel gala will see the revival of the Jolly Fisherman dieselhailed trains which once ran to the resort – attended by The Jolly Fisherman himself. The National Railway Museum at York has loaned one of the diesel hydraulic locomotives built for the Western Region of British Railways, it is the first time in four years that the NRM has loaned this locomotive to a heritage railway and the first time for 20 years

that one has operated over the Keighley to Oxenhope branch, so it is certain to generate much interest.

Meanwhile steam train services on the Worth Valley will resume on Saturday 14 June and the 40th Anniversary Steam Gala, complete with 11 locomotives and main line steam trains from the preserved railway’s own stations to Skipton, Hellifield and Ribbleshead Viaduct, will be staged on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 27, 28 and 29 June 2008. The excursion over the Ribbleshead Viaduct is already sold out such is the level of interest in the event.

“Throughout Friday 27 June there will be an intensive service of steam trains from Oxenhope, Haworth and Oakworth to Keighley, with a Reenactment of the Reopening Ceremony of 1968 taking place at 2.35pm. The Platform 4



Theatre Company will tell the story of the successful struggle of the people of the Worth Valley to save their local branch line, with the help of railway enthusiasts from around the country.”

“Then on Saturday and Sunday 28 and 29 June the first train of the day will be a through steam train from Oxenhope and Haworth to Skipton and Hellifield – where it will stop and where passengers can board or alight – continuing to Settle Junction. At the front will be the Southern Railway ‘King Arthur’ Class locomotive, number 30777 Sir Lamiel. A Class 47 diesel locomotive will be attached at the rear of the main line services to work the trains back to Keighley.”

Railway spokesman Jim Shipley said: “The Railway’s Exhibition Shed at Oxenhope will cater for thirsty visitors with special

‘40 Beers for 40 Years’ refreshments. There will be rare opportunities to travel in some of the Railway’s most antique rolling stock restored by the Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway Trust and the Vintage Carriages Trust. Cream teas will be served in the ‘Old Gentleman’s Saloon’ – the historic North Eastern Railway directors’ carriage which was famously used in the filming of *The Railway Children*.”

“Despite the fact that we’re hiring in two main line locomotives, bringing two visiting tank engines, Sir Berkeley and Nunlow, to add to our own fleet resident at Haworth, advance fares will start at £15 for an adult Day Rover on the Friday, with All Line Rovers on the Saturday and Sunday offering unlimited travel on the mainline steam trains through Skipton and Hellifield for just £33 – surely the bargain of the decade for anyone with a love of railways. There will be reductions for members of the preservation society, for children and pensioners and special reduced price tickets for families which will offer big savings for up to two adults and three children travelling together. “Fares bought on the day of travel will be higher, so we’ve introduced facilities to buy the tickets in advance from Haworth station” Jim explained further.

There will be a rare opportunity to see *The Railway Children* and the classic movie about wartime American servicemen in the North of England filmed on the Railway, *Yanks*, on the big screen in Keighley’s restored 1911 built cinema, The Picture House on Tuesday 24 June.

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Fri 7th June

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Tues 10th June

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Fri 20th June Poet, Simon Armitage, will be reading from and discussing his work. As part of this event the Bronte Parsonage will be open until 7.00pm for those who wish to view the house and the Elmet exhibition - West Lane Baptist Centre - 7.30pm - £9.50 (£5, 16 years and under) Tickets in advance from jenna.holmes@bronte.org.uk/ 01535 640188

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But that is the end of the story, and before that we have to have a pumpkin, grown on a heap of warm manure, the pips scooped out and fed to the pigs, the flesh eaten hot in pies. There has to be the naming of parts, a lover's song and a young boy who steals a loaf of bread that has been left to cool on a windowsill and who walks on, breaking off chunks and scattering crumbs for the sparrows.

The boy, of course, will become the lover and then the farmer, and it is the woman who baked the bread, but she did not know that it was him who had stolen

it. And the time when the boy became a lover, when he learnt what warmth and dark and urgency meant, that time for him was not the same for the woman, for she was already married, was teaching her own children how to grow pumpkins from seed and where to pick blackberries warmed by the sun.

Later, when the boy became the farmer and tasted the woman's bread again, but as a neighbour this time, a guest, he looked across the rough table and saw that she knew. And although her eyes said that it was time, her body told him to wait because the time of the eyes and the time of the body is not always the same and the boy-lover-farmer understood this too.

So now, they walk together back to the land, back to the farmhouse where she has baked a fresh loaf of bread for them to share, now that the wedding guests have gone. They will break it together, and then climb the stairs and it will feel like the first time, and the last, and all the spaces in between.

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Haworth Primary School has been selected by the new Lottery-funded Food for Life Partnership (FFLP) to become one of 180 Flagship Schools and Communities across England that will be recognised as national leaders on food quality and food education. It is also one of the first six schools to be chosen in the Yorkshire and Humber region.

Taking up the challenge laid down by Jamie Oliver's school dinners campaign, the Food for Life Partnership has been funded by the National Lottery over five years from 2007 to help transform food culture in schools across the country.

Building on Haworth Primary School's achievements to date, the Food for Life Partnership will now help them put more fresh, local & organic food on the menu and get pupils – and interested parents and community groups – cooking and growing food and visiting local farms.

The school will now receive hands-on support from Food for Life Partnership staff to achieve a Food for Life Partnership GOLD Mark, which will put them at the top of the league table on food culture in school. This will mean that their catering team will get help sourcing at least 75% fresh, 50% locally sourced, and 30% organic ingredients for school meals.

For one week they will host the Food for Life Partnership Cooking Bus, which will welcome, staff, parents and community groups on board alongside pupils to teach useful cooking skills in practical hands-on sessions.

A garden education officer will help the school community further develop an organic growing area in which pupils can grow food for school meals and cooking.

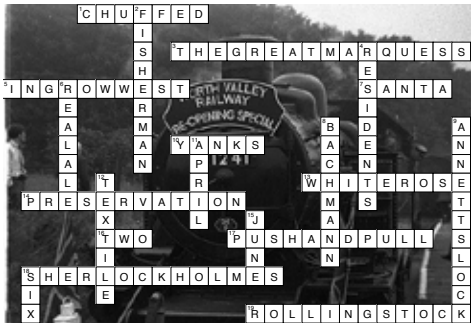
They will build stronger links with community food businesses and one or more local farms.

Pupils will be given some of the most enjoyable and memorable experiences of their school lives, cooking and growing food and linking with a local farm.

Other schools wishing to become Flagship Schools should go online and join the Food for Life Partnership at: www.foodforlife.org.uk

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Worth Valley Community FIRST RESPONDERS

Saturday 19th April 2008 saw the launch of Worth Valley Community First Responders Service (WVCFR).

This new service is a partnership with Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust, and provides Trained Volunteers who are dispatched [by the ambulance service] to Category A 999 calls, which are the most serious, life-threatening calls. The aim of the scheme is to provide early medical treatment to prevent deterioration of the patient, prior to the arrival of an Emergency Ambulance.

Community First Responders are volunteers who provide immediate life-saving care to members of their local communities in an emergency medical situation such as heart attack, breathing difficulties or collapse, in the vital minutes before the ambulance arrives.

They are trained in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) which delivers a controlled electric shock to restart the heart.

This new service will in no way negate the need for an Ambulance to attend the call.

Worth Valley Community First Responders will attend any person aged over 18 years, who is suffering from heart problems, heart attacks, breathing difficulties, convulsions, unconsciousness, cardiac arrest [heart & breathing stopped], diabetic emergencies, strokes, choking patients and anaphylaxis [severe allergic reactions]. These calls are classified as Category 'A' automatically by the ambulance

services computer system. The team cannot attend calls involving persons under 18, trauma, road traffic collisions or calls involving violence. Members must comply with road speeds, and laws at all times, and do not use blue lights or sirens.

They are activated by a pager message and are mobile within 1 minute of the call being received.

Members of the team are also available to give talks to local groups on the work they do.

Team Coordinator, James Lee said "Whilst the actual equipment [defibrillator,

Oxygen and emergency equipment] is supplied as part of the ongoing support from Yorkshire Ambulance Service, we rely on grants and public donations for things such as Training venues, training equipment, Hi-visibility jackets, printing costs and other sundry items. The people of the

Worth Valley will see us at local fetes and galas, and are welcome to find out more about what we do and how they can help. Collection tins are also planned for local businesses and we would welcome invitations to 'home' one of our boxes."

WVCFR is always on the lookout for more volunteers, so if you can spare a few hours each week and are over 18, with either a vehicle or access to a vehicle and driver, please give the Team coordinator on 07528 067870 or email: worth.responders@yahoo.co.uk. No previous experience is necessary, as Yorkshire Ambulance Service provides full, free training.



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Coral College Maths Competition HAWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL WINNERS

Two pupils of Haworth Primary School have won both the major prizes in a Maths Competition for children educated in Bradford.

Daniel Wilson and Alfie Finan, year 6 pupils of Haworth Primary entered the Coral Windows Maths Competition held at Coral College, Bradford on 21st April 2008. Eighty children from over 30 primary schools took part in the contest designed to test the mathematical skills of 10-11 year olds.

Daniel Wilson achieved first place, with 84%, his prize was a desk top computer with 19" flat screen. His friend Alfie Finan achieved second place with 83%, and was rewarded with £150.

The boys enjoy a challenge and regularly spend maths lessons and homework sessions working on complex mathematical investigations together. Their teachers say the boys are a delight to teach- they have a real thirst for maths, both have a natural talent with numbers, and are very motivated. They both thoroughly deserve this recognition of their ability, which is exceptional.



Daniel Wilson & Alfie Finan with their trophies.

After the competition, Daniel said "I feel proud, absolutely delighted, and I can't wait to try out my new computer." Alfie, who is Head Boy at Haworth, was also very excited, he said "I feel I have made the school proud of me, and I am ecstatic".



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THE GRAVY TRAIN

The world is full of willing people; some willing to work, the rest willing to let them. - Robert Frost

Unless your idea of a hard day's graft is scratching away your

benefits on lottery cards the chances are that at some time in your life you'll have to find employment - and just looking for a job is harder than actually working.

Completing an application form is like writing War & Peace and if your application is successful you then have to worry about the interview and the potential horror of tests and presentations. By the time you've been interrogated by a panel, debriefed by a recruitment agency and then realised that the question you responded to with a jabbering stream of nonsense cost you and your family financial security for life, you feel ready for retirement.

"How would your friends describe you in three words...? What would you say is your greatest weakness? What is the air-speed velocity of an unladen swallow?...etc" You'll replay all those questions in your head until you finally get the call that puts you out of your misery. If it's a 'no' you'll be given a synopsis of your miserable performance by someone who has obviously been spending too much time watching The Apprentice. And just to make sure you don't ever run into them on a zebra crossing they always promise to keep your details on file in case anything else suitable comes up. Ha!

I've been on interview panels and it's no picnic on the other side of the desk. You have to nod and smile at people who are clearly talking a load of guff.

Appearances count for a lot as well. I remember one candidate's application form where he had used the section about physical characteristics to describe a birth mark on a very sensitive part of his anatomy. When he arrived at the interview with his flies undone he'd made a lasting impression before he'd even opened his mouth.

Norman Tebbit once suggested that the unemployed should get on their bikes and look for work. He obviously didn't live in the Worth Valley where we have enough steep hills to wear out the hardest of job seeking pedal pushers. When I worked in Bradford I sometimes thought about cycling to the office, but never got round to it. I would have probably been dead by Cullingworth. It was tiring enough in the car although I did manage to discover a top secret route that got me to work within thirty minutes of passing Hoot Corner on Vale Mill Lane. Sometimes this took twice as long when some idiot driving a huge wagon ignored the signs saying "Unsuitable for HGV's cos you'll end up crashing through a dry stone wall and annoying people trying to get to work before it's time to come home again"

This month the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway celebrates its 40th Anniversary. If they ever decide to start commuter specials I'd probably end up selling the car. Imagine starting the day on a steam train. Clickety clack through sun kissed meadows Puff puff! The smell of smouldering coke on the footplate. Toot toot! A hearty breakfast in the buffet car. Burp! It's a much safer way to travel, although my great granddad wouldn't think so. He suffered depression and decided to end it all by jumping in front of a steam train. Apparently he was chuffed to bits.



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