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Those who were able to get down to Keighley on the 24th of June would have enjoyed a real treat with the various things going on in the town centre. The Our Town, Keighley event was in full swing during the afternoon and served as a fitting warm up to the Olympic Torch procession that followed. Well done to all those involved in planning and making the whole day a success.

Our cover this month features the Silsden sculptor Sam Shendi's piece from The Olympic series. His work is currently being exhibited at Damside Mill, Lees, near Haworth and is part of the Haworth Festival Arts Trail. School is at long last winding down and children are becomong giddy in anticipation of the summer holidays. [I know a few adults who feel the same way!] Mark your calendars for music and camping Fri 27th-Sun 29th July with Woodfest and Aire Do, two events running simultaneously that aim to bring a whole weekend of fun and frolicking to the valleys.

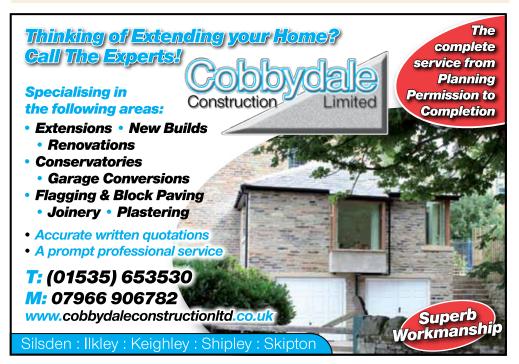
East Riddlesden Hall has a summer Fun Day planned Aug12th which looks like a family day not to be missed.

Just when you thought you'd had enough of the Calendar Girls...Keighley

Playhouse is putting on the now famous Yorkshire tale from Sat,. Sept1st. Be sure to book in advance as it is sure to sell out.



Enjoy your summer and we'll be back in September. Liz Barker



Say you saw it in the Aire Valley Mag!

 $\operatorname{HIDDEN}\,\operatorname{GEM}$ by Shelley Hollingdrake, Community & Learning Officer, East Riddlesden Hall

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Just off Bradford Road in Riddlesden lies the best small visitor attraction in England. The 17th century, National Trust owned property was recognised at a prestigious awards ceremony held by Visit England in May.

The Hall, which was making its debut in the competition, was up against three other finalists including the multi-awardwinning Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre in Leicester. Donning their best frocks and suits the team excitedly made their way to the award ceremony and were absolutely bowled over when they received the Gold Award.

Located right on the urban fringe of Keighley, coming through the gates of East Riddlesden Hall is like escaping into another world. You are immediately absorbed into the romantic gardens and serene duck pond and when you enter the hall our brilliant room guides bring the house to life and share the fascinating stories that have made this special place an award-winning visitor attraction. Going into the Hall feels like walking through someone's home; it has a cosy lived-in feel, and creates a relaxing atmosphere where visitors can feel at ease examining exquisite embroideries, oak furniture and pewter.

There really is something for everyone. If you fancy a picnic or somewhere to walk the dog the riverside walk is open everyday and since receiving funding from Bovril an army of volunteers have cleaned up the area (at one point removing nearly 200 tyres from the river!) Kids can really go wild in the natural play area or make a mess in our 'Mud Pie Kitchen' (pictured above)

The property, which has around 20 permanent and seasonal staff and 140 volunteers, attracted 37,500 visitors last year. A number of recent improvements to the property contributed to the hall winning the award, including better information and signage, greater community involvement and an increased number of events and activities.

It really is a hidden gem and well worth a visit, a haven of tranquillity tucked just off one of the busy roads into Keighley. And when the gates are shut at night the hall is left to its ghostly inhabitants who look after it until the clocks are re-set in the morning...

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Hopefully, the weather will be kind for the cricketers and supporters when a community event takes place at Oakworth Cricket Club on Sunday 2 September.

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There will be representatives of various churches and mosques, youth and community groups competing in small teams for the honour of being named Community Champions 2012.

Refreshments and a barbeque will be run by volunteers from Manorlands Hospice

raising funds for Sue Ryder's work with seriously ill people in the local area.

Kris Hopkins said: "The end of the cricket season provides an ideal opportunity to enable people from across the district to meet, to compete and to have fun in the name of friendship - with a bit of charity thrown in. Now all we need is a big crowd, so I hope local people will lend their support."

Andrew Wood, Events Fundraiser at Sue Ryder said, "We are grateful to Kris and his team for choosing Manorlands to benefit from this great idea and hope that it will be a huge success for all involved." contact: and rew.wood@suerydercare.org





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For younger children, before this school year ends, why not check with your child's teacher to get an idea of where they may benefit from extra support during the summer holidays.

Pupils can fall behind in class if they don't practise reading, writing and arithmetic during the six-week break, In fact, according to studies by the Institute for Public Policy Research it has been shown that kids lose an average of two and a half months worth of maths skills in the summertime. For someone already struggling in maths, this means that they will start off the next school year even further behind.

The summer months are an excellent time to fill in learning gaps or zoom ahead with enrichment activities.

Phone Alan and find out what support is available or go to the Tudor Doctor's website and read helpful tips and tricks about keeping your child fully engaged in learning.

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Congratulations Rebecca on a remarkable achievement to benefit a worthy cause!

Rebecca Marshall (pictured right) from Haworth Physio at the finish of the Bob Graham Round, one of the toughest fell races in the Lake District, including 70 miles, and 42 peaks. Rebecca managed it in 23 hours, 35mins. and faced rain, hail and even snow! The tough conditons curtailed Rebecca's time to rest but she was determined to complete the task and raised a whopping £1,300 for Manorlands in the process. "I couldn't have done it without my

"I couldn't have done it without my pacers, navigators, and road crew; and of course, the generosity of all my friends, family, and colleagues who supported me. I'm greatful to them all."

Purple Mango Smoothie



Mango, one of the world's most popular fruits (and a vitamin C powerhouse), is finally getting its due; and it makes a mean smoothie. Some markets now sell it chopped and

frozen, so you don't have to wrestle with cutting it fresh.

Ingredients

- 1 cup pineapple juice
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TOP TECH TIPS by Michelle Thompson at Cloudfree IT

With all the major sporting events going on this this summer you can't possibly watch everything live on TV, especially if vou're working diligently all day. Remembering to set up your recorder can be a pain and if it runs out of storage space you can bet your last penny it'll be during the most exciting event of all time. Unfortunately, catching up on results or highlights means you might lose track of the storylines in your favourite dramas and soaps. Why not use the power of the internet to watch what you want, when you want and where you want? I couldn't possibly advocate vou catching a 'sneaky peeky' on your office PC, in between calling customers, editing spreadsheets

or typing up a report (unless your boss is very accommodating, of course), so you'll probably need to catch up elsewhere. You could watch on TV on demand on your big screen 'internet

ready' HDTV (if vou're

lucky enough to own

one), your home PC, games console, laptop, netbook, iPad, tablet, or even your smartphone! During the last FIFA World Cup I sat and watched England v Germany on my iPhone whilst relaxing at Ilkley Lido. 'Multi-tasking' in the sun did slightly ease the pain of a 4-1 defeat.

All the main TV channels offer 'on demand' services now via a web-browser, and live streaming is on the increase too, not just reserved for major sporting events. The BBC does require you to confirm that you have a TV licence if you want to watch their broadcasts live though. Having a stable broadband connection is essential to get the best viewing experience, but if you live a long way from the telephone exchange or in a densely populated area with lots of broadband users, or your internet service provider (ISP) does something called 'traffic shaping' to try and share out the bandwidth more fairly between users, your connection may not be up to the job. In some cases, apparent poor data throughput turns out to be nothing to do with a greedy ISP trying to squeeze too

> many customers onto each stretch of cable from the exchange.

If your internet modem or modem-router is attached to the BT master socket, via an internal extension cable or wall socket, electromagnetic interference caused by

low quality cable inside your property can reduce performance, so streamed video may appear jittery or stall completely. Radio-frequency interference can be a nuisance where a wireless router or access point is used. Keep your cordless phones, microwave and wireless devices well apart, otherwise you may find your TV viewing pleasure rudely interrupted every time your mother-in-law phones or your nearest & dearest is 'dinging your TV dinner' mid-match.

'Inconvenience meals' indeed, but if in the next few weeks you come home to find the microwave on the hall table right next to your wireless router and there's a 'Heath Robinson' or 'Wallace & Gromit' style arrangement of levers and pulleys set up to keep winding the timer round so the ding never comes, you might want to consider if you've been paying your loved one enough attention during Euro 2012, Wimbledon, and the Olympics...



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Keighley Playhouse's latest season came to a very satisfying conclusion in June with the sell-out run of "Brassed Off". Based on the 1996 film starring Ewan Mcgregor, it was a powerful, sometimes shocking tale of a small mining community united - and sometimes divided - in their struggle to survive the closure of the local pit. The play offered an equal measure of hope, despair and laugh out loud comedy, but what made it really special was the inclusion of live performances by the Hade Edge brass band who delighted the audience with some stirring classics. Even when the script demanded they play poorly after a session on the ale their efforts were still areeted with generous applause and there could have been barely a dry eye in the house when, by the light from their miners helmets, they played "Danny Boy" in a vigil outside the hospital for ailing band leader Danny, played superbly by Mike Boothroyd. Regular visitors to the Playhouse would have been familiar with him and many other members of the cast who are now found either on stage, front of house or behind the scenes, but it is a credit to their talents that they effortlessly take on such a wide variety of roles so convincingly. After playing over 50 characters in last year's excellent production of The 39

Steps. I was again impressed by Mark Allan as the tradic figure of Phil and I must also mention Nikki Barrett who was brilliantly brash as his long suffering wife Sandra. Despite the sometimes grim tone of the story there was plenty of light relief - the earthy banter between the male characters. Andv and Gloria's romantic date at the chippy, the drunken antics of Rita & Vera and the odd dig at our Lancashire neighbours all raised enough laughs to leave us feeling - vet again truly entertained.

The 2012/13 season begins on 1st September with another controversial story set in Yorkshire and I'm certain you'll need to reserve your seats early for this one - The Calendar Girls, For more information visit www.keighlevplavhouse. co.uk

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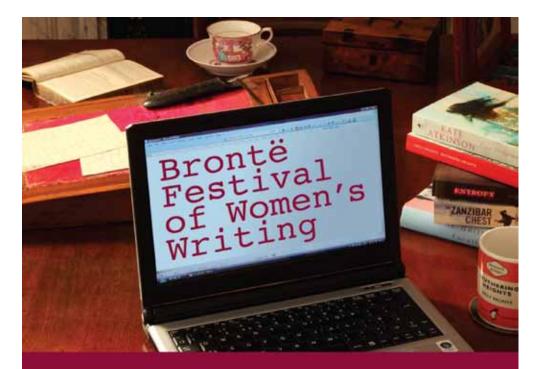
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The Brontë Parsonage Museum hosts its third festival dedicated to celebrating women's writing. The weekend includes a programme of creative writing workshops and talks and readings by high profile and emerging writers.

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The full programme will be released in June. For details visit the Brontë Parsonage Museum website, or join the festival mailing list to receive the full programme as soon as it is released: jenna.holmes@bronte.org.uk







Behind the Scenes at the Museum by Jenna Holmes



Last year I wrote about artist Rebecca Chesney's project exploring the Brontes and the weather. We needed 10 local volunteers to help us capture weather data for 12 months and we were delighted to find a team of collectors. Rebecca installed a digital weather station at the Brontë Parsonage Museum to record sunshine, rainfall, wind speed, air pressure and temperature for twelve months. She compared this meteorological data with historical weather records and descriptions in Brontë letters and novels to create new art work. Her exhibition has now opened at the museum (on a mid-summers day suitably accompanied by gales and local floods), and takes us in many directions - placing ecology and climate change alongside the Brontës' daily lives, and their use of 'literary weather'. It's scientific yet playful, analysing, for example, which sister includes the most sunshine in her novels (and you'll have to visit the exhibition to find out!). Rebecca installed a new sculpture in the Parsonage garden which features 3 bells - one rings when it rains, one when it's windy and the third rings by solar power. It's a reference to the pseudonyms that the Brontë sisters published their works under: Currer, Acton and Ellis Bell, and the types of weather

each sister most frequently refers to in their books.

Rebecca's project has also revealed how dramatically the weather affected daily life in Haworth in the 1800s. Charlotte's references to the changing seasons became more and more urgent throughout her letters of 1848 and 1849 as she lost her three siblings one by one to consumption: 'some sad comfort I take, as I hear the wind blow and feel the cutting keenness of the frost, in knowing that the elements bring her no more suffering'. We were also lucky enough to get access to historic weather records held in Cliffe Castle Museum in Keighley. Abraham Shackleton of Braithwaite kept daily weather records from 1801 until 1857, so Rebecca was able to discover the weather the Brontës would have experienced when they lived here. You can see Shackleton's weather notebook as part of the exhibition. It's been fascinating to investigate the

It's been fascinating to investigate the unusual weather of the worth valley, and this article is accompanied by a photograph taken by one of the project's weather collectors, Mike Pearmain: a very rare Altocumulus Lenticularis cloud which you might have seen hovering over the valley on 22nd Dec 2011.



The school summer holidaps are almost upon us, and with them comes the familiar dilemma of how to entertain young children.

The families who use our drop-in centre, Number 72, often ask us to suggest activities that will not cost the earth, but will provide stimulating and interesting experiences for their children. We signpost them to various local activities that will get them out and about, but for those times spent at home we encourage them to enjoy the simple pleasure of playing with their children. In doing so we hope they learn that having fun does not necessarily need to cost money, and with a little imagination and creativity the whole family can enjoy time spent together.

Many of our volunteers are parents themselves and are acutely aware of the

pressures families face. The mountain of daily tasks makes it all too tempting to reach for the TV remote or games console to amuse the little ones whilst jobs get done. These things are good in moderation, but it would be a shame to let the impact of modern technology replace the simple joys of building a den or playing hide and seek. Children learn so much through play, and adults deserve to take time out to share in this.

The national children's museum Eureka! has an excellent website www.play20.org, which provides a host of ideas to help families rediscover the joy of playing together. From suggestions for messy play, right through to how to keep children entertained at the supermarket, you are sure to find inspiration.

The team at Lilies wish everyone a lovely summer break and hope that you indulge in a little playtime too! The chores are not going anywhere,

but our children will soon grow up.

Kindest regards

Abigail

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Tuesday 10th July and Thursday

12th July- Keighley Festival, 7pm-9pm Keighley Table Tennis Centre – We will have various 'fun' activities such as 'beat the robot', mini competitions, some coaching and an opportunity to discuss membership of the table tennis centre

Monday June 11th-Friday July 13th

'Sab Rang Exhibition' 8am-4pm Central Hall, Alice Street, Keighley. The Sab Rang (All Colours) exhibition examines South Asia's rich cultural heritage, from calligraphy to contemporary wall art. It looks at the traditional crafts and skills of India, Pakistan and Bangladesh – from the miniature paintings of the Muslim Mogul emperors to the complex patterns of mehndi, where decorations are applied to the skin. **Sat/Sun/Tues , 7/8/10th July**

Keighley Model Railway Club Open Weekend (in conjunction with Keighley

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Festival), The Clubrooms, Keighley Business Centre, Knowle Mills, South Street, Keighley, BD21 1SY. Admission: By Donation. Sat/Sun 10-5pm, Tues 7-9pm. Refreshments and small Trade presence. Most of the layouts will be running.

Friday 13th July-The Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge-in aid of Sue Ryder. To complete this route is to undertake one of the great outdoor challenges of the UK. It will be a tough day, but worth it for that feeling of satisfaction upon completion. For more information please go to http://www.sueryder. org/events.php/1096/the_ vorkshire_three_peaks_challenge Sunday 15th July – The Bronte Sportive - incorporating the 4.8 mile race the train and the 88 mile Bronte Monster. A route for all abilities, go to www.brontesportive.org.uk for more info and entry

Tuesday 17th July-Macbeth Outdoor Theatre-7.30pm-East Riddlesden Hall, Bradford road, Riddlesden. This summer, The Lord Chamberlain's Men return to East Riddlesden Hall with their all male production of Shakespeare's devastating and gripping thriller: Macbeth. Bring along a picnic, sit back and relax' but beware witches, traitors and murderers! More Information: Carla Weatherall, 01535 607075,carla.weatherall@

nationaltrust.org.uk

Saturday 21st July – Proms on the Farm at Sycamore Farm, Brunthwaite, Silsden. Live music from 'Last night at the proms' favourites. Tickets available from Twiggs Newsagents, Kirkgate, Silsden

Saturday 21st July Table Top Sale, 10am-12pm, Exley Head Church, Wheathead Lane. Including attic and garage clearance, good as new and craftsRefreshments will be available. If you would like to rent a table for £5. please get in touch with Glenis 01535 640346 or Janet 01535 603065 before Wednesday 18th July. Friday 27th – Saturday 28th July - 'Woodfest' Live Music Festival on the Farm, Lees Moor, Cross Road, In aid of Sue Ryder- two days of great bands, camping and a licensed bar. The festival is set in farmer Wood's fields which are dry and south facing with stunning views of Bronte County as you chill litening to a wide variety of acts which suit all tastes www.woodfest.org. uk

Saturday 28th July-Sunday 29th July 'Aire Do' 12pm-9.30pm grounds of Cliffe Castle, Keighley. A great mix of music from bands including Keep the Drummer Happy, Foxes Faux and the Skeletal Family . The Friends of the Musicians Centre marguee and Jam On Top/Jam Radio

marquee. Sunday 29 July will run from 12.00pm to 6.00pm and the theme is GLAM ROCK! Dust off your old 70's glam rock gear and rock to the sounds of the Bar Stewards Sons of Val Doonican, Amy Harper, The Glam Rockz and the T-Rex Experience! Besides great music and a fun atmosphere there is food. children's rides, fortune telling, fancy dress, stalls too! We are sure there will be something for everyone. Sunday July 29th 'Fiona Katie Roberts' 7pm-9pm Exchange Arts Centre.A concert given by popular local musician Fiona Katie Roberts, tickets

are £7. **Sunday 12th August** - Summer Fun Day-11am-3pm East Riddlesden Hall, Bradford road, Riddlesden. There's lots of activities on offer including local live bands, donkey rides, bubble cars, local crafts, face painting, a bouncy castle, local stalls, tombola, food and refreshments (including a beer tent for the grown ups). More Information: Shelley Hollingdrake, 01535 683806, shelley.hollingdrake@nationaltrust.org. uk

From Saturday 1st September-Calendar Girls-Keighley Playhouse, Devonshire street, Keighley. Tickets range from £5-£7. Tickets are available by calling the box office on 08451 267 859 during office hours. If you would like to be reminded of forthcoming plays/ events please email keighleyplayhouse@btinternet.com for further information. For more information visit the Keighley Playhouse websitewww. keighleyplayhouse.co.uk



Elderflower fritters

You need a really light batter or the lacy effect of the flowers is lost. The batter barely covers them and cooks particularly quickly, leaving the fritters to come out light and crisp, the batter clinging to them gently. For a more robust batter, use a little more flour.

Serves 4

16 large elderflowers

For the batter:

100g plain flour 2 tbsp sunflower oil 175ml sparkling mineral water 1 tbsp caster sugar an egg white oil for deep drying a plate thickly dusted with caster sugar

Sift the flour into a large basin then add the oil and water beating slowly to a thick paste, then stir in the sugar. Set aside for 30 minutes. Don't be tempted to skip the resting time, this is essential for a light batter. Just before you plan to fry the elderflowers, beat the egg white and fold it gently into the batter.

Wash the elderflowers thoroughly by leaving them to soak in a sink of cold water. This will not affect their flavour and they are easy to shake dry. Make certain that there are no aphids hiding among the flowers. When you are certain that they are clean, get the oil on to heat up. Snip the flowerheads into small stems.

Test the oil to make sure it is hot enough – it should send a cube of bread golden in seconds – then dip the elderflowers into the batter and lower them into the hot oil. Keep them under the oil by pushing down on the stem. The batter will bubble up around the flowers like little pearls. Fry until the batter is pale gold and crisp then lift out of the fat and dip straight into the caster sugar. Eat the fritters while they are hot and crisp.



HE OLD SCHOOL ROOM



Visitors to Haworth cannot fail to notice the building opposite the church at the top of Main St. Some will know that the building is actually Patrick Bronte's school room, and most will wonder what is happening to the building, which is in guite a poor state of repair.

The building, whilst actually owned by the Church, has been leased to a charity, Bronte Spirit, which has been set up with the express intention of working to save this important historical building. The vision of it's' trustees is to see the school room restored and in good repair, open to the public, and able to support its own running costs. Trustee Averil Kenyon says; 'We would love to be able to ensure that the building is able to stand for the next 100 vears'

Patrick Bronte was a passionate believer in education, and was determined to improve the lives of his parishioners. To this end he persuaded the church to release the land, and then obtained a grant to build the school. The only building in Haworth to have been designed and built by Patrick Bronte, the school was opened in 1832 initially as a Sunday school before

opening through the week in 1843. It was used as a school until 1903 fulfilling Patrick's dream of providing education for the children of his poorer parishioners. While it continued to be used by the community after this, it has gradually fallen into disrepair, and now the whole of the outside of the building needs repairing and making water-tight.

Bronte Spirit are working in close consultation with English Heritage who are providing invaluable help and advice. The group are also working in partnership with more local expertise such as Airedale partnership, and Kickstart Enterprise Coaching. Says Averil; 'We welcome all the different areas of expertise, whether that is on our doorstep, or further afield, which can help us to save this building.'

The next stage is to apply for a development arant for building surveys and quotes, and of course to keep local residents abreast of the changes. The charity has decided to open the building to the public for 6 weeks over the summer with a different theme each week to include Crafting, the Railway, Art, Local history, Local Food and Tourism. The opening will include stands as well as a café and photographic exhibition of old Haworth. The trustees would welcome everyone to visit and see for themselves what has already been achieved, as well as what still needs to be done. The rooms are also available for private hire. Anyone with an interest in getting involved should contact Catherine Prince 01535 645045 or catherineprince@hotmail.com Further information at www.theoldschoolroomhaworth.co.uk.

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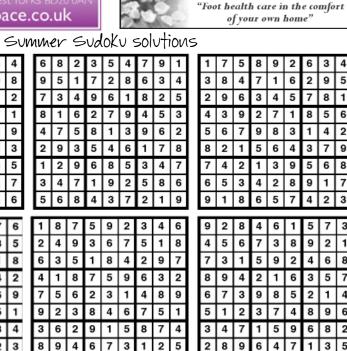
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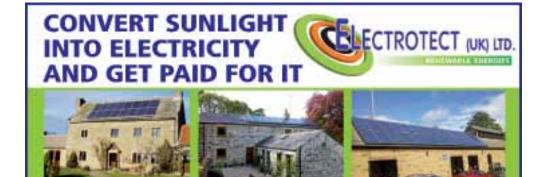
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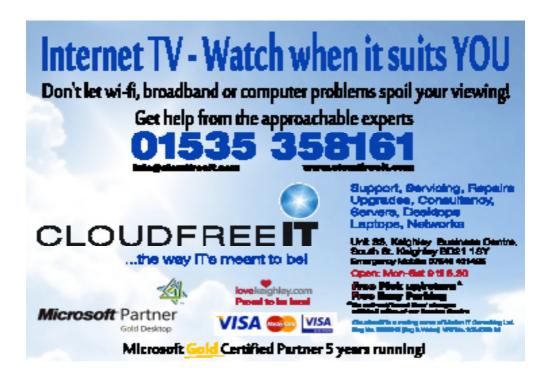
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