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You will LOVE the variety of offers in this month's magazine. Of course, Valentines Day isn't complete without a scrumptious offer. See p11 for a few pulse raising delights!

Look for massive savings at the lovely childrens' store, Pippy Longstocking ,Haworth, see 1/2 price sale (below.) If you want to keep teens busy at half term, try FabLab short courses in creative writing, fun computer programming, digital photography, sewing, embroidery, and more!

FabLab is also offering professional CAD & CNC training with a 70% discount. It's the perfect time to upskill and learn 21st century applications (p15)

The first ever Yorkshire Festival plans are underway with a stunning lineup of exhibitions, events, and commissioned work to be revealed. The district hosted the media event that revealed its name and announced the major sponsor, Yorkshire Water. More on that in the pages that follow... Have a great February!

Liz Barker



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by **Steve** from **Cobbydale Construction Limited**

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I want to introduce you to teenage sisters, Ebony and India who deliver the magazine to both the Nessfield area of Exley Head and to the Keighley Town Centre.

They are supported by their parents, Andy and Michelle who assist with transporting the magazines (which are surprisingly heavy in large numbers). Andy and Michelle enjoy spending the time with their daughters which is just as well because they certainly don't get to share the pay packets! The girls enjoy having the money they earn to be able to socialise and shop with their friends.

Ebony likes meeting the people she delivers the mag to and in particular, wants me to mention a lady at the bottom of Nessfield Drive who always says that she likes receiving her mag, also another lady who displayed a notice saying she didn't want to receive unsolicited mail. Ebony respected this notice and didn't deliver there until the

lady approached her and asked if she could start having the mag as all her neighbours had said it was good. That made Ebony's day.

When I asked India if she had favourite places where she delivered she was equally positive. She said that she loves going up Devonshire Street because the staff in the offices up there are all really nice. She also likes to call in at Cafe Love in the market and says that the people in the market are all lovely as well, plus there was a special mention for Rossi's cafe.

I conclude that they're the kind of teenagers that bring out the best in people and we're very lucky to have them on board.

Whilst the girls are sending messages out to the readers, dad Andy wondered if he could use the opportunity to promote a cause close to all their hearts. A charity EP is available for download with all proceeds going to help Parkinsons disease research through Wobbly Williams and Funding Neuro. As a sufferer of Parkinsons himself, Andy says it's a great EP based on a chant sung by the guides who escort climbers up Kilimanjaro.

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Thank you Ebony, India and mum and dad. We hope to hang onto you all for a while yet and good luck with the fundraising.

Diane Watts, Distribution Manager

There's nothing quite so delicious as a secret...

The delicate unfolding of a desire or plan hidden within the deep recesses of the mind renders it safe from the gaze and expectations of others and therefore in possession of a special magic. With Valentine's Day just around the corner I suspect that there will be many harbours of secrets amongst you. It is the nurturing of a particular secret that radiates the most pleasure, the reaction upon its release being but the icing on the cake.

With the advance of this technological age we have become strangely distanced from the finer aspects of communication. There are those whose innermost feelings have become public property, the advent of platforms such as Facebook providing a forum that enables careless and open discussion on the minutia of daily life; and the pursuit of letter writing has become a seriously endangered art form. The tactile nature of turning a page, the sensation of handmade paper upon the fingertips, the style of our beloved's handwriting and the artistic sweep and curve produced by their hand upon the pen, outstrip anything sent via email or text. Sorry but nobody can convince me that the ping announcing the delivery of a text message carries the same thrill as the arrival of a hand written love letter. There appears to be a strange dichotomy between the type of material we read and enjoy in our leisure time and the reality of how we actually live out our own dreams. We read of romance and magic but seem to believe that these are themes which reside firmly in the past or within romantic fiction.

In fact the whole concept of Valentine's Day has been well and truly blown out of the water by consumerism and its greedy advocates. Gone are the simple declarations of love posted

secretly to the object of one's desire, to be replaced by ever growing expectations and outrageously expensive and stressful shopping expeditions.

I saw a wonderful catchphrase last week – *"forget flowers – say it with food."* Whatever happened to edible love tokens; biscuits spelling out the words "I love you" or "marry me". Little cakes decorated with edible sugar hearts and stowed away in hand decorated boxes. One of my most memorable moments in the coffee house was when a customer asked me to hide a ring box in a cake; as I handed over the box he went down on bended knee and proposed – the whole room was in tears and such was the effect that people still talk about it now.



Speaking of memorable moments the decision of two people to marry is yet another example of a deeply personal ceremony being hijacked by consumerism. For some, a big wedding may be the fulfilment of a long held

dream but an increasing number of couples are opting for smaller gatherings. Last year, after 12 years together, Billy, my partner, and I began nurturing our own special secret and in November we slipped off to the Lake District where we had the tiniest and most secret wedding. Though there was no actual employment of the ladder at the window it was I suppose an elopement. A romantic intensely personal decision to make legal our commitment to one another in a place we both love. The sun shone upon snow-capped mountains and trees still clothed in their autumn colours lay reflected in the serene waters of a plate glass lake; and before a log fire in the piano lounge of our favourite lakeside hotel we gave our vows and drank champagne.

LIBRARIES FOR FAMILY LEARNING

Alan and Rachel Bentley – Tutor Doctor Keighley

“When you are growing up there are two institutional places that affect you most powerfully: the church, which belongs to God, and the public library, which belongs to you.” - Keith Richards

I don't know if Keith Richards has ever been to your local library but Andrew Carnegie paid for the building of Keighley Library and many others around the world. For today's digital generation libraries may appear to have lost their importance; but libraries are still great places for parents to spend quality time with their children.

Share stories about your experiences of libraries when you were a child, books you enjoyed and what you loved or loathed about your local library! Don't forget the onsite expert... the librarian; they can answer your questions, suggest new areas to explore and help you to make the most of your visit.

At their core, libraries are keepers of information and stories. They are places where ideas can be explored, new interests born and worlds discovered, so what's not to like? With books, magazines, DVDs, story time and café facilities it's difficult to think of anyone not finding something to keep them entertained.

As a library member many of the services are free. Children can borrow lots of books as often as they like or they can simply sit and read at the library if they'd prefer. Having this free



access often spurs kids on to try things that they wouldn't normally consider such as more challenging novels or factual books. Whatever the reason, it's easy for you to encourage them by saying, “Just borrow the book; if you don't like it, don't finish it. But give it a try.”

“A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert.” - Andrew Carnegie

See what you can discover together on a trip to the library. Try making up fact finding missions or character spotting games, kids of all ages love a challenge. Libraries aren't the quiet places of the past. As long as you're respectful of the surroundings and other people, children are welcomed and encouraged to take part in events and activities. Finally, libraries today are social spaces where you can have a coffee, natter and find out what's going on in your local area. Libraries enrich lives and encourage independent study. They fire imaginations and offer new opportunities.

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ALL THINGS NEW

We are all looking forward to spring and no one more than a forager!



I was chatting with my neighbour, and she was remembering how there was a season for everything when she was a child, not

just food but how even your play, which was outside, was governed by the seasons. We both happily remembered how this gave you things to be looking forward to, enriching our lives. Hot cross buns at Easter...and this year I would like to set myself the challenge of giving you really usable, practical recipes that reflect what is growing and available. And I would love it if you took up this challenge and really embedded the seasons in your food.

It is so mild right now that the dandelions and weeds are developing, slowly, instead of resting. Otherwise there is not much out. So I want to look forward to the early spring and remind you to be ready for those tender green shoots of different tastes and textures including garlicky and peppery flavours. Wild garlic, sheep sorrell, Jack-by-the-hedge, bitter cress, fennel. And my lovely textured nettles. Don't worry if you can't identify them, I'll remind you about these and others in the coming months.

The recipe I have for you is not one I have eaten...but I would love to! I have made up what you should do having seen it done on a rather wonderful programme. It is an Italian spring herb pie where any flavoured mountain greens and herbs are chopped up and cooked with ricotta and a fried onion in a pie case. I thought it looked delicious and very simple. You can cheat and use shop bought pastry if you like, just don't tell me! It is from the Ligurian coast. The chef cooking it was Giorgio Locatelli on 'Italy

Unpacked, in the footsteps of the poets.' It is the area that Byron and Shelly loved because it's somewhere that, to them, had the traditional roots of life, as this dish does too...

Tip: If you don't want to wait then sweat some chopped leeks with the onion and add a pinch of nutmeg. This will make a nice alternative to the herbs in the pie.

Cath Bromwich, a Silsden resident, is a cookery teacher and forager with a background in health promotion. Her livelihood includes foraging, general and health-related cookery for



different conditions such as diabetes and coeliac disease. For more information, or to pass on your stories and recipes, contact Cath at www.facebook.com/ourchoicefoodsforaging

Spring Herb Pie

1 onion,
Olive oil for frying,
2-3 fistfuls of flavoursome herbs (add spinach if you cannot find much),
Ricotta cheese (enough to fill the pie case you make),
Basic pastry

Line a pie tin with half the pastry, blind bake this until just cooked, fry the onion slowly with seasoning until soft and translucent, wash and chop greenery and herbs being careful to pull off any stalks, combine onion, herbs and ricotta. Season and taste until you are happy with the flavour. Make enough to fill the pie until level. Cover with the second half of pastry, bake until pastry is cooked, firm and browned a little. Eat. Do again with a different combination of herbs. Do contact me if you have any difficulty.



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OUR VALLEY OF VISION

photo by John Sargent



It's been a stupendous start to 2014 for Keighley and the Worth Valley as we now commence the final leg of our journey towards this summer's Tour de France Grand Depart. Yorkshire Festival 2014 - the first ever 100-day cultural festival held to complement Le Tour - was officially launched at Lower Laithe Reservoir between Stanbury and Oxenhope. And we're now able to reveal why this particular beauty spot was chosen for such a prestigious event.

Fields of Vision - an innovative land art project dreamed up by Worth Valley Young farmers and supported by Worth the Tour - has been selected as one of the Route Animation commissions for the cultural festival.

This is a great coup for the Worth Valley, as just 47 projects were commissioned through the rigorous bidding process in the face of competition from over four hundred proposals put forward to the selection panel.

Liz Barker, head of Worth The Tour, the community action group of the Bronte Country Partnership, says, "We are very proud and excited that one of the projects

we are supporting has been selected as an official cultural festival event. Fields of Vision has been a popular idea since it was first unveiled at a Worth the Tour meeting. We've enjoyed working on the concept and came up with the Fields of Vision name. We know it is going to be a huge attraction for the Worth Valley and the whole of the South Pennines. This project especially fits with Worth The Tour's aim to form new collaborative creative partnerships and bring enjoyment to both local people and visitors."

Lower Laithe reservoir is one of the sites allocated for a Fields of Vision grass art creation - so it was against this stunning backdrop that the festival banner was unfurled down the side of the reservoir dam, revealing the Yorkshire Festival name and its major sponsor, Yorkshire Water. Worth the Tour's press team was among media representatives from across the region gathered at the dam to record the event. A helicopter tour of the area was laid on so photographers and film crews could capture the breathtaking scenes from above.

A full report, pictures and video of the launch day can be enjoyed on the WTT website www.worththetour.org.uk The Yorkshire Festival, which begins on March 27, is designed to encourage mass

public participation in arts and cultural events. It will showcase the region's finest creative talents on a national and international stage in the run up to the Grand Depart. Stage 2, on Sunday July 6, comes through Keighley and Worth Valley. Yorkshire Water is one of the biggest landowners on the race route and a number of the Fields of Vision artworks will focus on reservoir settings, with the influence of water on life and land as one of the themes. So it's no surprise that Yorkshire Water's parent company, Kelda Group, is playing a key role. Their Chief Executive, Richard Flint said, "The Grand Depart will take riders through the heart of many of our reservoir catchments, through some of the most stunning countryside in the UK - and the Worth Valley has some of the region's most beautiful scenery. The riders will come right across the embankment of Lower Laithe Reservoir which is an iconic location - so it makes the perfect setting for the festival name launch."

Fields of Vision

Fields of Vision is a unique grass art project which will be literally growing in the landscape. Artworks will vary from huge drawings made from different colours of grass, to beautiful imagery created by techniques like scorching, pitch marking,

cutting, and mosaic. Another innovative method will involve using bikes and cyclo cross techniques to create the images. It was the brainchild of Andrew Wood, or 'Woody,' from the Worth Valley Young Farmers and Geoff Wood from Working pArts. Pennine Prospects, the rural regeneration company for the South Pennines, is leading a team of partners including the Young Farmers, Working pArts, Worth the Tour, the arts festivals of Haworth, Hebden Bridge, and Holmfirth, and Mid Pennine Arts. The Bingley-based Sports Turf Institute is providing technical support and advice.

Fields of Vision will include eight selected fields, some as big as football pitches, and some sloped terrain including reservoir banks. Sites stretch along the route of the Grand Depart from Blubberhouses to Holmfirth - and include a number in the Worth Valley. Each includes a separate artistic interpretation in the landscape designed by Yorkshire artists and other guests.

The Young farmers will form teams of community sowers, including local volunteers and schoolchildren. Turf sculptors will sow the images - with the schools helping to plant seeds. Yorkshire landscape artist Trudi Entwistle is choreographing Stanbury reservoir and its surroundings into a single composition that will then host events - linked with this year's Haworth Festival.

The artworks will be viewed from the air as the tour passes through, but each site also has a designated viewing point from the ground across the valleys, so a trail will be created for visitors to follow. The whole community will watch the art-scapes grow and take shape from late spring and they will be visible throughout the 100-day festival until October.

Gerry Crookes, Worth The Tour

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THIS IS THE AIRE VALLEY

Imagine a valley where you could amble along the canalside for miles, explore through ancient woodland, follow the meanderings of the river or simply stride across the hilltops looking down through the mist or sunlight.

This is the Aire Valley, and it is where Molly and George (the Labradors) have spent long hours walking, swimming and frolicking.

One of our favourite walks at the moment is the one that starts high above the valley, takes you through thick woodland, past a Simon Armitage poem carved in stone and out into the sunlight near a radio mast. Driving into Silsden you need to turn right immediately after the ex-Bridge Pub and make your way through Brunthwaite village and past Silsden Golf Course. With the entrance to the golf course on your right continue straight on and swiftly ascend the hillside until you can go up no more. At gate on your right marked as Black Pots, park your car out of the way and walk uphill towards the gate. From here the views are absolutely stunning and you realise how much of the valley is unspoilt and the sheer scale of it.

The way is obvious and eventually you will have passed the farmhouses and will be approaching Black Pots. From there, making sure you close all gates, you head towards the woods. Whether in deep snow, split open by shafts of sunlight or merely surprising you with how dark it suddenly becomes, the walk and the light are never quite the same.

From here the dogs can be left to sniff, chew sticks and paddle through channels of cloudy water to their hearts content. There is a place to sluice them down halfway along, so no worries about filthy cars smelling of wet dog on the journey home. The biggest surprise on the way round is the Simon Armitage Dew Stones poem that was originally part of the Stanza Stones walking trail that stretches to 47 miles in total. Eventually you make your way out of the woods and come across the Radio Mast. It is at this point that I usually turn back, although you could make your way back down into Utley from here or retrace your steps and, once again, see the valley that you live in from a completely different angle. For more walks see Stanza Stones Poetry Trail on the internet.

Antony Silson

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Simple Soy glazed salmon

Not everyone can cook well. Not everyone has a desire to cook well. But cooking for a loved one from time to time is a guaranteed way to impress them, and it is useful to be able to competently cook a few simple meals.

The following recipe involves minimal ingredients and very few, uncomplicated steps to follow, but the rewards they bring are priceless. Pay specific attention to way you present the dish. They will love a plate of food that looks as good as it tastes.

Ingredients:

2 salmon filets

2oz. soy sauce

2oz. vegetable oil

2oz. brown sugar

2oz. water

1. Put all the ingredients minus the fish in a frying pan on low heat.

2. Stir it until the sugar dissolves and it looks like a sauce.

3. Put the salmon and the sauce in a sealable plastic bag.

4. Place the bag in the fridge and let it marinate for 2 hours.

5. Take the fish and sauce out of the bag and wrap it in foil.

6. Pre-heat the oven to broil. Put the salmon in the oven to broil for about 8 minutes or until the fish no longer looks raw in the middle and flakes easily. You can un wrap the foil for a further 3 minutes and brown the top of the fish if you desire.

Serve with: seasoned steamed broccoli, rice and a chilled chardonnay. **enjoy!**

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TOP TECH TIPS by Michelle Thompson at CloudFree IT

Fighting the urge (to sleep)

Birds Bears do it. Bees do it. Even educated fleas do it. (Apologies to Cole Porter!). Hmm, bears and bumble bees definitely do, but honey bees don't and I'm not that sure about fleas either, but anyway... Even though February's the month when we all seem to focus on it, you can forget love! I'm thinking hibernation!

Even though we might not yet be under a foot of snow (or maybe we are - I wrote this in the middle of January, when it was just wet, wet, wet), I'm a big fan of languishing under the duvet on the still dark mornings, hitting the snooze button and putting off the inevitable. Definitely raw instinct at work there! What evolutionary advantage is there to not bedding down for the winter and staying cosy til spring? Is Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) the result of fighting our deep-seated urge to slumber through the darkest, coldest part of the year?



That extra layer we cultivated over Christmas might be sufficient to see us through a month or two's dozing, so perhaps we just went through 'pre-hibernation' prep without even realising it?!

Is it possible to tell if reluctance to get up in the mornings is down to a subconscious desire to hibernate, or a sign of something more serious? Awareness of SAD has improved in recent years, but lot of people could be suffering all year, not just through winter.

The amount of press coverage on sleep-related disorders, such as Sleep Apnoea, suggests that such conditions are more common than we think.

If you find yourself exhausted most of the time or find it impossible to get up, even when you think you've had a good night's sleep, discussing this with your GP is the obvious first step, but if they have given you a clean bill of health what then?

Many experts recommend leaving technology, such as phones, laptops and tablets OUT of the

bedroom in order to ensure your body and mind are in the right state to drop off nicely, but did you know the market is now awash with gadgets designed to improve sleep quality. Perhaps relaxing the 'no tech' rule a little might be worth a shot?

I've tried a few sleep quality 'solutions' myself over the last few years.

A 'Dawn simulator' alarm clock proved quite effective at waking me up in a more natural way than loud beeping, or the inane drivel pumped out by unacceptably perky radio DJs would, but if you and your partner can't agree on what time 'dawn' should be, then forget this one!

Smartphone apps can track your movements throughout the night (and thus indicate when you have been disturbed) and record/monitor noise levels in your room (so you can pinpoint what it is that's interrupting your dreams), but they can't easily differentiate yours and your partner's snoring and movements, so they're most effective if you sleep alone.

The recent Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas saw the unveiling of a whole host of new sleep-related gadgetry for 2014. The \$8000 'snore-stopping' superbed has to be the crème-de-la-crème!

I don't have the budget for a 'superbed', but my £200 lightbox, bought back in 2004, was worth every penny. Designed primarily to help sufferers of Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), it's worked a treat on 'Sleepy Shell'. A few minutes a day is enough to keep my bodyclock roughly on the straight and narrow and lift my spirits.

For more info about the Consumer Electronics Show and some of the products mentioned above visit:-

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Fri 7th Feb at East Morton School Quiz night 7.30pm

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Sat 15th Feb - Weds 19th and Sat 22nd Feb - Sun 23rd Feb East Riddlesden Hall Half Term Nature Detectives Join in with our garden trail and arts and craft activities - ideal for keeping the little ones entertained during half term. Come along and make your own squirrel mask then head out into the garden to take part in our self led acorn hunt. We've also got a mural for you to help decorate, a playground for letting off steam in and a mud pie

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Weds 26th Feb 11 am at Ravenroyd, St Ives, Bingley Meet Gillian Dale at the bottom car park, **St Ives Estate, Bingley** for a walk along the river towards Marley, climbing up to St. Ives Estate and returning via Lady Blantyre's Rock. Circular Walk, 5 miles (8km) Packed lunch. For further details see www.bradford.gov.uk/countryside.

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We should be proud also to be celebrating that although we are not one of the most affluent areas in the Country, in a survey commissioned by Ethex we were found to be one of the top three for ethical shopping.

If you are reading this over breakfast you are probably enjoying at least one of the following: coffee, tea, sugar, bananas (the theme for this year's Fairtrade Fortnight) oranges, chocolate. All these products are grown and harvested in often difficult and sometimes precarious conditions. Before the product reaches your table, many people have contributed. The message here being that unless we don't use any of the products mentioned then we owe thanks to those people. The minimum request should be that they are not exploited to give us these items we take for granted.



With Valentines day in mind, and if you're feeling particularly generous, in addition to product ranging from chocolate and flowers to cotton and footballs, Fairtrade marked gold is now available.



Here are a couple of facts;

- ◆ Chichester cathedral was the first to have a fairmined gold leaf covered cockerel weather vane.
 - ◆ South Africa has the deepest workplace on earth where both men and women work in a gold mine 2.4 miles underground. Although this mine is well managed with safety a priority, it's very telling of the dangers that at the entrance a board proudly declares the number, often several, days running without injury.
 - ◆ One quarter of the world's gold comes from artisanal miners who have no such safety measures in place they have no hard hats or boots and their families often inhale deadly toxic mercury vapours through the burning off process. For every gram of gold, two grams of mercury is released in this way contaminating the land and water and entering the food chain.
- This is where Fairtrade comes in, addressing the horrendous conditions and implications. Many of these mines are in Peru and as we are twinned with Machu Picchu pueblo, it gives us another reason to be proud that as the first Fairtrade

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But, if you really wanted to impress a Valentine you could place an order for one of the next batch of Fairphones, the first ones having sold out before manufacture, using conflict free tantalum which otherwise is mined often by children with the profits funding the war in the Democratic Republic of Congo. These phones don't carry the Fairtrade mark but the company is leading the way and addressing many of today's controversial and relevant issues. If Apple, Nokia and such like were to copy this example, what a difference that would make to millions.

Apologies if this sounds all too depressing, but the truth is that things are changing and even if you give a simple gift this Valentines day, you can give it with all the gratitude it deserves.

If Valentines day is about love, let it be



about the meaning of the gesture and the love contained within for everyone, it can start with a simple Fairtrade banana.

I'd like to share this message received from a customer

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Summer Jammin' in Silsden

A new music festival coming to Silsden this summer will offer a weekend of great entertainment for the local community and the whole Aire Valley.

The festival will be staged on Riverside Fields off Keighley Road, Silsden, over the August Bank Holiday weekend from Friday, August 22 to Sunday, August 24. It is hoped that the event will be one of the biggest, if not the biggest, ever held in Silsden.

Top of the bill is Bruce Foxton, former bassist with punk legends The Jam – with his band 'From the Jam'. Summer Jam will feature a real mix of music including rock, punk, folk, funk, ska and soul so that there is something to appeal to all tastes. Then alongside all the big names there will also be appearances by some popular local bands like Escapades (pictured at Riverside Fields) and the Big Bang.

A marquee sponsored by Keighley's Jam on Top music studio will set the stage for performances from up-and-coming young musicians while a dance tent will feature big name DJs like Rob



Tissera and Danny Bond, Keighley favourites Danny Pollard and Tim Charlton and Skipton's Dan Bottomley.

Organiser Andrew Conway said: "Our aim is to bring top quality live music to our area and give local people and music lovers an unforgettable weekend. But we also want to offer young musicians a leg-up - so we're including a great mix of big names, established acts and up-and-coming local talent.

"There's weekend camping included for those who want to enjoy the whole event. We do hope a lot of people which plump for that option as they can then relax for

the weekend - and it will help create that lovely vibrant summer festival atmosphere."

It will be a family-friendly event with something for everyone, whatever their age or musical taste and a range of stalls and activities to entertain people throughout the Bank Holiday.

The festival grew out of last year's community event - the Silsdenbury Fest - which attracted 1,500 people, and the previous year's Diamond Do. The popularity of these free events inspired Andrew and his co-organiser John Beaumont to put on something even bigger and better. They have set up a new professional promotions company under the name of Dirtyboy Inc with the aim of bringing more live music to the Aire Valley.

John said; "We got such a buzz from organising the community festivals and people have been asking us to put on something similar this year. We felt we could

build on that and create a really professional event that will put Silsden on the music scene map as well as giving the community an experience they can really enjoy." Ska Face, the headliners from Silsdenbury will be back by popular demand, and will be joined by other well-known artists like Nick Harper and The Shade.

The full line-up and running order are yet to be announced and information will be updated regularly in this magazine and on the festival website www.dirtyboyinc.com

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