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Excitement is in the air. Christmas lights are twinkling throughout the Worth Valley and (surprise, surprise) the tree at the bottom of Main Street in Haworth actually looks good this year! (Thanks to our persistent local councillors.)

I have decided to take the stress and strain out of Christmas this year by ordering my baked goods locally. I can support local trade and relax in the knowledge that I will have scrumptious handmade cakes to serve family and friends when the time comes. (You will find a number of options available to you in the following pages...try one or all!)

I hope you have a wonderful festive season full of surprises and sparkling treats shared with loved ones.

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It's party time; time to dress the house and get out your party frock. In the run up to Christmas the house sparkles and shimmers and excitement builds;

a tangible sense of anticipation hangs in the air, growing in intensity as the big day draws ever closer.

I have always loved Christmas, and though there are those who may not share my sentiments few of us escape the party season without some involvement, no matter how reluctant, in seasonal celebrations; gatherings large and small, involving the sharing and enjoyment of festive food and drink. Christmas celebrations symbolise a human propensity for the creation and sharing of joy. Throw yourself into it and you may be surprised at how much easier it becomes. You really don't have to drive yourself mad with worry, try to achieve masterchef status in the eyes of friends and family, or spend a fortune. Keep it simple if that is what works best for you. Have fun with it.

Christmas is a time when we work with some of the most glamorous characters of the culinary world. Delicious dinners comprising of a starter perhaps, which awakens the tastebuds and leaves them panting for more; an opulent main course, succulent and savoury, taken slowly so that all the different flavours and textures may be fully appreciated and enjoyed, all followed by the divine divas of the desert world, adorned in chantilly cream frills or silken gowns of velvety custard, cheese and biscuits, coffee and mints or

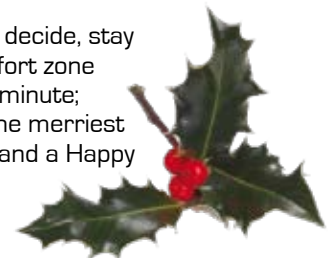
chocolate truffles and last of all liqueurs, which have a soothing and soporific effect upon our enraptured senses.

There will be drinks parties; glamorous gatherings of canapés and cocktails; slinky, sophisticated little bites which explode with flavour; crostini, prawn and cucumber chilli bites, blinis with smoked salmon and cream cheese or warm apple and Cheshire bites and delicious cocktails with which to wash them down.

A relaxed buffet style supper with friends works well (and remains relaxed!!!) if it includes a few cool customers- salads which can be prepared beforehand. Baby potato salad with smoked haddock and a creamy gruyere dressing falls into this category as do savoury tartlets which can be made before the event, served cold, or warmed just before serving. If all this sounds too much why not consider two one pot supper dishes which allow friends to help themselves and go back for more whilst chatting and enjoying each others company.

If Christmas entertaining means simply having a few friends or family members round for coffee and mince pies make the invitation extra special by offering an aromatic glass of mulled wine, moist chunks of brandy soaked fruit cake and melt in the mouth mince pies followed by as good a coffee as funds will allow (or even a liqueur coffee) accompanied by a beautifully presented bowl of chocolate truffles.

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On a Wednesday lunchtime or Thursday morning, No 72 is a little hub of activity – there are mums chatting, little tots playing on the brightly coloured rug and tiny new borns being fed. Delicious slices of chocolate cake or Victoria sponge oozing with cream are served with a cup of freshly brewed coffee or tea. The atmosphere is relaxed and peaceful.

A couple of mums-to-be are joining us in order to meet others in preparation for motherhood – some come just to chill and rest – others for friendship and support. IT IS JUST AS WE HAD HOPED.

If you are a mum and need somewhere to go in the middle of the week in Keighley, please do drop in and see us, sample our homemade cakes and just stop for a while and get your breath back in the middle of all that Christmas shopping – we would love to meet you and your little ones!

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Main Course

Traditional Turkey dinner

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Delicious with a small glass of port.....
1 round of camembert
2 tablespoons apricot jam
handful of pecans or almonds
a small handful of dried cranberries
a small green chilli, de-seeded and finely chopped
a baguette, sliced into 10 - 15 thin slices

Slice the camembert across the middle into two discs and place one slice, rind side down, on a pizza stone, baking tray or in a shallow ovenproof dish.

Mix the jam, chopped chilli and cranberries in a bowl,

and spread half over the camembert. Top with some of the pecans Put the other disc of camembert on top, rind side down onto the jam mixture, and spread the remainder of the jam mix onto the cheese. Finish with more pecans.

Arrange the bread slices around the cheese, slightly overlapping (a bit like a big flower), and spray with a light covering of oil. If you haven't got an oil spray, just brush each side with a little oil before arranging around the cheese.

Pop into the oven at 180°C/fan 160°C/Gas 4 for about 12 minutes until the bread is crisp and browned, and the cheese is melting.

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SLEEP WITH YOUR WINDOWS CLOSED

Cold air on the head at night has been shown to increase blood pressure.

Wearing the right clothing in bed is as important as wrapping up outdoors.

STAY ACTIVE

Regular exercise generates heat and helps you to keep warm. Any activity, even vacuuming, improves your circulation and you will feel warmer. Keep moving at home to maintain body heat.

STAY HEALTHY

Hot meals and drinks provide warmth and energy. Try to eat one hot nutritious meal every day and have a hot drink before bedtime. Get your free flu jab from your GP every year. The flu virus changes every year so get your jab EVERY YEAR.

KEEP YOUR HOME AT THE RIGHT

TEMPERATURE

Hang thermometers in the living room and bedroom and keep temperatures between 21 and 24 degrees centigrade (70 and 75 degrees Fahrenheit).

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RURAL MATTERS by Rachael Moore

It's Topping Time!

Have you seen those sheep in the fields with coloured bottoms? Green, blue, red, yellow? This is a sign that the ewe (female sheep) has been "topped" or mated.

It all starts at the end of summer when the 'Top Sales' commence. The farmer looks for a fit, healthy tup (entire male sheep) with good confirmation and good breed traits such as fullness of flesh in gigot (hind quarter) and a wide and well filled out loin. If you've come across such a fine animal, they stand proud to be head of the flock.

Popular breeds of tup in the Aire and Worth Valleys tend to be Texels. An all rounded breed with plenty of length and stature and has a white face. Its cousin, the Beltex, tends to be smaller, with a more prominent gigot. Then there's the Suffolk; a tight fleece, lengthy body and

dark brown face and legs.

These lads are primed up for a week or so, then they get on their "Party Outfit", as my mum calls it. This is a harness that clips around their shoulders and chest, with a coloured crayon the size of a mobile phone fastened to it. The idea being that the farmer will be able to tell whoever he's been dating, as they will be marked with the crayon.

One lucky tup will have around 30 females to himself to serve in the next few weeks. We used to have one who's pedigree name was "Busy Boy" - quite appropriate wouldn't



Spot the Ewes

you say?

The gestation period of a sheep is approximately 145 days / 4 3/4 months. So, if the tups are "put to the sheep" on 1st November 09, lambs will be due around 25th March 2010. So, at present, we're in mid topping season for the lambs to be due end of March.

HEALING SOUND

by Andy Wood

The Ancient Greeks knew a thing or two about treating illness; doctors today still sign the Hypocratic oath, but Hypocrates would hardly recognise their techniques. Modern drugs; spare part surgery; diagnostic machines, we have come a long way; but what Hypocrates would recognise is the use of sound and music as a healing aid and the concept of treating the person not the illness.

Music is known to have been used to treat people with mental illness in Ancient Greece and there is evidence from around the world that sound was used for healing in even earlier times. The Neolithic chamber Maeshowe on Orkney and the Egyptian pyramids seem to have been built with sound in mind; Australian aborigines may have been playing didgeridoos for over 40,000 years; the ancient Chinese developed a system of sounds for every part of the body. There is evidence that healing, or promoting wellbeing has been a motive for the development of music in these and other cultures.

We are all made up of vibrating particles so it makes sense that vibrations will have a profound effect on our bodies and minds. We know from personal experience that music has the capacity to calm or excite. But can simple sounds be used in a healing way?


I have been studying and experimenting with therapeutic sound for several years and the people who have experienced my sound treatment are usually very positive about how it makes them feel. Mainly using didgeridoos, but also with metal "singing" bowls and gongs, vocal chanting and harmonics, I place people in a soundscape - surround them with sound. The treatment lasts up to half an hour and usually results in a deeply relaxed state.

Most of this is quite easily explained scientifically and accepted by many people; more controversial is the idea of intuitive healing. I cannot make any claims, I am not clairvoyant, I don't hear voices or see lights or colours, but many people have



asked after a sound session how I knew to go straight to where their pain was or why I lingered over a spot where they had had an operation. Based on their feedback I believe that sound does indeed have the power to improve health.

For anyone who wants to experience healing sound I am running a workshop at The Hope Centre in Hebden Bridge on 11th January 2010 with chakra toning and sacred song expert Susan Askey. Other workshops will follow in Haworth later in the year. For individual sessions phone 01535 647133 or email andy@pied-piper-pianos.co.uk



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The November winner was Tom Armstrong from Haworth. The correct answer was Haworth Cemetery.

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WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

www.uglychristmaslights.com



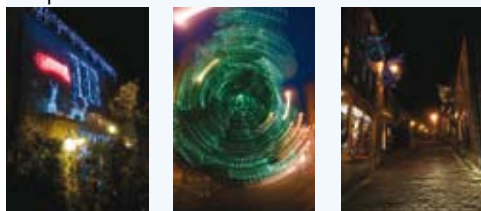
Every year thousands of people ignore the recession, global warming and good taste to entertain the rest of us with

several tons of festive lights festooned over their properties. uglychristmaslights.com is a stunning collection of photographs featuring the most outrageous examples of xmas excess. With tips on how to take photos, a blog, forum and an archive of crazy snaps dating back to 2003 there's plenty to brighten up your day so sit back, relax and enjoy this homage to homes that you can probably see from the moon. It's Christmas - Las Vegas style!



Here is our alternative front cover for the month of December...Christmas Vegas Style from Haworth. (Though certainly not a contender for inclusion in this months uglychristmaslights website :-) The Worth

Valley Mag would like to thank all those involved in the Christmas decoration of Haworth and the surrounding areas... it is a splendid job and much improved on previous years. Here are a few other snaps from the area.



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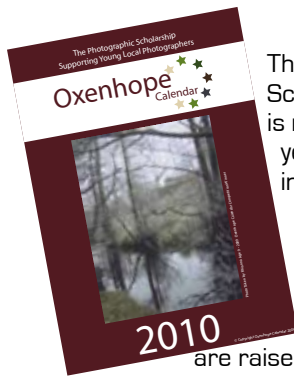
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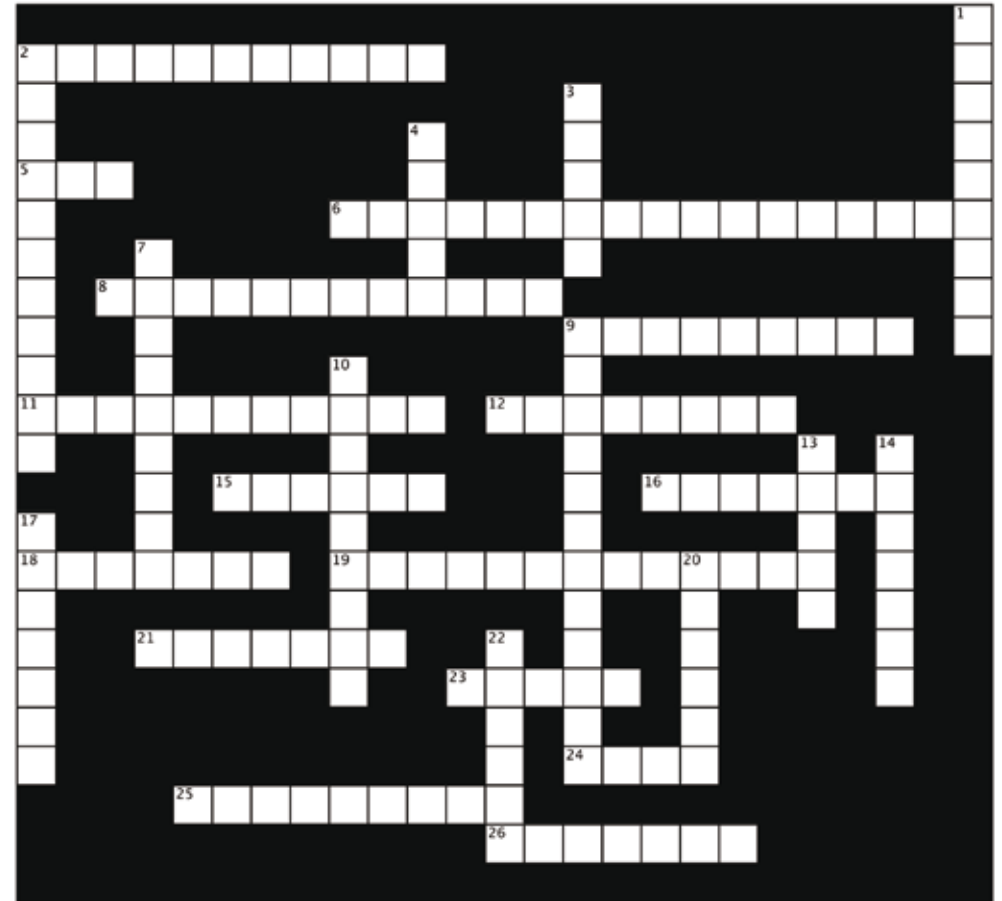
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Across

2. they ring, are you listening? (11)
5. it sounds like there's a national service for this little helper! (3)
6. she wrote the words for in the bleak midwinter (9, 8)
8. blissful landlord who sang to the shepherds (8,4)
9. little porker goes with a big bird (9)
11. traditional decorations, scratchy and itchy (5,3,3)
12. used to be known as marchpane (8)
15. reindeer - also like nuryev (6)
16. Christmas herald with a home in Stanbury (7)
18. park up at the top, slip down for a sherry at the bottom (7)
19. Well, slap my thigh and call me Cinders, he might announce(8,4)
21. a reindeer - like a circus pony? 7)
23. a reindeer - like Halley (5)
24. shiny pointy tree topper (4)
25. a tiny piece of wintry weather(9)
26. a reindeer - again, like nuryev (7)

Down

1. saucy socks to dangle over the end of the bed (8)
2. singing this in the evening defeats the object! ! (6,5)
3. a reindeer - like eros but roman (5)
4. a wonderful gift, the first of many, your right royal highness (5)
7. a stable town? (9)
9. slogan criers become Christmas knockers (5, 7)
10. Secret agents get chopped. They lost Santa and Dancer while baking Christmas nibbles (5,4)
13. a reindeer - like Mrs Fox(5)
14. a reindeer - like german lightening (7)
17. what the dickens - a mean old man! (7)
20. a reindeer - like yussain bolt (6)
22. a reindeer - like a kebab (6)

AUTUMN/WINTER WARDROBE UPDATE

from Nikki Carroll of Firth's Ladieswear

Whether it's elegance or full on glamour your looking for, this seasons trends will enable you to dress up as the occasion dictates. Winter 09 is all about clean lines and simple confident pieces, embracing strong colours with modern sillhouettes.

It may be sequins, it could be leather, and it may well involve shoulder pads, (oh yes they're back with a vengeance, looking flattering and fabulous), this season is all about making a strong statement. Structure is back with tailored shapes that nod to the 1980', so work a strong silhouette to show you mean business.

The casual look is all about chunky



knits and layering like you just don't care, introduce a little tartan to compliment your existing wardrobe and remember it's all about mixing fabrics with confidence. Animal print made a massive come back in Autumn/Winter 2008 (step down Bet Lynch!) and continues to be strong this season with the introduction of the much loved dog's tooth. If you're not brave enough to wear it, enhance your outfit with the many accessories available in this favourite print.

Sparkle gets an update, with pieces that can be worn day or night, to be honest, who cares which? razzle, dazzle as this seasons sparkle is not only for after dark, so be daring different and don't be afraid to mix bronze, silver and gold together to create that dynamic party look or enhance the old faithful black dress with a sequined bag and matching shoes. As an alternative, simply throw an edgy biker jacket over your prettiest frock and most important of all, dress as an individual!

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I'm driving through drizzly rain on the A64 heading towards York playing the new Foo Fighters album at full blast. Despite this my ten-month-old son, blissfully unaware of the experience that awaits us, is peacefully sleeping in the car seat next to me. It's a grey day and I feel a mixture of excitement and anticipation in my stomach. I've booked a free taster session of a Kindermusik class. Not only am I curious to see what happens in these classes - I'm also wondering whether I could set some up myself back home in Keighley.

Lucas is awake and the satnav mercifully takes us right into the car park. The next minute we're exploring a box of fabulous looking instruments and other noisy, rattly, jingly things on the floor of a pleasant community hall. Although Lucas is happily engrossed it's time to move on to our welcome song.

Each child gets his or her own verse with their name in it and an action of their (or their grown-up's!) choice. A lovely touch. We bounce, stomp and wave our way through to the first activity.

Looking round the room there are young babies and preschool children of all ages with mums, dads, grandmas and childminders. I like the atmosphere and quickly feel very welcomed and at ease. Out come lots of brightly coloured scarves to shake and jig about when the music's fast and glide and wave when it's slow - babies too delight in scarves

being shaken and waved over their little bodies to the different tempos. Cath, our teacher explains how this activity helps with listening skills AND stimulates the vestibular system - the fluid in the inner ear that helps develop balance and co-ordination. Cor, value for money or what?

Another activity: this time it's a large parachute that gets the kids squealing with excitement (little do they know they're building serious team work skills here). Next we're learning a catchy song using puppets, which Cath points out, along with the simple repetition, reinforces vocabulary and language skills. I get more impressed as a variety of other instruments and then tiny floating bubbles appear. Baby Lucas is enthralled with all his new discoveries!

Forty-five minutes have passed far too quickly and I leave feeling enlightened and totally convinced about the vital role music can play in a child's development. As for Keighley - this was 18 months ago and I'm now fully trained and running my own successful classes. Why not join one?



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Sat 5th & Sun 6th Dec. Panto Weekend in

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Sat 5 Dec. Oakworth Christmas Fair. 2.00 pm Holden Hall Oakworth. Tel. Janet 642625

Sat 5th Dec. Oh....Whistle! East Riddlesden hall. 7.30pm. Ghostly tales of Mr. James. Contact Samantha Lawson Tel.683800

Sun 6th Dec Haworth Craft Fair 10am - 5pm Bronte School Room (located across from Bronte Parsonage Museum)

Wed 9th Dec. OAP Information Fair (sponsored by the Keighley Elderly Initiatives Group) Have fun and find out what is available to you as a senior citizen. Wuthering Heights Pub, Stanbury 11:30am -2pm Includes free lunch of soup & roll, followed by cake, tea or cof-

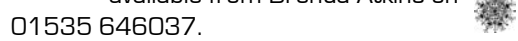


fee. Information available relating to benefits, community project funding, "Seniors Show the Way", "Anchor Project", health advice and much more. Please let us know if you would like help with transportation. Contact Alison Eagle 665258, or Nicci at The Wuthering Heights Pub 643332 or Lesley O'Brien 648009



Wed 9th Dec. Carols in the Park. 7.00 pm Holden Park Oakworth. Tel. Janet 642625

Sat 12th Dec A Christmas Ceildh in aid of Sue Ryder Care Manorlands Hospice will be held at Holden Hall, Oakworth and will feature music by the band Phoenix and a licensed bar. Tickets costing £10 including pies and pea supper are available from Brenda Atkins on 01535 646037.



Sat 12th Dec. Candlemass Eve Procession. Santa & Mrs Claus lead the torchlight processions down Haworth Main St with the Hooly Queen, bands, Morris dancers and choir for carols around the tree. Starts 3pm at top of Main St.

Sun 13th Dec, Haworth Craft Fair 10am - 5pm Bronte School Room (located across from Bronte Parsonage Museum)

Sun 13th Dec. The famous Torchlight Procession. Hundreds of torch and lantern bearers plus bands and choirs process up the cobbled Main Street, Haworth for a traditional Carol Service in the church. Starts 5.15 at bottom of Haworth Main St

Sun 13th Dec. Lights of Love Service

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Sat 19th & Sun 20th Dec. Haworth Nativity Weekend. The final weekend before Christmas with the Nativity procession. Mary and Joseph wend their way up Haworth Main St in



search of and inn for the night. Children and local choirs help create the real magic and meaning of Christmas. 2:30 - 3:30

Sat 19 Dec. Carol Singing in Stanbury. Join residents, friends & neighbours at the bus turning circle at 6 pm to walk through the village singing Christmas Carols - the more the merrier.

Sun 20th Haworth Craft Fair 10am - 5pm Bronte School Room

Fri 25th Dec. Free Christmas Day Bus Services. Oakworth, Fell Lane, Ingrow, Braithwaite, Utlely.

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 Born a stranger.

Priest and king lay fast asleep
 In Jerusalem,
 Young and old lay fast asleep
 In crowded Bethlehem:
 Saint and angel, ox and ass,
 Kept a watch together;
 Before the Christmas daybreak
 In the winter weather.

Jesus on His Mother's breast
 In the stable cold,
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At Christmas we remember God's love for us when He joined us on earth to bring peace and harmony by showing us the best way of doing things. He came as a baby growing up to become a radical teacher who challenged the accepted thinking. We celebrate his death and resurrection at Easter.

Christmas is a 12-day celebration feast; a time for families to enjoy their time together; for those who are lonely to be cared for by their neighbours and friends. In some countries Christmas

presents are given on Epiphany (the last day of Christmas that celebrates the arrival of those mysterious Eastern wise men). Imagine having to wait that long! (However, they may be very canny as one could take advantage of the New Year Sales and save a fortune!)

So this Christmas let's make time for our families and friends by enjoying their company over a meal simply valuing them for all the good things they bring us. We can plan for the future with optimism because although we know winter is to come Easter will arrive with the hope of new life.

Let's go green this Christmas by minimising the time spent in the shops maximising the time with friends and family. Yes, enjoy the food and drink and party together. Why not come to Church, we would love to see you and for you to experience God's love. You never know it might be the best Christmas you have ever had.

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One of the ways to cope with our struggles is to look at implementing strategies and making lifestyle changes. But, how can we do this and who is there to help us?

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Typically, in 'crash for cash' scams, the fraudsters drive to busy roundabouts, road junctions or slip roads and then perform unexpected and unnecessary emergency stops designed to cause innocent members of the public to crash into them.

There are things that motorists can do to protect themselves from this type of scam and the Insurance Fraud Bureau offer the following advices:

- ☀️ If you feel that somebody is following you or driving erratically in front of you, particularly as you approach a roundabout, give the vehicle as wide a berth as possible
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coaching inn on the road from London to the North. Only last month the Stilton Cheese Makers Association has acknowledged proof that the cheese was in fact made in Stilton.

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