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There is nothing quite like a wedding to lift ones spirits. It is a magical day full of high hopes and expectations of a bright future.

Of course, the imminent British Royal wedding captures the imagination of a nation, and in our media rich 21st century,

the whole world will be watching and joining in the spectacle on April 29th.

Let's face it, Britain rules the world when it comes to ceremony and a sense of occasion. I'm sure we won't disappoint; and what a fabulous way to showcase the nation on the run up to the olympics. Here we have a uniuqe opportunity to lift the spirits of the globe and raise the expectations of the nations. I'm told the Royal wedding ceremony is likely to attract record breaking viewing numbers with an estimated 2 billion viewers on TV and another 400 million via radio and online streaming video. That's a lot of eyes on Britain this month!

Royalist or not, you may feel compelled to gather with friends and family in the Worth Valley, organise a street party, or pile into one of our local pubs to celebrate, participate, and view history in the making. I've already bought a spiffy Emma Bridgewater tea towel from Daisy Days in Haworth to mark the occasion. ;]







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Spring Wedding by Andrew Motion

I took your news outdoors, and strolled a while

In silence on my square of garden-ground Where I could dim the roar of

arguments,

Ignore the scandal-flywheel whirring round,

And hear instead the green fuse in the flower

Ignite, the breeze stretch out a shadow-hand

To ruffle blossom on its sticking points, The blackbirds sing, and singing take their stand.

I took your news outdoors, and found the Spring

Had honoured all its promises to start Disclosing how the principles of earth Can make a common purpose with the heart.

The heart which slips and sidles like a stream

Weighed down by winter-wreckage near its source -

But given time, and come the clearing rain,

Breaks loose to revel in its proper course.





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l had an unfortunate eating experience

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this week (and l must stress- not locally) which has prompted me to get back on my soapbox and beg the question - do we, as budding and enthusiastic cooks, sometimes try too hard. Do we cook to impress those we feed or to nourish and satisfy them. Do we impose so many unrealistic expectations and demands upon ourselves when planning and producing a meal, that we take all the joy out of the experience - both for the cook and those eating. The ingredients constituting my dining disaster were so many and so varied, and the chef concerned had unsuccessfully attempted to marry together so many conflicting flavours, that as I progressed through my meal (which I did not finish) both my senses and my digestive system were left reeling from the shock. Masterchef aside, rating a dish upon its complexity as opposed to the pleasure it delivers seems both ridiculous and slightly superficial.

The Italians will throw together two or three simple and vibrantly fresh ingredients and come up with a delicious pasta sauce. We, however have a tendency to clutter up our cooking. The fact that a great many of us eat in the kitchen just adds to the stress. Having ones guests witness the sweating and panicking that often accompanies the production of a

special dinner can never be good. Better to keep things manageable, relax and enjoy the company of your quests. I'm not saving that it isn't great to treat oneself to a really special or extravagant dinner, either at home or out somewhere, or to spend the day enjoying the challenge of putting together something really special and wowing ones guests, but I do think that as a nation we are really good at putting a lot of unnecessary pressure on ourselves, we make things more complicated than they need to be and spoil our enjoyment of food in the process.

by Claire Smith of No.10 The Coffee House

The over complication of the food we prepare and eat could possibly be attributed to the TV companies who constantly push chefs to come up with something new and astounding. I much prefer to watch Nigel or Hugh pop out to the garden, select a few quality ingredients and turn them into a simple but delicious supper, than to watch Heston getting out his chemistry set. Nigel has me salivating; Heston's approach slightly alarms me; besides which I prefer the real thing to a foam or gas that masquerades as the real thing.

We are moving into that lovely phase where long, lazy summer evenings are plentiful and time is spent sharing food, conversation and laughter with friends and loved ones. When it comes to cooking real genius lies in knowing when to keep it simple, maximise the pleasure by keeping down the pressure.

A Season to Celebrate

by Nikki Carroll of Firths Boutique in Haworth

Wondering what you're going to wear when your invitation to the Royal wedding does eventually drop through the letter box? Well wonder

no more, here's a few helpful hints as to what's on the altarwalk this year!

For the lady who loves the latest trends, consider a one shoulder dress. These will grow in popularity this season and are certain to be seen on bridesmaids and quests alike.

available. A great look

that looks almost like

long sleeves. The shrug

the ceremony if desired,

to reveal the dress for

the reception and later on the dancefloor.

Elbow length sleeves

can be more flattering

than regular short

sleeves because they

end at a more slender

part of the arm. They are

also a great way to show

Bright colours are

off gorgeous bracelets.

can be removed after

is a strappy dress worn

with a short fitted bolero

For those who are comfortable with their upper body, there are some very chic strappy dresses

a must. Whether it's cherry red or tangerine, yes tangerine is the 'in' colour, it's bright and bold and by suiting most complexions it's guaranteed to make an appearance at nearly every spring/summer wedding. If this is too eccentric, opt for the cherry red and team it with black for a dramatic entrance, or

you and yours His Reput Highness Prince William of Wales, K.G. Miss Catherine Middleton at Westminster Abbey 29th April, 2011 at 11.00 a.m.

stand out from the crowd in a stunning striking combination of flattering black and white.

Too daring? well opt for a garden print, prints are available in various styles, remember that bright and bold coloured prints are the main objective this season. Maxi dresses continue to be strong especially in the floral prints on silky chiffon fabrics.

Another major trend for 2011 wedding attire is

shorter lengths. There are more knee length dresses out there than ever before, many of which are so chic that a bridesmaid would be as happy to wear them as the bride's mom will be. So by all means show off your great legs!

Fashions fascination with the fascinator is still running high in 2011 and compliments any outfit whether it's a small daytime headband or an elaborate headpiece, they are a great way to express yourself. If you're confident enough and tall enough, there's some fabulous bespoke hats out there.

Whatever trend you follow remember that dresses are the key this season, there are plenty of dresses out there to suit your body shape, style and personal taste. If you look fabulous you're sure to enjoy the wedding even more. If you look great, you'll feel great!

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Thankfully those days are a thing of the past largely due to the invention of digital cameras coupled with the skills of snappers like our talented local resident Paul Barker. Paul has worked as a professional photographer for the UK newspapers and international news agencies for over 20 years, covering events as diverse as the funeral of the Princess of Wales, and the Champions League Finals, to the Live 8 concert in Hyde Park. He now applies his experience and time-honed techniques to produce the highest quality

reportage style wedding photography.

"I am usually asked to take some formal shots, especially



of the happy couple,

immediate family, bridesmaids etc, but now most couples want a far more relaxed style of wedding photography and that is what I do best. Sometimes great shots just present themselves, other times they need



a gentle nudge; having the ability to capture those moments in a creative way is where 20 years experience comes into play".

Paul offers a variety of levels of service starting with coverage just at the church up to capturing the full day, from the bride getting ready to the first dance. Prices include all the images from the day copyright free on disc so couples are free to order their own prints, books, dvd's etc.

"A wedding is a once in a lifetime event so getting the pictures right is a one shot deal. Some couples feel they can make their own albums or DVDs which can save quite a lot compared to the all in package fees that I have seen some photographers charge. I do provide a full range of 'post production' services, the costs for which are just a reflection of the time involved. but getting a great set of images from the day is the most important thing." For more information take a look at www.weddingreportagephotography.co.uk or call Paul Barker on **01535 643686** or 07830 207123, though if you are looking to book for the 29th of April 2011 then I'm afraid you are out of luck because Paul will be in London covering the royal wedding

for one of the UK's national newspapers!





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Greg Barker, the climate change minister, said the proposals out for consultation aimed at rebalancing the subsidy scheme introduced last April in an effort to prevent larger scale solar projects "soaking up" all the cash. "The FITS (Feed In Tariffs) scheme was never designed to be a profit generator for big business and financiers. Britain's solar industry is a vital part of our renewables future and our growing green economy. The new tariff rates we're putting forward for consultation will provide a level of support for all solar PV and ensure a sustained growth path for industry," he said.

The Department of Energy, the source for the FITS scheme, is still guaranteeing a certain level of income from the panels on your rooftop or in your garden. As it stands, 41.3 p is the maximum amount per kWH households receive for generating electricity at home from solar panels. The government said that its move would bring Britain into line with the feed-in tariffs offered in Germany, France and Spain; it is important in these financially challenging times to get the balance of the scheme right.

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Dead Easy Ginger Cake

by Nel Hargrave of **worthbaking.co.uk**



Easter is a time we love to spend getting our gardens, pots, window boxes and tubs ready for the summer. After an hour or two of hard(ish) work, what could be better than to sit down in the garden with a cup of tea and a generous slice of homemade cake and survey the fruits of our labours?

This cake is just about as perfect as it gets, incredibly quick and simple to make – you don't need anything more complicated than a saucepan and a spatula – not even a cake tin!. And it must be good for you as it contains Guinness, which my Nana swore by as an important source of iron; this cake however tastes far nicer than a plate full of spinach.... It also lasts really well in a tin for a week or two, staying incredibly moist and improving in taste every day.

For the Cake:

Large can of Guinness (440 mls) 250g butter 200g caster sugar 75g dark muscovado sugar 500g self raising flour About a third of a jar of stem ginger in syrup 4 teaspoons of ground ginger 2 teaspoons bicarbonate of soda 2 tablespoons of milk

Heat the oven to gas mark 3 / 150 C / 140 fan

In a large non-stick saucepan (about 22 cm / 9 inches wide), melt together the butter, sugars, Guinness and about 2 tablespoons of the syrup from the stem ginger. Finely chop 2 or 3 of the ginger stems and add these along with the flour and ground ginger and stir well. (don't worry if it looks a little lumpy). Mix the bicarbonate of soda with the milk in the bottom of a cup, and pour into the batter and mix well again.

Put the saucepan into the oven and bake for around 45 minutes (until it is starting to come away from the sides and a skewer comes out cleanly). Allow to cool for about 10 mins, and then ease a plastic knife or thin spatula around the edge of the cake to release it, and upend it onto a wire rack to cool.

For the Icing: just beat together 200g softened butter, 300g icing sugar and a tablespoon of stem ginger syrup (with a little hot water if needed) and pile on top of the cooled cake. A little more chopped stem ginger and the zest of a lemon will finish it off beautifully.

Now take it with your cuppa out into the garden, sit back, and be proud of your afternoon's work!

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Do you ever experience problems with your computer that perhaps aren't serious enough to warrant calling for a support engineer, but which, nonetheless, irritate you? Worth and Aire Valley Mags have come together with computer experts, CloudfreeIT, to provide answers to those annoying issues that bug you! E-mail your queries to

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(if E-mail is your problem, then post your query to AVM / WVM Mags Crosslands Barn, Main St., Stanbury BD22 OHB). The best queries will be selected to appear in the next issue. Senders of the selected queries will receive an "I've been De-mystified" t-shirt or mug and other goodies, so please include your full name and address with your query. To get the ball rolling, here's a query that folks at CloudfreeIT get usked frequently...

Q. My grandchildren have been playing on my Windows XP PC during the school holidays. The little tinkers have downloaded and installed several games that I really don't want. There's no "uninstall" option on the Start Menu so how on earth do I get rid of these unwanted games?
A. First of all, well done, you, for not

wading in and deleting program files, willy-nilly! If you had deleted any system files by accident, that could have meant a "world of pain and re-installation work!" There are two safe ways to remove unwanted applications or games. As you already know, the first way is to look on the Start Menu, click on "Programs" (or "All Programs" if this were windows Vista or Windows 7], find the unwanted application's folder and see if there is an option to "Un-install." As there is no "uninstall" option available in this case, we'll go for the second option.

I. Click on Start Menu, then 'Control Panel' (usually on right of Start Menu)

 Look for 'Add/ Remove Programs', 'Programs' or 'Programs and Features' (depends on Windows version & Control Panel view in use). Double-click to open.
 Find the application you want to remove

in the list of applications **4**. Click on the application once

5. Click on the 'Remove' button (or the 'Uninstall' option).

The un-installation of the unwanted software will begin. Follow the on-screen instructions. If this method doesn't work for your particular unwanted programs, it would be advisable to consult a professional or attend one of the surgeries below.

It's not always easy to find the right words to describe a query or a computer problem, so why not demonstrate what's annoying you instead? This month two "Drop-in Surgery" sessions are planned at the Keighley Table Tennis Centre, 2nd floor, Keighley Business Centre, South Street on Tuesday 5th April, 2-4 pm, and 7-9 pm. You can bring your own laptop or show the CloudfreeIT team your problem on one of theirs. In return for a small donation to their nominated local charity of the month, the lovely folks at CloudfreeIT will be happy to share their knowledge and smooth your furrowed brow!







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WORTH VALLEY DAD

With the garden slowly starting to bloom I think

it's safe to put the sledge away again for another year and to try get the lawn looking something like it was when it was first rolled out last summer. It's not easy to keep it lush when the kids are running all over it - and then there's the climbing frame, slide and paddling pool all keeping sunlight from feeding my lovely green turf. We've just had a wood burning stove installed so I was hoping Winter might last a little longer so we could burn more logs and gaze lovingly in to the flames. It's very addictive, but it's not cheap buying all this wood. To save a few bob I took the kids up in to the woods to collect some kindling. I gave them a carrier bag each and told them to fill it with twigs. That kept them busy until they got distracted by a couple of squirrels racing though the tree tops. If you've gotten tired of taking your kids to expensive play centres, just take them in the woods and get them to collect twigs! I'm not keen on play centres. The kids love them, but I think they're about as much fun as going to the dentist. I was told off last time I went in one for filming my daughter on my mobile. They were probably filming me filming her! Perverts! And it's impossible to get the kids out when it's time to go. They're always at the top of some gigantic Mouse Trap style contraption that you have to squeeze through holes and climb up slides to get to. They're up there waving and

laughing - knowing that you can't get them. And when you give in and decide to go in after them, you have to take your shoes off and feel quilty about your stinky feet and all the other parents think what's that pervert with the camera doing now? And then by the time you've struggled to get to the top the kids have gone down the big slide and they're waving to you from the bottom. And there's nothing for grown ups to do there. The cafés always seem to sell horrible scalding hot coffee in a thin plastic cups that burn your fingers. And all they have to eat is big fat cakes n' crisps n' sweets like Jamie Oliver never existed. And the thumping euro pop music in there is worse than the stuff they get rid of on the X-Factor. And there's always some oversized thug in the ball pool pelting the other kids with balls while his parents laugh about getting it out of his system. And the noise... oh the noise! We always seem to end up in these places after a rare night out. Hell is a children's play centre with a hangover. The acoustics of a gigantic steel industrial unit amplify the sound of screaming children by about 1000 decibels. This is why I'm taking the play out of the centre and taking it in to the garden, filling it with swings and slides, tunnels and trampolines. Maybe the grass won't be greener, but at least I can take pictures of the kids enjoying themselves, I can have a decent cuppa, some nice food, some top tunes.. and I don't ever have to take my shoes off!



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