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We've turned a corner and everything is sunshine. (Let's hope I haven't jinxed this pleasant spate by mentioning it!)

The spring flowers look especially wonderful this year; our parks and gardens are bursting with colour. Easter holidays give us all a welcomed breather and a few days to celebrate.

If you are thinking of venturing further afield, I can recommend the Yorkshire Sculpture Park in Wakefield; the Miro exhibit is positively exuberant!

But staying here in the Worth Valley can be just as exciting...why not take a picnic to the Bronte Parsonage meadow and call in to view the Bronte Relics exhibit? (pp16/17)

I've noticed there is quite a lot of deep breathing in this month's magazine too... between Yoga (p10) and anxiety management exercises (p12) we'll be feeling totally relaxed and "chilled out" by May. Have a great Easter, Liz



Liz Barker

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Firstly, make sure your cat is micro-chipped. This is best form of pet identification and it's vital you keep your contact details up to date. Secondly get your cat a safety collar with your contacts details on it. Both these steps will help the finder reunite him with you.

The moment you realise Tiddles is missing, ask neighbours to look in their garages and sheds. A frightened cat will tend to keep quiet and hide and may not even respond to a familiar voice so ask your neighbours to leave the door or window of their outbuilding open for a couple of hours around dusk. Also check he can't have got shut in an empty 'for sale' property during a viewing.

If you have recently moved, Tiddles may have been 'spooked' by something - the

reassurance of a familiar scent coming from a used bedsheet or his own bedding will help him get his bearings, so hang one out on the line.

Don't be embarrassed to walk the streets calling for your cat, but don't start calling his name until you are on the way home - calling him on the way out may lead him further from home. Register Tiddles under Lost & Found via our website and put posters in shop windows and an ad in the local paper. There is no centralised website for missing pets, so put this information in as many places as you can. There's a Facebook group called Pets Lost & Found in Keighley & Surrounding Area.

If on the other hand, an unknown cat comes calling ask around and put a paper collar on him with your phone number and ask 'Is this your cat?' This helps establish if he's just cheeky or really a stray. People still shut their cats out with no way back in and no shelter from the cold and rain. He might be a visitor needing comfort and warmth.

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WINED & DINED with Claire Smith from No.10 The Coffee House



It seems that last month's article prompted a spate of discussion concerning just what constitutes the perfect kitchen. Many of my customers, in response to the suggestion that baking has therapeutic benefits, have been enquiring after my kitchen facilities and bemoaning their own lack of space, specialist equipment etc. All this talk of kitchens and their failings has led to the posing of this question – Just what is the ideal kitchen and why do we place so much importance upon the acquisition of this dream? Are we really all so pre-occupied with attaining our dream kitchen that we are willing to spend hours rifling through back issues of Homes and Gardens and dreaming of this elusive phantom of perfection instead of spending time actually preparing and cooking food with which to nurture and sustain body and soul?

Curiously most serious working kitchens tend to have less space and less high tech equipment than many domestic ones. Only this week on television we were shown how Rachel Khoo produced her own gorgeous variations upon traditional Parisienne dishes in her "Little Paris Kitchen" (so small that it is only as wide as she is tall), which serves the smallest restaurant in

Paris seating only two people at a time. My own kitchen is itself much less than ideal, and I am as guilty as the next person when it comes to lusting after grand designs. Though of a good size I could happily settle for a kitchen twice the size of the current one and having attained that would probably still wish that it was bigger and better. I do however, have open shelving housing large jars filled with baking ingredients – a successful design (one of Billy, my partner's, finest) as it facilitates ease of access during the hectic morning bake. I have little in the way of high tech machinery as I do most things by hand, and there is hardly a stainless steel surface in sight. My oven is an ancient re-conditioned gas guzzler; a six burner range that nestles in the chimney breast like some immense mechanical earth mother. Like the Miriam Margolyes of the gastronomic world my oven may not be beautiful but it oozes character and is beautifully dependable when it comes to performance.

The walls of my kitchen are sprinkled with family photographs and images that inspire me, especially the little sailing boats painted by my father; it is both the engine room of my business and the hub of the house and although far from perfect the room to which everyone seems to gravitate; it is my domain, my working and personal space, the inner sanctum of our home.

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For the past 2 years, Shelley has been focussing on her own development, by living at a yoga retreat in south Wales. This has allowed her to learn more about traditional yoga in great depth. When she left the



retreat, she decided that she wanted to integrate her passion for yoga into her everyday life, and resolved to teach yoga full time. Shelley approached Kickstart for some support, and met with the rural Enterprise coach, Candy Squire-Watt. Together they looked at her business planning, and how she might develop her contacts to start running classes. They also spent time going over the finances to ensure that the numbers added up, and would allow Shelley to make a living. Shelley said; 'Kickstart were really helpful, they gave me confidence to know there was someone there I could go to with questions, and I was always sure of a quick response.'

Shelley is currently running classes in Oxenhope and Denholme, and is looking at setting up more classes in Skipton and Hebden Bridge. She also works one to one with clients who prefer a more in depth approach. Please contact Shelley direct for class details.

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Exploring Mental Health issues with Tony Gill, RMN

Anxiety management techniques

In March we explored how and why anxiety or panic attacks occur; we can now break this down into 3 distinct components and provide some simple techniques to deal with the symptoms.

The three signs to look for are

1. The physical response that constitutes the terror of panic
2. The 'wired' feelings of tension that correlated with being 'stressed out'
3. The mental anguish of rumination - a brain that won't stop thinking distressing thoughts

Listen to your Body

The first objective is to be aware of your body and manage it in a positive way. For example, eat right, avoid alcohol, nicotine, sugar and caffeine; exercise and sleep well. Get your body moving for stress relief. A good jog or a game of tennis can up the production of endorphins, which are your brain's feel-good neurotransmitters. Regular exercise can also improve your sleep, which is often disrupted by stress. Shedding daily tensions through a game of racquetball or doing laps in the pool can result in energy, optimism and a feeling of being calm.

Breathe

One of the most successful techniques to relieve tension involves breathing; this will slow down or stop the stress response: A simple deep breathing exercise that lasts for about 1 minute at a time, 10-15 times per day every time you are waiting for something eg, the phone to ring, an appointment, the kettle to boil, waiting in a bus stop or the shop, is both simple and effective.

The act of taking deep breaths and focusing on a positive or happy memory will

serve to reduce the anxiety and interrupt the cycle of anxiety. As you take in a deep breath think of a positive thought or the word "relax" and then hold it before exhaling slowly and repeating this process.

More detailed deep breathing can be done whilst referring to different parts of the body, starting at the fingers as you take a deep breath tense the hand in a fist, think of the word "relax" and then exhale releasing the fist, this can be done with the whole of the body and can take 10-20 mins as you sit and is a more advanced aspect of the simple in and out breathing.

Visualize

Other ways of dealing with anxiety include writing the situations down and returning to them and using the above breathing techniques to deal with the stressful situation. If you have persistent rumination thoughts then you need to switch them off. A good way of doing this is to sit quietly with eyes closed and focus on an image of an open container and in this you will put the negative thoughts. See and name each issue or worry and imagine putting it into the container. When no more issues come to mind, 'put a lid' on the container and place it out of the way, then invite a more positive thought into the space where the container used to be.

At night, right before sleep, invite a peaceful thought to focus on. Visualization is a powerful technique to enable you to create positive and peaceful images that will help you relax. You can purchase guided relaxation CDs or download soothing music from the internet to help relieve stress and anxiety too.

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BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM BRONTË RELICS

Writers' lives tend to be as fascinating to us as their fictions, even when there is relatively little biographical information available. In fact, the less we know the more fascinated we become. Certainly, the Brontës have exerted an extraordinarily powerful hold over our collective imagination for more than 150 years now. Generations of readers, writers, and artists have been absorbed and inspired by them and they have permeated our cultural landscape, at every level.

The Brontës' cultural pervasiveness is largely the result of their literary achievements; *Jane Eyre*, *Wuthering Heights*, *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall* are all works of great power, stories that have continued to speak to us across three centuries. However, the 'Brontë story' has been, and continues to be, equally compelling.

It was Charlotte Brontë's friend, the novelist Mrs Gaskell who wrote the first Brontë biography in 1857, within two years of Charlotte's death. Her *Life of Charlotte Brontë*, was written, in part, to satisfy an already burgeoning public interest in the Brontë family. The Brontë story has been told and re-told many times since, with all manner of different emphases and interpretive slants. Right up to the present day it has been the ground for much dispute, not only within biography but also literary criticism, fiction, poetry, theatre and film. The Parsonage museum's

new exhibition, *Brontë Relics: A Collection History*, tells the fascinating story of how the museum's collection came to be.

With such great interest in the Brontës



Opening day at the Parsonage, 1928

from such an early date, it was perhaps inevitable that Haworth would become a destination for literary pilgrimage and that the physical remains of the Brontës' lives would become revered and sought after as relics. The Brontës' father, Patrick, having outlived his wife and all six of his children, lived long enough to witness this, being generous enough to receive curious visitors when the mood took him, and cutting some of Charlotte's letters into snippets to satisfy requests for samples of Charlotte's handwriting.

The Brontë Society was also established early, in 1893, committed to the '... preservation of artefacts of whatever nature of the Brontë family'; and so began the development of what is now the world's largest collection of Brontë related manuscripts, letters,

artworks, furniture, domestic artefacts and personal treasures. The first Museum of Brontë Relics had been opened in 1889 by Francis and Robinson Brown, cousins of Martha Brown, the Brontës' servant, above their Refreshment Rooms at 123 Main Street, Haworth. The Brontë Society opened its first museum above the Yorkshire Penny Bank, now the Tourist Information Centre, at the top of Main Street in 1895. Haworth Parsonage, the Brontës' home, was purchased and donated to the Society by Sir James Roberts, and opened as a museum in 1928. Since then, there have been more than seven million visitors to the museum; including writers, artists, scholars, readers, and those simply moved by the story of the Brontës' lives

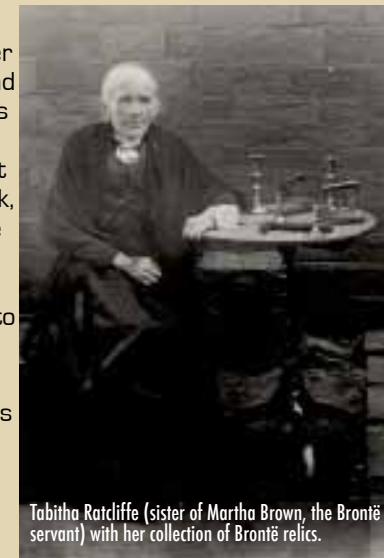
Amongst some of the better known early visitors to Haworth was the novelist Virginia Woolf. Woolf came to Haworth in 1904 and wrote an account of her visit in the *Guardian* newspaper, which became her first piece of published writing. She describes Haworth rather unflatteringly as 'dingy and commonplace' and refers to the Brontë Society's collection, then housed at the Yorkshire Penny Bank, as 'a pallid and inanimate collection of objects', commenting that 'An effort ought to be made to keep things out of these mausoleums'.

However, as Woolf goes on '... the choice often lies between them and destruction, so that we must be grateful for the

care which has preserved much that is, under any circumstances, of deep interest'. She is profoundly moved by the 'personal relics'; dresses and shoes particularly: 'The natural fate of such things is to die before the body that wore them, and because these, trifling and transient though they are, have survived, Charlotte Brontë the woman comes to life, and one forgets the chiefly memorable fact that she was a great writer'

Many more relics have been returned to Haworth and to the Parsonage museum since Woolf made her pilgrimage, and the story of how the Brontë Society's collection has grown and developed is a fascinating one in its own right; complete with a colourful cast of characters (both heroes and villains), twists and turns that would seem melodramatic in fiction, and even an unresolved mystery or two. That collection is of course a great scholarly resource which has given us important new insights into the Brontës' lives and

works. But as well as allowing us to access the Brontës as great writers, towering literary icons, the collection also bears witness, in a powerfully moving way, to the Brontës as ordinary human beings. It is for this reason, just as much as the Brontës' literary achievements, that people continue to make the pilgrimage to Haworth; why these relics have such a powerful effect upon us, and why their history is so compelling.



Tabitha Ratcliffe (sister of Martha Brown, the Brontë servant) with her collection of Brontë relics.



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Food and drink: Some of the walks are quite short, and you may not feel it necessary to carry extra food and drink. This is an individual choice. There will be a welcome for walkers at each destination where refreshments will be provided. Details from contact person.

General walk information: Karen Palframan 01943 607334 karen.palframan@talktalk.net

21st April A. Ilkley - Keighley / B. Ilkley - Haworth

Start time: 8.45am both walk options
Start location: Christchurch, The Grove.
Finish Locations: A. Café in Keighley. B. Bronte Parsonage, Haworth
Distance: A. 6.5 miles. B. c7m - catching KWVR train at 1.15pm. Arr Haworth 1.35pm, then walk to Bronte Parsonage
Time: A. 3 ¼ hours. B. finish c 4.30pm. Bring food / drink for Ilkley - Keighley walk section as required.

Going: Footpaths and tracks over the moor may be very muddy and are over rough

ground. Climb out of Ilkley is steep in sections and walk from Haworth station to Bronte Parsonage is up steep hill. Map: OS Explorer 297. Lower Wharfedale and Washburn Valley Parking: Central car park in Ilkley. Return: Bus routes 762 and 765 link Keighley and Ilkley departing from Stand N in Keighley Bus Station. Timetable details from Transdev Keighley.

Hope to arrange private bus for direct return to Ilkley from Haworth. Approx £4.50. Must be pre-booked via contact person.

Toilets: Christchurch Ilkley. No toilets on walk route. Lunch venue in Keighley. Haworth Old Hall Contact person: Karen Palframan 01943 607334, karen.palframan@talktalk.net

28th April Haworth - Denholme

Start time: 12noon for 12.30pm departure
Start location: Haworth Old Hall, Corner of Main St. and Sun St. Finish Location: Mechanics Institute
Distance: c 4 miles Time: 2 hours Going: Varied - valley, woodland, moorland, tracks and footpaths, some muddy. Fairly flat, but some short steep climbs, stiles and steps. Map: OS Explorer OL21: South Pennines
Parking: Haworth village car parks. (eg Weavers Hill car park nr Old Hall. Please be aware that Changegate car park (opposite Edinburgh Woollen Mill) has a strict clamping policy.
Return: 696 / 697 buses towards Keighley. Alight at Cross Roads, then 500 / 665 bus or walk to Haworth.

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Sunday 1st April- Haworth Beer Festival-The Old School Room, Haworth 1pm onwards. Join the Micro Brewery Revolution Event. Located at The Old School Rooms in-between Haworth Church and Bronte Parsonage. This event will be raising funds for the Haworth Church Restoration fund and Manorlands Hospice.

Monday 2nd April-Mama Mia Fashion Show 7pm Haworth Community Centre, Butt Lane, Haworth. Tickets are £5 and are available from Firths. All Proceeds will go to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Tuesday 3rd April-Worth Valley Young Farmers 'Talk by Ed Fewster Country Gent and World Traveller' contact Rachel Moore 07887530187

Wednesday 4th April-Sequence Dancing- Parkside Social Club, Butt Lane, Haworth 8.30pm-11.00pm
Beginners of all ages welcome, no partner necessary. Prize raffle at half-time. Anyone who wishes to watch rather than dance, also welcome. First Wednesday each month is party night; bring a supper item to share. Club members £2, non-members £2.50

Friday 6th April Oakworth Third Age: Art Group 2pm to 4pm. Contact Geoff Hodgson 644103 for more details.

Saturday 7th April Groovy Happenings 7.30pm-11.30pm Parkside Social Club, Butt Lane, Haworth
Whiskey Velvet, Glasseye Diner, Mexican Bob and Paul, Spence, Joe Drury. £2 on the door

COMMUNITY PAGES

Sunday 8th April Weeny Boppers Disco, 2pm until 5pm Parkside Social Club, Butt Lane, Haworth. Kids at the Weeny Bopper disco will also be able to play with streamers, magic bubbles and scarves whilst parents can become interactive DJs by using their i-phones to view and request tracks during the disco. Admission £5 per family.

Sunday 8th April Easter Walk on Silsden Moor 7.5 circular walk. Packed lunch is required. Meet Kenneth Allen at 11 am at the pay and display car park, Wesley Place, Silsden.

Sunday 8th April Local food producers Market 10am onwards in Central Park, Haworth. Anyone interested in trading contact Richard Ambler on 01274 432370

Tuesday 10th April Worth Valley Young Farmers 'Jamie Olivers Ministry of Food' Contact Rachel Moore 07887530187

Saturday 14th April Haworth Cinema, 3pm West Lane Baptist Centre, West Lane, Haworth-Showing Hugo (U)

Sunday 15th April Bronte Tractor Runs Group
Charity vintage vehicle runs organised throughout the year around the Bronte countryside

Monday 16th April-Annual Parish Meeting and Full Parish Council-St James' Church Hall, Crossroads. 7pm until 9.30pm.

Tuesday 17th April Worth Valley Young Farmers Rounders match on Bronte Playing Fields. Contact Rachel Moore 07887530187

Tuesday 17th April Exley Head Ladies Circle Fashion Show. 7.30pm, Exley Head Methodist Chapel. Wheathead Lane. The clothes are from High Street stores and will be available to buy on the night. The

cost is £2 to include refreshments.

Thursday April 19th Oxenhope Gardening Club, 7.30pm Oxenhope Community Centre.

Admission, unless otherwise noted, is £3 for non members, members free. Membership is £15 per year. This month's speaker is Meg Morton from York Gate Gardens.

Saturday 21st April Haworth Cricket Club Senior Cricket Match, 2pm Haworth Cricket Club, West Lane, Haworth.

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7.30pm Exley Head Methodist Chapel Wheathead Lane. This is a male voice concert party offering a relaxed collection of music and humour. The cost is £2 to include refreshments.

Friday 27th April Haworth Cinema, 7.30pm West Lane Baptist Centre, West Lane, Haworth. Showing The Help (12)

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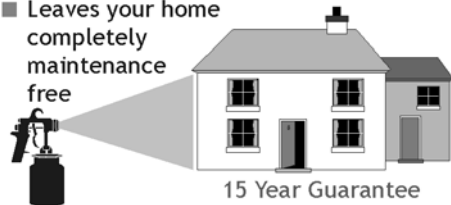
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TOP TECH TIPS by Michelle Thompson at Cloudfree IT

Stuck for words?

Getting writer's block occasionally is OK; it rarely lasts long. Anyone who has ever been on the receiving end of emails from me would find it hard to believe this EVER happens to me, yet today I found myself completely stumped!

There's always plenty going on in the world of computing, so surely I could find something new to tell you? Apple's new iPad 3 coming soon? Well...Not sure it's a life changer, although the rumour they'll be launching a big-screen TV later this year might be worthy of a little mention. London Underground to get free wi-fi for the Olympics? Great, but most of us will be watching on TV (or via the internet) here in West Yorkshire!

Finding myself well and truly banjaxed (oooh, I love that word!) I went on the hunt for inspiration. No staring out of windows wistfully, or gazing into the bottom of my tea mug hoping for a 'sign'.

No, no, no. I did what most time-challenged people in a tight spot seem to do these days. I got Googling...(yes, I know, there are other search engines available, but 'Binging' or 'Yahooing' just doesn't sound right!).

Searching for 'interesting IT facts' threw up pages with interesting facts, yes, but mostly NOT related to IT. Weird! I'm now aware a company in Taiwan makes dinnerware out of wheat, so you can eat your plate, Reindeer like to eat bananas and Mosquitoes like to bite people who've recently eaten bananas! Not quite what I was after... Searching for 'amazing information

technology facts' was a tad better. I found out Google is currently the most popular search engine (obviously), receiving hundreds of millions of search queries every day, that SPAM now accounts for over 60% of all email, and one third of Google's email servers are now full of it! Allegedly.

Other 'IT facts' catching my eye today include:-

- This year it is estimated that there will be 17 billion devices connected to the internet.
 - Revenue generated by YouTube is insufficient to cover the cost of the internet bandwidth consumed by all those video uploads and downloads (about \$1 million a day).
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 - Of the 13 million music files available on the web for download 75% have never been downloaded at all and around 50000 tunes account for almost 80% of all music downloads!
 - The computing power in a 'Gameboy' from 2000 was greater than that which put Man on the Moon in 1969!
 - The "Encyclopaedia Britannica" - once spanned 32 printed volumes and cost the equivalent of £3,000 today. It was made available on two CD-ROMs for £99, but today you can access it on-line for free!
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MD Danny Normington in the Keighley show room.

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The Opening of Eyes

That day I saw beneath dark clouds
the passing light over the water
and I heard the voice of the world speak out,
I knew then, as I had before
life is no passing memory of what has been
nor the remaining pages in a great book
waiting to be read.
It is the opening of eyes long closed.
It is the vision of far off things
seen for the silence they hold.
It is the heart after years
of secret conversing
speaking out loud in the clear air.

It is Moses in the desert
fallen to his knees before the lit bush.
It is the man throwing away his shoes
as if to enter heaven
and finding himself astonished,
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