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



With the festive season almost upon us, most of you will have planned to meet up with family and friends during the holiday period, and almost all of these gatherings

are likely to include food or drink of some kind. Starting late November, if you celebrate Thanksgiving, this is a season of feasting encompassing Yule, or Winter Solstice on December 21st and of course our traditional Christmas feast on December 25th. Since the enjoyment of food demands time, conversation and conviviality will flow in a relaxed atmosphere of sharing and giving.

Cooking for and participating in the sharing of food between friends and family creates powerful links, not only between yourself and those for whom you have love and respect but to the most basic principles of giving and receiving, and caters – through the senses – for the many complexities of human nature.

Inviting others to celebrate the season and wishing them blessings by preparing food for them really is a way of delivering the milk of human kindness so eloquently described by Dickens in “A Christmas Carol”.

At the time of writing half a dozen rich brandy fruit cakes sit slowly rising in the oven. Their intoxicating aroma permeates the house; the air is perfumed with brandy and spices and conjures thoughts, not only of our own family Christmas but of the Christmases of those for whom

they are destined. When ready (they need a little more nurturing before they leave me), they will wait patiently in homes all across our little community and beyond to be consumed and enjoyed. To me they symbolise a link; a connection between myself and my lovely customers and their families.

More often than not, the intended outcome of a great many food related gatherings, festive or otherwise, are the celebration and enjoyment of relationships, the expression of gratitude, discussion of or proposals for plans or ambitions, and the bringing together of communities. Many times the food offered and shared acts as a catalyst by facilitating the bringing together of people, after which it becomes almost secondary as the forging and strengthening of relationships takes over.

When it comes to Christmas, what matters most is not the food, or how much we have spent on gifts or decorations. It is the people around us. Those who share our food and our time, and that have become part, not only of our individual Christmases and its traditions, but of our lives. These are the people who will be helping to lay the Christmas table, dipping fingers in sauces, lifting the lids on saucepans and sneaking surreptitious samplings of dessert as we share laughter, love and joy at this magical time of year.

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# RURAL MATTERS Back to Basics by Jonathan Sharp



Honey and Honeymoon

to be present so that is a couple of nights a week our sleep is disturbed. This can really spoil Christmas celebrations so I decided this year to have a month off from calving cows, from the 10th to the 10th

We had a special arrival recently, a heifer calf called Honeymoon. My wife has always called me Honey and has also always helped on the farm so I bought her a cow called Honey (who says romance is dead!) This is no ordinary cow, she descends from a very famous (as cows go) cow, Balsom Brae, Pluto Sovereign, that was aged cow at the Toronto Winter fair in 1963 and known throughout the world simply as "The White Cow". She had a grandson exported to Japan that had such an impact in the dairy breeding in the 70's they erected a statue of him! We have high hopes for "Honeymoon".

We also had a cow win a life time achievement award: Tewitthall Rudolf Sal has now produced over 100 tons of milk or 215 thousand pints and she is due again next summer... so watch this space, there is more to come yet!

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## SETTING THE SCENE, CATCH-MY-DRIFT

In September 2010 Chris Bowles came to Keighley to help a friend sort out her paperwork following her separation. The friend became something more, and somehow, Chris never went home! He and Kyra married a year later in October 2011 and now have a baby to add to their family. However, unfortunately for Chris his job in Data analysis did not come with him and he found himself unemployed and unable to find a job. He started to think about working for himself, using the internet as a way to start trading, and Kyra was keen to be involved too. She had worked for herself some years previously in Lancashire as a Venue Stylist.

Chris and Kyra pooled their experience; using Chris' technical ability and Kyra's creativity, they decided to set up a business initially trading on-line selling boxed balloons and party supplies, and then later branching out into venue styling and other party planning. Chris spoke to his jobcentre adviser, who referred him onto the New Enterprise Allowance programme.

As part of the programme Chris worked with a mentor, Candy Squire-Watt, an Enterprise Coach from Bradford Kickstart. Chris carried out a huge amount of market research to be able to plan his sales forecasts, and with Candy's support he completed a business plan. The plan was approved and 'Catch my Drift' was born!

Chris and Kyra suffered a few early setbacks when a supplier they had planned to use let them down, but they recovered and started building their eBay traffic.

Sales tend to be small, so they need a lot of them, and Chris discussed with Candy ways of building sales and using other routes to market to strengthen their offer. Chris said: "It has been really helpful having Candy to talk things over with, it's great to have an outside perspective, and it has let me stand back and plan the direction of the business, and look at different ways of doing things."

Chris and Kyra have now moved on a step and have just launched the website for the venue styling and party side of the business, offering centre pieces and focal point displays as well as balloon decorations

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- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 3/4 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
- 2 cups shredded Manchego cheese (or Gruyère)



Peel and slice the vegetables into 1/8 inch (about 2-3 cm) rounds  
Put a layer of sweet potato in the bottom of a large casserole pot or roasting tin  
Make a roux sauce by gently melting the butter and garlic, and then stirring in enough plain flour to form a very loose ball. Allow the ball to cook gently for a minute, then add a few tablespoons of cream and stir well until absorbed into the mixture. Add the rest of the cream in the same way, stirring well between additions, and allow to thicken into a creamy sauce. Add salt and ground pepper to taste, and a good handful of thyme leaves – more if you like. Add milk if the sauce seems too thick.

Pour some of the cream sauce over the potatoes, then alternate layers of squash, cream, potato, cream etc. until all is

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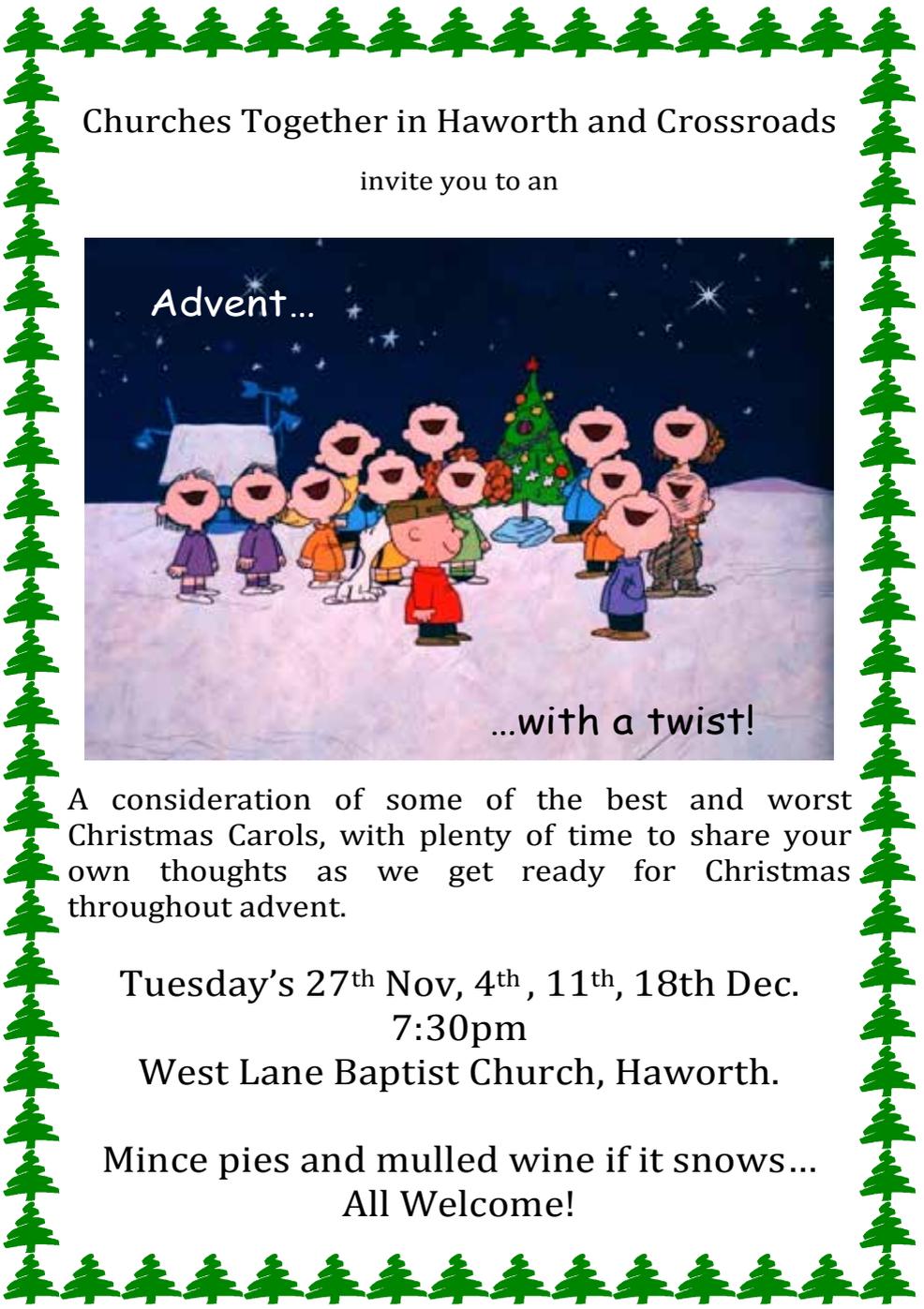
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# TOP TECH TIPS by Michelle Thompson of Cloud FreelT

Remember when the arrival of the Christmas edition of the Radio Times in the shops got you all excited about what might be coming up on the telly over Christmas? I used to sit for hours circling 'unmissable' programmes, and checking I'd got enough VHS tapes to see us through til New Year.

The 'future of TV' arrived with 'Sky Plus'. We ditched the RT and planned our Christmas viewing by browsing the on-screen 'Planner'. Too slow! Worse, we still missed out when the little box got filled up & stopped recording or started deleting programmes by itself!

Surfing 800 channels of junk is unsatisfying. Finding your Sky Plus or TIVO box full with kids' TV a few too many times makes it tempting to abandon it [Darn that 'series link'!]. We went 'FreeView' (aka 'NoView' when I can't get near the TV). Since 'TV on Demand' arrived I gave up planning. You can just browse for something you really do want to watch without having to plan ahead, or lock the kids out of the lounge!

Give me breakfast with Professors Brian Cox and Jim al-Khalili any day (proper 'thinking woman's crumpet' ;-). I can have 'a very good night in' watching back to back episodes of sci-fi and sit-coms my iPad, with a [large] glass of wine and a [small] box of chocs! Connect the laptop via HDMI cable to the big TV and the whole family can watch a movie on demand. Cheaper than renting a DVD!

Being a true Yorkshire lass, I shan't give in to temptation until the current TV dies, but I really do fancy a 'Smart TV' with the 'on demand' services built-in. Santa, Baby... There is currently just one catch to this

new era...

I've had 'up to 40Mbps' fibre since it first became available down our street, mostly to ensure a good connection to the office for home-working (but maybe just a little bit to accommodate my love of internet TV ). Warnings about not having 'enough bandwidth to play the programme' should be 'so last year'!

Our connection on fibre is nearly 10x faster than it was on ADSL, yet still gets the hiccups from time to time. When both kids are home using their laptops, games consoles and smartphones, and I've got a date with iPlayer, our connection struggles at peak times. Having checked the wireless network isn't swamped, and no devices are 'misbehaving', the problem can be beyond our control.

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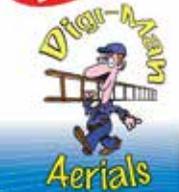
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Braving the wind and rain adults and children set to and planted cherry, dog rose, hawthorn, birch and oak trees provided by the Woodland Trust.

The event was in support of the Royal Horticultural Society who were encouraging groups all over the country to increase the woodland areas of Britain.

With a brief break for lunch of soup and rolls at the village Hall the group worked from 11.00 to 14.30, then back to the hall for a quick wash and brush up followed by hot drinks. They would like to

thank Bradford District Council for the use of the hall and the local Co-op who supplied the rolls free of charge. It was a great (if tiring) day and everyone who took part appeared to have a good time and enjoy their lunch break; soup was made by several members of the group.

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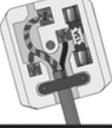
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# Local & Distinctive

Inspired by an initiative to encourage visitors to spend more time and money in the South Pennines, businesses in the Haworth and Worth Valley area are beginning to explore new ways of working together to celebrate the area's 'local distinctiveness' – the details that make it different and special.

The South Pennines Local Distinctiveness project, working with Visit Bradford and the Airedale Partnership, hosted a tourism marketing event which was attended by more than 20 independent local businesses.

A presentation by Susan Briggs of the Tourism Network was followed by a lively debate about what Haworth and the Worth Valley has to offer. There were so many ideas that the attendees decided to set up the 'Distinctly Haworth' group to continue the discussion.

Rebecca Yorke, Local Distinctiveness Co-ordinator at Pennine Prospects, explained, "Today's visitors want to feel they are really getting to know an area, experiencing something special and meeting local people. Haworth is famously associated with the Brontes, but it was recognised that the area has lots more to offer - festivals, vintage shops, great walking, local beer and produce. It's these details, often taken for granted by the people who live in an area, which are loved and remembered by others."

The South Pennines Local Distinctiveness Project is managed by rural regeneration company Pennine Prospects and is funded



Left: Rebecca Yorke with the Local Distinctiveness Handbook.  
 Above: Haworth's distinctive cobbled Main Street.



through the South Pennines Leader Programme. Running for two years, it has three key themes: beer, which has seen the creation

of [www.hereforthebeer.co.uk](http://www.hereforthebeer.co.uk) celebrating the breweries and distinctive pubs in the area; creative, which will encourage partnerships with South Pennines' artists and makers; and quirks, which will explore the more unusual elements of our historical features and social heritage. More information and a mailing list can be found at [www.southpennines.co.uk](http://www.southpennines.co.uk).

Haworth and Worth Valley businesses can also request a free copy of the Local Distinctiveness Handbook, full of tips and ideas for using local distinctiveness in your marketing. To get your hands on a copy, email Rebecca at [rebecca.yorke@pennineprospects.co.uk](mailto:rebecca.yorke@pennineprospects.co.uk).

# CHRISTMAS MARKET SURVEY



After considerable debate the Ward Councillors in consultation with Bradford Markets Department took the decision to hold the Christmas Market in Haworth Central Park this year on the 17th & 18th of November.

Fortunately, the event proved to be a success with many traders in the Market and on Haworth Main Street reporting good foot fall and healthy profits over the weekend.

Some minor traffic issues were reported; these will feed in to the planning process for next year along with thoughts that the atmosphere could be improved with some stalls possibly returning to Main Street.

The Scroggling of the Holly took place in Haworth on the first Sunday in December. Father Christmas and the Snow Princess were there to open the gates of Christmas. You can visit Santa on the 9th and 16th of Dec 1-3pm at Santa's Grotto located at the top of Main Street. Admission is free.



Nothing is decided for next year so...  
**Have your say:**  
 If you attended the Christmas Market this year please take a few minutes to answer these questions and let the organisers know how you feel:

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