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October is here and autumn is in full swing...this edition is chock full of offers and reminders to get certain jobs done before winter arrives. Things like ordering winter fuel and rock salt, getting your roof checked out, preparing the lawn for the cold months ahead... as they say, "there is no rest for the wicked!" Do find time for fun and relaxation too. Enjoy.



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WORTH VALLEY DAD

The blast of icy air that greeted me on the way out of the house this morning felt like the final nail in the coffin of this year's summer. The rusting barbecue in the corner of the garden a faint reminder of sunny afternoons spent gorging on incinerated pork and the frantic panic of delivering our uniformed offspring back in to the arms of their educators was a shock to the system after weeks of lazy lie in's. Not that we had too many of those on our summer camping trips.

Having been indoctrinated in to the delights of sleeping under canvas since I was six months old, I have no fear of treating my kids to the same. Thankfully, they both love it. There can't be many kids that don't. There's usually a decent playground for them to enjoy, tons of new friends to make and the adventure of sleeping outside in a field makes them very giddy kippers. Even when the poles have almost been snapped in half by gale force winds, or the rain is lashing down so hard that it sounds like we're under attack from a million machine guns - they still giggle and throw themselves

around on their air beds whilst we grimly fight to keep everything pegged down and dry.

When we arrived at our site in Conwy, Wales a very nice fellow helped us put the tent up. I gave him a tin of beer and the next morning he brought us over some excellent curry sauce. Nice!

I love cooking outdoors and food always seems to taste so much better in the fresh air. It's quite easy to cook a decent meal on a one ring stove and it's worth washing it down with plenty of wine to anaesthetise your spine for that first nights sleep. It's not a good idea to leave too many left overs or dirty pans. The lack of home luxuries was rarely a problem. Kids don't mind getting back to basics. They never complained about missing CBeebies or Hannah Montana. If anything it was me who whined the most about missing Match of the Day.

The back breaking effort of hoisting all that camping gear back in to the loft is another indicator that it's time to put away the trappings of summer; in a very short time I'll be back up there looking for the sledge!

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WINED & DINED

by Claire Smith of No.10 The Coffee House



A recent spell in Paris has rekindled my long enduring love affair with bread.

It has to be good bread of course but I admit to a passion for a crisp golden crust with a soft crumb, slathered with butter and eaten alongside a nice piece of pont-l'Éveque and some good olives, a seductively smooth pate or even a slick of homemade strawberry or plum jam.

French bread (like the infuriatingly stylish French woman) always seems to have the edge when it comes to style, texture and flavour. Maybe it is just that the French take their bread so seriously; the boulangerie adorns almost every French street and avenue after all, tempting the innocent passer by, beckoning one inside where the heavy scent of baking causes the stomach to groan in anticipation. Enter any French bakery and you will find yourself accosted by ranks of rustic baskets in which nestle a variety of breads all finished in high gloss golden hues, shaped in twists, plaits, slender ficelles, ring-shaped courannes and the more substantial flute. Give me a breakfast of pain au chocolat, pain au raisin and fresh baguette (not forgetting a little brioche – preferably chocolate) washed down with a piping hot café au lait any day.

Closer to home the day begins for many with bread in the form of hot buttered toast. Preferences will range from thinly sliced and done to a crisp, to lightly toasted and floury, but my favourite has to be thick wedges of white toast with a generous spreading of soft butter,

the choice of conserve being dependent on my mood.

Present on the table from the start to the finish of a meal, bread has become the traditional accompaniment to many dishes, its popularity spanning different cultures the world throughout. Mediterranean loaves are often made from a compact white dough kneaded with oil; Italian focaccia for example is seasoned with olive oil and herbs. Germany produces a great many different types of bread including pretzels which are salted and scattered with cumin or poppy seeds. African breads are cooked in oil, whilst some Chinese breads are steamed. Yellow corn bread, an American speciality, is made from cornmeal, whereas the Mexican tortilla, meaning “little cake” is a flatbread made from either corn or wheat. The Jewish bagel is a yeasted ring which is first boiled in water and then baked producing a chewy interior and a crisp exterior. The different types of bread and methods of producing it are many and varied as are the uses for the finished product. Bread is the main ingredient of sandwiches, toast croutons, some canapés, breadcrumbs and is used in the preparation of panadas, stuffings, forcemeats, timbales, charlottes, puddings and even some soups – onion soup au gratin being one example. When making your own bread, sprinkling the greased tin with rolled oats, fine oatmeal, cracked wheat or wheat bran before adding the dough will give your loaf a gorgeous nutty-flavoured crust when baked.

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Seeing the positive in life is sometimes a challenging occupation. For instance in two weeks time I will be turning thirty.

Despite my assertion that these things don't matter and age is just a number etc etc, when I recently discovered my first "grey-ish" hair I immediately crumpled into all-out panic. The positives of getting older are a little bit harder to spot than the glaringly obvious negatives. Nonetheless, as with all positives, they are worth looking for. When we focus on the positive life is, quite simply, better.

Our Facebook group "Grapevine" is about that. A lot of the groups on Facebook tend to be a bit pointless; "Chickens should have jobs like everyone else" springs to mind. We thought "why not have one that does something worthwhile in our lives, that stands for and accomplishes something good. We believe in God and like to put our faith into action, so we set up a community on Facebook that encourages and motivates local people who share similar beliefs, or want to explore these things. It wouldn't be much of a community if we never saw each other so we also get together weekly at "Cobbles and Clay" on Haworth Main Street. Our hope is to create a group of



local people who can work together to make a positive difference to our world. One of the most important

things we feel the group should stand for is helping the poor. Last year we went to India in the wake of the floods, and were able to give out food and medicine. This year, whilst chatting in Haworth Old Hall we thought "why not help some people in Romania?" A few Facebook conversations later, we've connected with a church in Romania and in December plan to take food and clothes to help some of the many poor and homeless people who live there. It's surprised me what technology, a positive attitude and some friends can achieve.



If you're interested in any of this we'd love you to find us on Facebook (type "Grapevine 2.0" into the searchbar) or email us at

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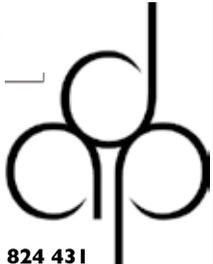
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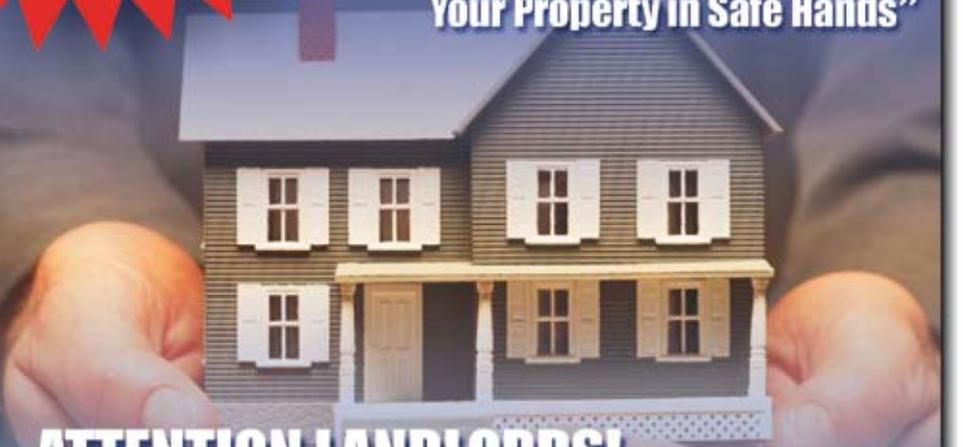
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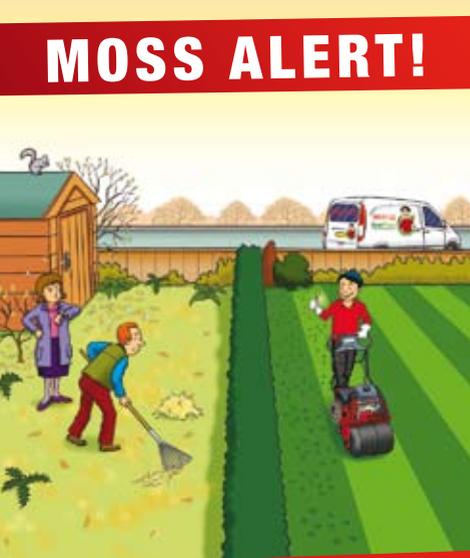
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While there are many pieces ready to be taken away in the shop, Ian can also make bespoke furniture to a customer's specification. A good example of the bespoke work is the altar made for Christ Church, Oakworth. Ian was asked to make it fit in with the kneelers that were commissioned a few years earlier. Careful consideration was made concerning the design, wood, finish, etc; and today the completed piece, made from solid oak, is in place and will be enjoyed by the local parish for many years to come. "We were delighted with the work," said Roy Aston, Christ Church's treasurer, "and found them willing to cooperate with us and our ideas while offering helpful advice throughout the whole process."

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I have seen a large number of British Blues bands in the last 40 years and can honestly say that this band is up there with the best. They put on a superb live show performing not only their own songs but many classics – last year they did a medley of Muddy Waters songs. Slack Alice have been around for some time and amongst other gigs, they play every year to packed houses at the Colne R&B Festival. They are currently in the process of finishing their latest CD which will be available in the coming months

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Time: 11am to 4pm
Who: Anyone is Welcome!
Entry cost: FREE!

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Who: Anyone is Welcome!
Cost: £4 per ticket to include entry,
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Additional info: Money raised during the evening will be split between Haworth Hawks Table Tennis Club and the centre. Haworth Hawks will use the money to purchase equipment and the centre will use the money to help with the ongoing development of the high class facility.

If you would like to purchase tickets for the Race Night, or find out more about the centre, it's range of activities or the Open Day, please feel free to contact one of the following people who will be more than happy to help out:

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Sat 9th Oct Rotary's Handbags and Gladrags - West Lane Methodist Church, Haworth - 10a.m. to 3p.m All Proceeds to Rotary Charities Tel. 01535 643792

Sat 9th Oct - 'Life Without Oil' 2-5pm at the Sangat Centre, Marlborough Street, Keighley. None of us can fail to have been alarmed by the oil spill in the gulf, and we will be discussing the central role of oil in our lives and looking at some of the alternatives.

Sun 10th Oct - Keighley Model Railway Club 7mm Festival & Open Day

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Sun 17th Oct 7:15 at Oxenhope Community Centre Oxnop Singers present "Our kind of music" - popular vocal classics, show-tunes and light opera, with guests The Wilsden Band. Tickets £5 in aid of Carers' Resource. Refreshments included. For tickets please call [01535] 646158 / 647434

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The Keighley Green Trail starts on Saturday 23rd October. Involving a range of different artists who will transform empty shops in Keighley town centre, the Keighley Green Trail will communicate green issues in a fun and engaging way. Passers by can experience Graffiti Art, Metal Work, Illustration, Fashion Design, Photography and Installations. The artists are working closely with local environmental organisations to make sure the green messages we're promoting are appropriate, correct and clear. Organisations involved, include: Keighley Town Centre Association, Transition Keighley, BEAT, BBEF, Aire Valley Recycling, West Yorkshire Organic Group, The Energy Saving Trust and White Rose Forest. The transformed shops will form a trail that leads through the town centre. For more information see us at www.greentrail.org.uk



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The number of user names and passwords we need to remember is growing fast...What a hassle!

I've visited places where colleagues know each other's passwords and they've never changed. If you have yours on a little sticky note next to the computer, at home or work, it's there for anyone to see. If you've got to the point where you have a list written somewhere or have one password for everything, you may be laying yourself (or your employer) wide open to identity/ data theft or even fraud.

Would you tell every Tom, Dick or Harry your Bank PIN? Would you walk up to a stranger, hand them your house key and tell them to go help themselves to your family silver? Would you have just one master key to open all your doors, car and bank safety deposit box? No! No! No!

Remember - 1. Passwords are the technological equivalent of keys to locked doors & 2. Criminals are inherently lazy. That's why they don't go out and get a proper job. If your passwords are 'strong', by that I mean complicated to work out, criminals will probably leave you and your bank account alone.

Some systems will force you to have a complex ('strong') password. This is a good thing - like your insurer insisting you have a 5-lever mortise deadlock

instead of a cheap night-latch. If a system doesn't have any password strength criteria set, do ask yourself if it's worth the risk in giving it your personal information.

It'll be a while before we find fingerprint readers and retina scanners on everything from computers and cars to the fridge door (to stop the teenage midnight snackers in their tracks), so let's not make it easy for criminals in the meantime.

Look at the following guidelines and then review ALL your passwords.

* Minimum of 8 characters - 10 or more is better and 15 characters would probably keep cracking software busy for long enough to put a criminal off, unless you're massively rich and the delay would be worth it.

* Includes upper & lowercase letters and numbers

* Includes special characters (e.g. ,?&^%\$£"!)

* It's changed often (but not just by adding a digit!)

* NOT the name of anyone you know (e.g. you, a loved one, family member, pet or maiden name)

* NOT an obvious word or phrase (password cracking software uses a dictionary to look for letter combinations).

If you're thinking 'what the heck can I have?' try using a password formula to create your passwords and then remember the formula, rather than lots of passwords. Try googling 'password formula' for some suggestions.

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