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Welcome to October. Autumn has arrived and there is a distinct chill in the air.

What's on your agenda or 'To Do List' at this time of year? Local Fire & Security specialists, Keybury, give us some tips about security and safety in our homes as this month is National Home Security Month.

Avoid the crowds and get ahead on your Christmas shopping this year. (No, it is not too soon to mention Chrimbo...and to be honest, you will have to be quick to lock in tickets for The Keighley & Worth Valley's Elf Express or Bolton Abbey's Meet & Greet with Father Christmas...both will be booked up in no time!)

Why not meet a friend and enjoy a leisurely browse in Harveys coupled with a trip to the Piece Hall in Halifax? Or closer to home, Haworth will not disappoint with its cobbled Main Street full of independent shops and interesting eateries. Be well and have a great month.



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The first time I meet a patient, I identify what needs are most important to them. People often come with a combination of mental, physical or social issues that we need to work together on. Following the initial contact, I then provide support and help them to overcome any barriers toward achieving their goals.

You can get an appointment with a Social Prescriber, simply by contacting your GP practice and asking for an appointment with us; you do not have to see a Dr or nurse first. Your first appointment can be in the local doctors surgery, or somewhere else you might feel more comfortable. During the pandemic I set up walk and talk sessions so the meeting can even be outside. I spend that first session getting to know you and finding out what challenges you face. This can be anything from loneliness caused by the pandemic, relationship and family problems, addiction, employment, anxiety or debt. For example I met with Mrs S a few months ago who was feeling isolated and had lost touch with friends. Over a couple of walk in talk sessions we discussed how she loved gardening and I was able to

introduce her to a local allotment group, this enabled her to build her confidence to chat and make friends who then introduced her to a local Well being café where she

was able to have a brew and share her experiences.

Social prescribing is a hugely rewarding yet challenging role and no two days are ever the same. I feel privileged that every day people put their trust in me and have the courage to ask for help in times of need.

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October is National Home Security Month (NHSM).

It's no coincidence that National Home Security Month is held in October as the evenings draw in, the kids are back to school, the clocks go back

and crime rates rise. It is well documented that burglaries spike by up to 1/3 during the autumn and winter months. As 1 in 4 people take no security precautions, this figure could be lowered with a few simple steps to improve your home security.

Taking simple security measures can have a huge impact on the security of your home. Here are top autumn/winter security tips brought to you by your local security experts at Keybury:

As nights draw in use lighting to illuminate your home. **Leave a light on and draw the curtains if you're going out in the evening.** Timers and smart switches can be used to light up your home when you're out.

CCTV is often recommended as one of the best tools to deter criminals. If you're considering installing CCTV, be sure to get quality cameras which offer excellent pictures in the dark.

Have you started Christmas shopping yet? Make sure packaging for expensive items is not left on display as this can tempt opportunist burglars!

Remember to you use your house alarm system and set it at night time. ONS figures show that 64% of burglaries occur while someone is on the premises. Monitored panic alarm buttons can be linked to your alarm system and used to call for help should you find



yourself in the frightening situation of having an intruder in your home.

Always lock your doors and windows to avoid opportunist sneak in thieves.

According to studies, more than a quarter of us don't lock our doors, and almost half leave windows unlocked. The West Yorkshire Police's Easy Street Campaign recommends checking your doors and windows meet minimum security standards of PAS 24. The NHSM website offers more advice: www.homesecuritymonth.com.

Doorbell cameras add to the security of your door, alerting you to doorstep activity, including potential burglars, so you can take appropriate action.

Your garden can help to keep your home more secure. What you plant where can make a difference, for example planting hardy shrubs along garden walls and fences makes it harder for criminals to access your garden.

Visual signs of your security measures work to deter burglars.

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- 2 celery sticks, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves finely chopped
- 2-3 sprigs rosemary picked & finely chopped
- 500g beef mince
- 2 x 400g tins plum tomatoes
- small pack basil leaves picked, ¾ finely chopped and the rest left whole for garnish
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- 2 fresh bay leaves
- 2 tbsp tomato purée
- 1 beef stock cube
- 1 red chilli deseeded and finely chopped
- 125ml red wine
- 6 cherry tomatoes sliced in half
- 75g parmesan grated

Method

Put a large saucepan on a medium heat and add 1 tbsp olive oil. Add 4 finely chopped

bacon rashers and fry for 10 mins until golden and crisp. Reduce the heat and add the 2 onions, 2 carrots, 2 celery sticks, 2 garlic cloves and the leaves from 2-3 sprigs rosemary, all finely chopped, then fry for 10 mins. Stir the veg often until it softens. Increase the heat to medium-high, add 500g beef mince and cook stirring for 3-4 mins until the meat is browned all over. Add 2 tins plum tomatoes, the finely chopped leaves from ¾ small pack basil, 1 tsp dried oregano, 2 bay leaves, 2 tbsp tomato purée, 1 beef stock cube, 1 deseeded and finely chopped red chilli (if using), 125ml red wine and 6 halved cherry tomatoes. Bring to the boil, reduce to a gentle simmer and cover with a lid. Cook for 1 hr 15 mins stirring occasionally, until you have a rich, thick sauce. Check the seasoning. Serve over cooked spaghetti. Add the grated parmesan and garnish with fresh basil leaves. Serves six. (This sauce is usually better served on the following day when the flavours mature.)

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Maria Brontë, mother of the Brontës

15 September 2021 marked the 200 year anniversary of the death of Maria Brontë, the mother of the Brontës, so I thought it a good opportunity to let readers know a little more about her. Like her husband Patrick, she was not a native of Yorkshire. She was born Maria Branwell in Penzance in 1783 to a prosperous merchant family, but following the deaths of her parents and uncle, Maria moved to Yorkshire to assist her aunt with the running of Woodhouse Grove School, in Rawdon, which is where she met Patrick Brontë. There was apparently instant chemistry, and they enjoyed a rapid courtship through the summer of 1812. They wrote to each other regularly, and the text of Maria's surviving letters reveal a moving and intimate relationship. One begins: 'My dear saucy Pat, Now don't you think you deserve this epithet, far more, than I do that which you have given me?' They were married on 29 December 1812 and the early years of their marriage seem to have been very happy. In Spring 1814 they celebrated the birth of their first child, Maria, and within a month of the christening, Maria was pregnant again, giving birth to Elizabeth on 8 February 1815. When Elizabeth was finally christened on August 26 (and the family had moved to Thornton) Maria was at least a month pregnant with her third child, Charlotte, who was born on 21 April 1816. With a baby and two toddlers to care for, Maria certainly had her hands full! By January 1817 she was pregnant with her fourth child, and Patrick Branwell was born on 26 June. She celebrated her 35th birthday pregnant with her fifth child, and in July 1818 gave birth to Emily Jane. By this

point Thornton Parsonage was occupied by five children aged under five, two parents and two servants. It was a very crowded house, and so when Patrick was offered a job at Haworth it seemed like a natural next step. They moved in April 1820, by which time Maria had given birth to her sixth child, Anne.

Tragically, just after Anne's first birthday in January 1821, Maria collapsed with pains in her stomach and it became clear she was very seriously ill. An internal cancer was diagnosed, and Maria died on 15 September at the age of thirty-eight, having suffered greatly. In a letter to a friend, written after Maria's death, Patrick described how she suffered 'above seven months of more agonizing pain than I ever saw anyone endure'.

In 1850, just before Valentine's Day, Patrick allowed Charlotte to read Maria's letters from the summer of 1812. At this point, having lost five of his six children, perhaps he was keen for his remaining child to have a glimpse of the lively, energetic, intelligent, witty young woman he fell in love with. Charlotte later told her friend Ellen Nussey: 'it was strange to peruse now for the first time the records of a mind from whence my own sprang – and most strange – and at once sad and sweet to find that mind of a truly fine, pure and elevated order ... there is a rectitude, a refinement, a constancy, a modesty, a sense – a gentleness about them indescribable. I wished She had lived and that I had known her.'

If you want to learn more about Maria, Sharon Wright's *The Mother of the Brontës* (2019) is available from the Brontë Parsonage Museum shop. ~ Diane Fare



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As we end the period of seven-day per week operation, we focus on civil maintenance projects working on the trackwork and infrastructure. This year the team are replacing the gates at Oakworth Level Crossing as well as many of the behind-the-scenes work that can only be undertaken when there are no trains

running for a few days at a time. Once that work is complete, we will be turning our attention to the next phase of our programme of events as we near the relaunch of the **Beer & Music Festival 14th-17th October**. We are also nearing Christmas (I know the summer is only just over, but we have already sold out most of the tickets we have released for the Elf Express!), so it would be wrong not to mention the **Elf Express** and – new for this year – the **Mulled Wine Specials** that are open for bookings on the website.

I do hope that you will be able to join us board soon as you continue to support us through this very difficult period, but we are running every weekend and through the October **"Jurassic Specials"** dinosaur-themed half term, and full details are available on the website. Every one of our 700+ volunteers has risen magnificently to the challenges we have faced over the last 18 months, and we are so very grateful to all of you that have continued to support us during what has turned out to be a very busy summer season. **Thank you!**

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Trick-or-treating—setting off on Halloween night in costume and ringing doorbells to demand treats—has been a tradition in the United States and other countries for more than a century. Its origins remain murky but traces can be identified in ancient Celtic festivals, early Roman Catholic holidays, medieval practices—and even British politics. Halloween has its roots in the ancient, pre-Christian Celtic festival of Samhain, which was celebrated on the night of October 31. The Celts, who lived 2,000 years ago in the area that is now Ireland, the United Kingdom and northern France, believed that the dead returned to earth on Samhain. On the sacred night, people gathered to light bonfires, offer sacrifices and pay homage to the dead. During some Celtic celebrations of Samhain, villagers disguised themselves in costumes made of animal skins to drive away phantom visitors; banquet tables were prepared and food was left out to placate unwelcome spirits. In later centuries, people began dressing as ghosts, demons and other malevolent creatures, performing antics in exchange for food and drink. This custom, known as

mumming, dates back to the Middle Ages and is thought to be an antecedent of trick-or-treating. By the ninth century, Christianity had spread into Celtic lands, where it gradually blended with and supplanted older pagan rites. In 1000 A.D. the church designated November 2 as All Souls' Day, a time for honoring the dead. Celebrations in England resembled Celtic commemorations of Samhain, complete with bonfires and masquerades. Poor people would visit the houses of wealthier families and receive pastries called soul cakes in exchange for a promise to pray for the souls of the homeowners' dead relatives. Known as "souling," the practice was later taken up by children, who would go from door to door asking for gifts such as food, money and ale. In Scotland and Ireland, young people took part in a tradition called guising, dressing up in costume and accepting offerings from various households. Rather than pledging to pray for the dead, they would sing a song, recite a poem, tell a joke or perform another sort of "trick" before collecting their treat, which typically consisted of fruit, nuts or coins.

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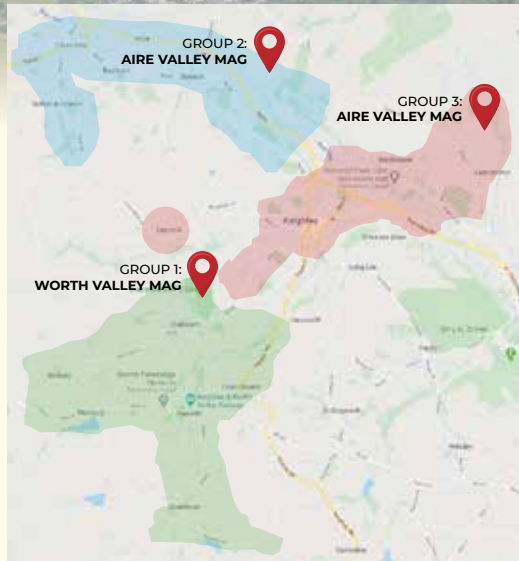
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by David Hanson, Haworth Physio



Why do you run? Because it feels good. Because it relieves stress. Because it makes you feel happier. Because it allows you to eat cake! 😊

Whatever your reason for running, being unable to run due to injury can be pure hell - both physically and emotionally. Injury prevention therefore is the key and should play a prominent role in any runners training regime.

1. Build a strong kinetic chain

Running can create muscle imbalances or accentuate the ones you already have. Weak glutes means that your knees may come under extra strain when you run and over time this may lead to an injury. Multiple muscles, bones and joints are called on to work together to create fluid motion. Your feet, lower legs, knees, hips, lower back, core, arms and shoulders are all part of your running kinetic chain, and when one link isn't working the repercussions can be felt at any point in this chain. When you strengthen all the links in the chain and maintain good flexibility, you'll run stronger and significantly reduce the risk of injury.

2. Isolated, single-movement exercises aren't worth your time

Many muscles fire simultaneously or in rapid succession along your kinetic chain

to create the movements associated with running. Functional strength training involves mimicking these movement to create an overload. A seated leg press will strengthen your quads, hamstrings and glutes. A seated single leg press becomes more realistic to the actions require to run. However, if you stand up and perform a single leg squat you are now performing a functional strength exercise which is more mirrors the running action.

3. Prioritise single-leg activities

Running can be considered as a series of jumps from one leg to the other. It differs from walking because of this phase of 'flight' when both feet are momentarily off the ground. Exercises such as hopping, single-leg squats, lunges and step-ups should form the bulk of your functional strength work.

4. Build strong glutes

The gluteus maximus is the biggest and strongest muscle in the human body. When it joins forces with gluteus medius and gluteus minimus it forms a powerful threesome that generate most of the propulsion force when you run. When strengthened effectively, these three muscles will also lead to increased pelvic stability that will in turn reduce unwanted rotational forces that can lead to injuries along the kinetic chain such as runner's knee, ITB (iliotibial band) friction syndrome and Achilles tendinopathy.

5. Control your pain with strength

By shouldering more of the physical workload, strong muscles support vulnerable joints. Even arthritic joints will benefit from having stronger supporting muscles to take up some of the strain. Strong muscles make joints more stable and a stable joint is less likely to get injured.

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