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We continue with our Walking In The Aire series with Lee Senior. This time enjoy the delights of the countryside with a ramble from Oakworth to Laycock. You can pull out the map and save it too.

Congratulations to Wendy Spencer at Airedale Enterprise on her 20 year anniversary working to support businesses in Keighley.

We've included tips for supporting your child's education over the school holidays...see page 26.

At the furthest edge of the summer is Keighley Show...put it in your calendar for later. But for now, school is almost finished... Be sure to get out and enjoy the sunshine!

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In addition, our friends at the Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway Trust have recently out-shopped another fantastic operational carriage to their fleet, meaning we can run a complete train of L&Y Railway vehicles. With an L&Y locomotive under overhaul, in a few years time we should be able to transport our passengers back to 'pre-grouping' days, helping them to appreciate the opulent splendour at one of end of the scale, to the somewhat more basic facilities available to most of the travelling public in that era.

We continue to run a range of events at which you can enjoy different aspects of the railway, including Cream Tea services, Haworth Haddock (fish and chip supper trains) and steam trains operating seven days per week until September. We are also looking forward to our first 'Small Engines' gala **6-7 July**, at which we will be running many of the small, shunting locomotives that are often based in one of the yards on the line and very, very rarely haul passenger trains so it should be entertaining and something very different. I As ever, keeping all these wheels turning takes hundreds of people, and with just a handful of paid roles, the rest of the 'workforce' are unpaid volunteers, donating their time freely to keep this important piece of history alive. With so many roles, and full training given, I do hope that you will consider getting involved. There are so many skills required, from engineering, building and infrastructure maintenance, through to those to help with the administration of a charity of our scale and the passenger-facing roles.

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To solve a sudoku puzzle, each row of nine squares must contain the numbers 1 through 9. Each column must also contain the numbers 1 through 9, and each box must contain the numbers 1 through 9. See page 18 for solutions.



Old Fashioned Lemonade

Nothing tops old fashioned homemade lemonade as a thirst quencher. There is also a certain pleasure in squeezing lemons; I love the heady scent of the fruit that bursts into the kitchen. I make a healthier version these days as white refined sugar is on the top of the shamed list of foods.

Ingredients

½ cup (120ml) coconut nectar or coconut sugar or agave
1 cup (240ml) water
Freshly squeezed lemon juice [from about 8 large lemons]
4 cups (960ml) cold water

Instructions

Add sweetener and 1 cup water to a small saucepan. Bring to a boil, stirring frequently. Once boiled, remove from heat and add to a glass jug. Add lemon juice and remaining water. Place in the fridge for 2-3 hours to chill.

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KEIGHLEY & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SHOW



KEIGHLEY & DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL SHOW will take place on **Saturday 2nd September 2017**, at the **King George V Playing Fields (part of the Marley Sports Centre complex situated off Aireworth Road, Keighley, BD21 4DB)**.

Lined up are some exciting and interesting special attractions including the **"Dangerous Steve"** stunt show, **Swales in the Dales** stone carving demonstration, **Birds of Prey**, and the **Sheep Road Show**. Other attractions include the **City of Bradford Pipe Band**, and the return of the ever popular **Terrier Racing**, **Vintage Tractors**, **Ferret Racing**, **Show Jumping** and much more.

There will be **Children's Amusements** and a wide range of **Trade Stands**, both outdoors and within the **Craft & Local Food Marquee**, together with a licensed bar and catering stands.

Free car parking is available. Alternatively, **Keighley Bus Museum Trust** is providing a free vintage bus service running regularly between Hanover Street and the showground, via the Railway Station and Parson and Elia Streets.

As well as traditional agricultural classes - cattle, sheep, pygmy goats, poultry, equestrian, handicraft and produce etc - there are also over 100 classes in the thriving Horticulture section for novices

and experienced gardeners alike. This year also sees the return, after many years' absence, of the Pigeon section. Exhibitors in over 200 wide ranging Fur & Feather classes will be on show in a dedicated Marquee.

New for this year are two extra classes in the Heavy Horse section - Shire Stallions and a class for Clydesdales, a large breed of draught horse.

Also new for this year, the Handicraft section are inviting local groups - from brownie packs to community centres - to consider entering any item (eg a collage, or a quilted blanket etc - as long as it has been made by a number of people collectively), for the Community Project Award.

For knitters, there is the chance to use up all those odd balls of wool and create a Twiddle Muff for a dementia sufferer.

Last but not least Mums, Dads or grandparents can enter a hand or foot print picture they have created with their darling under 3s!

And if you want to pick up some bargains at the end of the day before you leave, the Horticulture section will be auctioning off the exhibited produce at knock down prices around 4.30 pm.



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Walking in the Aire

Oakworth to Newsholme- Goose Eye & Laycock (linear)

A walk devised by Lee Senior

Walk Distance: 2.6 miles (4.18km)

Maps required: OS Map OL21 Explorer South Pennines is recommended Grid Reference Start Point: SE 028 388

We start with our back to the Golden Fleece pub in Oakworth. Turn immediately left up Low Bank Lane. After just a few paces, leave the road turning quickly left again, this time along a rough surfaced access track (Grey Scar Road). The track starts to climb gently.

Continue ahead ignoring the track on our right and soon afterwards a minor track on our left adjacent to an outbuilding. It isn't long before a footpath signed "Newsholme" is noticed on our right. Take this path, climbing several steps onto an enclosed path with a fence to our right into Griff Wood. Pass two stone pillars with a small gate to the left to enter the rather pleasant wood. Our route is the obvious broad, level path right through the middle of the steep-sided wood. Parts of this path can be boggy. Continue until the path reaches a narrow wall stile at the end of the wood. We emerge onto a grassy path in the field beyond until the path ends at a road.

Our next objective, the attractive hamlet of Newsholme, is visible ahead as we approach the road. Turn left onto the road (Slack Lane), only momentarily until an innocuous descending track is observed on our right. Take this track which soon links



up with the road (Gill Lane) to Newsholme. We stay on this lightly used road, until we reach the hamlet. Ignore all other routes. Soon a red post box is observed in a wall ahead. Continue on the road past St John's Church.

The road then veers right. The tarmac surface ends as a green footpath sign is noticed on a lamppost ahead. Stay on the now rougher surfaced track only for a few moments longer. As the track bears right we leave it, taking a narrower, walled lane ahead. Unfortunately there are no waymarkers here. Do not continue any further towards the houses along the broad rough track. Instead our new and inviting route is straight and is initially adjacent to a house on our left. Soon there are fields on both flanks.

Continue along the track only until a narrower path is noticed ahead directly on a left hand bend. Leave the broader track at this point and take the narrower path. A wall is to our right now and a fence is on the left. Continue as we start to head downhill slightly until we reach a gate. Go through the gate where two waymarkers point ahead. We head downhill ignoring the broad track to our left. Our rough path will soon head downwards towards the trees below. Take extra care here as we head

towards the valley. We quickly begin to descend down a steep, narrow rocky path which soon levels meeting up with a tiny beck on our left. The somewhat stony path remains obvious as we descend deeper under the tree canopy. We pass a wall end on our right followed soon afterwards a large lone boulder. We are in a stronghold of birch trees as our path crosses the stream cutting in front of us from the left. Two attractive looking stone pillars stand nearby. Continue to descend a little further, the path becoming less stony now. Our next objective is to head towards a large wooden gate. Beyond the gate a delightfully attractive and unmistakable packhorse bridge comes into view. Why not stop for a few moments to admire the beauty of the bridge and surrounding area.

Cross the bridge and follow the wall as it bears to the right. Go through a large gate and walk uphill on a wide enclosed path to meet a surfaced lane ahead. Bear right on this level track, ignoring the houses to our left. Continue along the track overlooking fields to our right.

Soon the track bears left, climbing until we reach the rear of the last building on our right. Here our path (easy to miss) is signaled by a wooden post pointing right -down a narrow path- part of the Millennium Way long distance path. Turn right down this path which initially descends. Continuing we pass to the left of a wall before entering a small copse



of trees. Another wall ahead is then also noticed. Here the path forks. Our route bears right on the paved path, close to a wall on our right. Briefly, we descend before the path levels. Continue on the narrow path close to the wall with a sloping field beyond. Soon a higher wall appears ahead of us. Ignore the minor uphill path at the fork. Our path bears right and descends on more stone flags with a wall on our left. At the next fork ignore the right hand path which drops steeply to a footbridge. (Providing a route back to Newsholme) Instead we retain our height on the level path ahead. Continue on, through an open wall stile, ignoring

cont.

a path to our left. Almost immediately there is another fork. Ignore the thinner descending path, Instead stay ahead on the broader slightly ascending route. We then start to lose height erratically and a mill pond is soon visible. Continue ahead and ignore the narrow stone bridge on our right. Instead we go on a little further. Our route goes across a wooden footbridge with a waymarker arrow pointing our way. Turn left after the bridge. Dean Beck is on our right now until we reach the road at the hamlet of Goose Eye. We pass a small waterfall before we eventually cross the beck by way of a footbridge. Continue and several steps soon lead rather abruptly to the road

(Holme House Lane) through an open stile. Take care here-there is no footpath as we turn left along the side of the road in Goose Eye. We are soon crossing the beck for the second time in a matter of minutes. Follow the road past the Turkey Inn pub. Stay on it (no footpath) as it begins to climb very steeply. This hill is a challenge for everyone! Soon a very sharp hairpin right hand bend is negotiated with care. Climb a little further until we see a lamp post and narrow stile on our right, as the road bears left. Go through the stile on to an attractive uphill flagged path with good views. We emerge at the road adjacent to houses. Turn right continuing on the narrow road to reach the road junction at Back Lane, in Laycock village and the end of our walk.



Lee Senior lives in Airedale and is an experienced walker. He has walked 19 Long Distance Paths to date; the longest being the 192 miles, Coast to Coast. Lee has also completed the Yorkshire Three Peaks Challenge walk five times. Since becoming a dad shorter walks have become the norm.

Lee's first walking book **Walking in the Aire** is available at:

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When not out walking, Lee's other interests include horticulture and playing chess.

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Sudoku Solutions

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Wendy Celebrates 20 Years!

It was 1997 and Wendy Spencer was job hunting. A mother with two children, the youngest of which was quickly approaching nursery school age, Wendy wanted part time work that would fit in around her hectic family life. She spotted an administrative role at what was then called the Keighley Local Enterprise Agency advertised in the Keighley News. Wendy applied and was offered the job. As it turned out, the post suited her down to the ground. Given her skill set it was a great way to utilise Wendy's talent for organising and facilitating business processes in a busy office.

It may be hard to imagine now, and it wasn't that long ago, but before the days of email and instant text messaging much of office work was done by hand. As the computer made its way into the activities of ordinary business there was a definite need for keyboard skills, and eventually a variety of user applications.

Gaining a teaching qualification at Keighley College, Wendy was in an excellent position to extend her contribution to the business.

Speaking with Phil Harrison, Wendy's long term colleague and the former head of the board at KLEA, he explained how she excelled in her role from the beginning. "Wendy was an asset to the organisation from the start; she was able to add value by applying her teaching & training skills. This put her in a good position going

forward."

Wendy was later appointed Manager in 2006 after a period of change and rationalisation; "She stepped up and steered the ship...which she did magnificently...and has done so ever since," Phil asserted. "Wendy's management style is based on trust. We all know our roles and we get on with doing them. It is a community of equals."

Being a social enterprise and a not for profit organisation with a variety of programmes and projects on the go at any one time, there is now a team of 6. Personal sacrifices and adjustments



The Airedale Enterprise team with Harry Gratton, From left: Phil Harrison, David Gagen Wendy Spencer, Harry Gratton, Lynne Henry, and Sonia Patel.

have been made by Wendy and the team to keep the business going. The fact that they have been able to weather a variety of storms that have inevitably come their way is a testament to their resilience.

The business as we now know it is called Airedale Enterprise Services Ltd. and it is a company limited by guarantee, which enables it to apply a more nimble approach to a wider variety of activities. "Wendy makes Herculean efforts to keep the funding streams in place while we get on with the daily work in hand." Phil said.

Airedale Enterprise Services is located in Sunderland Street in Keighley. It continues to provide business support, advice and coaching to pre start up and new businesses as well as established businesses that are interested in growth. It has both real and virtual office space. It is the sole delivery partner for Virgin Start Up in West Yorkshire and in 2016 won the National Enterprise Network award for the 'Future of Enterprise Support'. Wendy now sits on the board of the NEN and chairs the regional Yorkshire and Humber committee.

Following the closure of the Keighley Town Centre Association it was felt that support for the businesses that fell outside the Business Improvement District (BID) scheme was important to maintain. Consequently, last year Wendy and her colleagues started the AWWEsome Business Club.

The popular club has been further bolstered by teaming up with the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) and offers a professional but relaxed social environment for networking.

July 5th, 2017 marks Wendy Spencer's 20th year at Airedale Enterprise Services. As one of the founding members of the Keighley & Airedale Business Awards and with the 5th annual event under her belt, that by all accounts was a glittering success, you would think she might have her feet up basking in glory?

No, it is business as usual. Wendy is currently honing a five year programme bid that will create further opportunities in the district.

Asking Wendy about her 20 year anniversary and whether she had any thoughts or reflections, she said, "In the 20 years I have worked here I have never once woken up in the morning and



Wendy Spencer at the 5th annual Keighley and Airedale Business Awards ceremony 2017.

Photo by Bob Smith

not wanted to go to work. I love working here and we have always had a great team of people; everyone fits in well. If someone has an idea we will encourage them to develop the idea and take it further. We are focussed on what is best for our clients and their success."

Despite her busy work schedule, Wendy manages to find time to enjoy life outside the office. She loves going on cruise holidays, spending time in her garden, going for walks with her husband, and keeping fit at the gym, and a little retail therapy now and again.

All in all Wendy has found a positive balance and life is good. When asked to describe Wendy in 3 words, Phil said, "Committed. Conscientious and Caring. The team and many others agree!

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East Riddlesden Walkers meet every Tuesday 2pm- 3pm Outside **Airedale Barn** First building on the left in East Riddlesden Hall. Our aim is to get out, explore the local area and have fun at the same time!

Every Wednesday 1pm to 2.30pm is Pick n Mix at Merlin Top Academy, Braithwaite Avenue, Keighley. A local club for the over 50's. Activities include trips out, relaxing over a cuppa, playing traditional games, crafts, dancing, bingo. £1.50 per person (inc refreshments). For further info call 07587 210101

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Seasonal Walks - go walking with KHL. Short hour long walks around Devonshire Park, Cliffe Castle Park, River Worth & Parkwood. Starting from KHL, 13 Scott Street, Keighley, BD21 2JH More info call 01535 677177. The walks are FREE.



Every 2nd Tuesday 10am - 12pm Time for Me (Carers Resource) is a monthly group for carers and over 50's. Fun activities and friendly support at Steeton Hub, Stone Grove. More info call Carolyne 01274 449660.

Coffee Stop Every Friday 10.30am - noon at Trinity Church, Fell Lane, Keighley, Serving Fairtrade coffee & tea. Call in for a friendly chat.

May until 5th November Welly Walk at Bolton Abbey. Tree climbing, tunnels, slides, bridges and beams, amazing fun, forget being clean!!! Follow the Welly Walk signs and enjoy a free woodland adventure trail from the Stepping Stones to the Cavendish Pavilion.

Tues 11th July 7.20pm East Morton WI meet at Morton Institute. Kay Bunton - Furniture Restoration techniques.

Sat 15th July 12 - 4pm Haworth Car Boot at The 3 Acres Pub & Restaurant, Bingley Road, Haworth, BD21 5QE.

Sun 16th July Bronte Sportive - Road bike event with routes ranging from 23 - 88 miles www.sueryder.org/brontesportive. This event starts and finishes at Keighley Campus

Sat 22nd July Bingley Show at Myrtle Park. Bingley Agricultural Show provides entertainment for all the family with its wide variety of exhibits

Sun 23rd July Manorlands Paint Rush 2017 12 noon at Playing

Fields, Marley, Keighley, BD21 4DB.

The route is a 5km run that laps the King George Fields at Marley, Keighley, twice. The route is almost completely flat with two 20m-long ascents and two 20m descents. you will pass through seven colour stations where brightly coloured powder will be sprayed or thrown at you, turning your face, hair and complementary Sue Ryder PaintRush t-shirt a different shade each time!

Sun 23rd July, Sun 6th & 20th Aug Vintage Trains at Keighley & Worth Valley Railway.

Sun 23rd, Weds 26th, Sun 30th July & Weds 2nd Aug - Make a Home for a Bug at East Riddlesden Hall. Drop in activity from 1-2pm Free event - normal admission charges apply for the venue.

Mon 24th July - Fri 1st Sept On-board Cream Teas at Keighley & Worth Valley Railway.

Fri 28th - Sun 30th July Bradford Festival at City Park (Free Entry) A vibrant, colourful and multicultural programme of the very best international, British and local theatre, art, music and dance right into the heart of Bradford.

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Sun 30th July 12 - 6pm Cliffe Castle Park & Museum, Keighley Grand Re-opening.

Sun 30th July 12 to 6pm Bandstand Concert at Cliffe Castle. Keighley.

Sun 30th July Harness Racing at Haworth Road, Cullingworth. For more information visit www.bronte-vintage-gathering.co.uk

Mon 7th Aug starts 3pm Meeting Point at Trinity Church, Fell Lane, Keighley. **Musical Afternoon & Tea.**

Tues 11th Aug at 7.20pm East Morton WI meet at Morton Institute. Chris Hardy - Bee Keeping.

Sat 12th Aug 12 - 5.30pm Fairy Fest at Oakworth at Holden Park.

There will be lots of entertainment and stalls and a new addition this year will be a fairy fancy dress dog show. So put on your wings and fly down to Holden Park for a fantastic family day out!

Weds 16th Aug 1pm Disney's Peter Pan at Cliffe Castle Museum. Bring along your little fairies and pixies as we step into the magical world of Neverland. We will be screening Disney's 1953 classic Peter Pan, where you will see one of the most famous fairies of all time - Tinkerbell! Booking is advised as capacity is limited. Bookings must be made at the Cliffe Castle shop.

Sun 20 Aug 2 - 4pm Bandstand Concert at Central Park Haworth - GMC Jazz Band.

Sat 2nd Sept Keighley Horticultural Society 181st Annual Show held in conjunction with the Keighley and District Agricultural Show Society at King George V Playing Fields, **Marley, Keighley, BD21 4DB.**

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION DURING THE LONG SUMMER BREAK...

some tips from Nicola Woodman, Director of Studies at Brontë House School, Apperley Bridge



Supporting your child's education during the long summer break – some tips from Nicola Woodman, Director of Studies at Brontë House School, Apperley Bridge.

The summer holiday is an important time for children to re-charge their batteries and unwind. But it is a long period away from formal education. Many parents would like their children to continue to do a little bit of school work during the holidays to brush up their skills and avoid losing ground. Research suggests that 30 minutes, 3 - 5 times a week is a very effective way of doing this.

Here are some ideas:

1. Reading

- Share books with your child – taking turns to read pages or read to them. Sharing books really motivates children to want to read themselves. Make it a fun and special time for you both – perhaps curl up on the sofa with a hot chocolate!
- Join the Summer Reading Challenge at your local library. It is a brilliant and free way to encourage school children to read during the holidays.
- Sign up to Reading Chest. This is an online book rental service for 4 to 9 year olds.
- Let your child follow their interests – reading comics, magazines, instructions

for games, information on web-sites or newspapers.

- Use reward cards to motivate them to finish a book.
- Look for reading opportunities when you are out and about. Read shop signs, notices, instructions, warnings – the written word is everywhere!

2. Writing

- Write a holiday diary. This may be a classic summer task but children really love it. Let them choose how to present it (scrap book, funky notebook) and encourage them to include photos, drawings, tickets and other mementos. Perhaps produce a family scrapbook where every member of the family writes something.
- Write a book! Your child may have a hobby they wish to write about or they may have been inspired by a topic they did at school. You might watch a film together and they could write a sequel.
- Write postcards. The whole family can have a postcard writing session – on the terrace with drinks and nibbles at hand...

3. Maths

- Maths is all around us. Look for opportunities to add up prices in shops and calculate change, count out coins, work out the amounts of ingredients needed in recipes and work out how long it will take to do a journey travelling at a certain speed.
- Play board games. Monopoly is especially good for older children, dealing with money and addition, subtraction and multiplication.
- Practice number bonds and times tables online. There are lots of great websites to help motivate your child. Take a look at mathplayground.com and sums.co.uk to start you off.

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There's so much going on at the Museum this summer! Each week of the summer holidays, we'll be hosting our family friendly Wild Wednesday drop-in workshops, inviting visitors to try their hand at wax painting, jewellery making and more! All materials will be provided in these artist-led sessions, suitable for all the family, and taking place between **11am-4pm from Wednesday 2 August.**

That's not all – come along for daily talks and guided walks, and hold the past in your hands in our Hands On History sessions. For further details on dates and times, please check our website at www.bronte.org.uk/whats-on. All activities are free with Museum admission.

Don't forget our Late Night Thursdays, coming up on **20 July and 17 August!** The Museum and Shop stay open until 8pm, so why not explore the Museum after hours and beat the crowds, before heading to

our Shop for a little retail therapy? Perfect! Admission is free to those providing proof of residence in the BD22, BD21 and BD20 postcode areas and also to all those living in Thornton, birthplace of the Brontës. Last admission 7.30pm.

Calling all local community groups and residents!

We're

working with textile artist Lynn Settrington on a new commission called Sew Near – Sew Far, and we need your help! We're recreating the famous signatures of Currer, Ellis and Acton by stitching them into the landscape on the Brontë Way, and we're calling on all local residents, voluntary groups and community initiatives to help us do it! Lynn Settrington will be hosting informal workshops at The Old School Room on **Tuesday 25 July and Tuesday 15 August, between 3-5pm and 6-8pm,** and we're looking for people to come along and add their signatures to the linear cloth that will be placed in the landscape in late September. All materials will be provided, and no experience is necessary – whether you're male or female, young or old, a stitching novice or a textile whiz, please come along and help us create this wonderful new commission! Just head to The Old School Room on the dates above, or if you'd like further information, or you run a community group and would like us to bring Sew Near – Sew Far to you, **please call 01535 640172 or email lauren.livesey@bronte.org.uk** for further information.



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