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Hello Summer! We are keeping our fingers and toes crossed for further restrictions being lifted. Aren't we lucky to live in one of the most beautiful parts of Britain; it really isn't a hardship to find interesting things to see and do locally. Visit Bradford has given us a list of ideas of places to visit in the district, from Five Rise Locks in Bingley, to Roberts Park in Saltaire, or the Science and Media Museum in the city centre...and then further a field in North Yorkshire, we can highly recommend Bolton Abbey, the Devonshire Estate, with an amazing line up of outdoor adventure and fun for the whole family to enjoy. We've included another colouring page for you to 'relax' and find a moment of calm. It is surprisingly soothing as an activity and something all ages can do. Thank you for continuing to spend your money locally where possible. Have you been back to the local cafes and restaurants yet, or met a friend for a pint in a local pub? Here's to brighter days! Be well and have a great summer. Liz x



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We have had a tough year at **The Hive Community Centre** in Silsden, like many other charities, but we are optimistic that the future looks buzzing for the return of events, activities and even a new Pre-school! During 2020 we had to close the centre and staff were furloughed. Unfortunately, even a closed building still incurs costs, however, with help from Government grants we were able to keep our heads above water. In late 2020 we received funding from the National Lottery and the Bradford Resilience Fund. These funds allowed us to employ two members of staff to look at alternative ways to open the centre and to reach our community. We successfully provided support groups for our mums to be and new parents and we are pleased that we are able to continue this service, now known as **Baby Bees**.

Just prior to lockdown, we received a grant from the Bright Ideas fund to help the charity to set up a preschool within the centre and to provide business support to our Management and Trustees. This funding enabled us to hire a professional to create a new website.

Our community café has re-opened and is run by volunteers every Friday from 1.30pm until 3:00pm. Everyone is welcome and there will be

a different activity or theme each week, including crafts, memory lane, new friends and much more.

Our **Mini Bees Stay & Play** is back and we have adapted the sessions by introducing a booking system with limited numbers to ensure that we are maintaining social distancing and providing a safe environment for everyone using the centre. We are now in the process of organising various events for 2021, including a **Funflatables Day on 6 August, Race Night on 9 October and Fireworks & Family Fun 7 November.** We do hope to host other events for Halloween and Christmas too!

Finally, our biggest step this year is the pending opening of the **'Bees Knees Pre-school'** which we are in the process of registering with OFSTED with a planned open date for **September 2021.**

To find out more about The Hive please visit our 'new' website

www.thehivesilsden.co.uk

Jill Cook, Centre Manager

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Glusburn Community & Arts Centre reopens



Glusburn Community & Arts Centre is planning a great new programme of events for the Autumn Season. We look forward to the return of **David Bowie tribute David Live!** in September, and will welcome **The Greatest Movies Show** cabaret and **Frankie Valli tribute The Ragdolls** later in the year.

Alongside these events is the return of many of our regular groups, some of which have met in the Centre for a number of years. We host lots of activities for pre-schoolers, health & fitness classes, craft classes and social groups. We also have a number of new groups now meeting in our building, most recently **Skipton Music Centre** and **Sutton's Got Brass**.

New members are always welcome! Our Centre Administrator is normally available on weekday mornings.

A new venture that we are currently working on is short skill-based courses aimed at teenagers. These are to be held

after school, evenings & weekends. They are being planned to link in with the Skills section of the **Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme** if students want to use the course for this purpose. At present Mixed Media, Cookery, Sewing & Knitting, Zumba & Pre-driving are at the planning stage but further ideas might be Coding, Photography, Beauty & Nail Care and Table Tennis Coaching if there is enough interest. We are trying to keep the cost of these courses low to start off, to give the opportunity to as wide a number of students as possible. We have received a grant from the Big Lottery Community Fund which has helped with initial set up costs as part of the Covid Recovery Fund. Another idea is to help further music development & using our ability as a charity to apply for funding to support this. We are hoping to have a DJ Workshop linked to a Leeds based company before long.

We are also organising a **Wellbeing Café** to be held on Monday mornings. This will involve a Craft Activity run by a specialist art tutor; initially under the auspices of Pioneer Projects. The Centre is owned by the Council Tax payers in the Parish of Glusburn & Cross Hills and run by local volunteers, who act on their behalf. We do employ a Part Time Centre Administrator & two Part Time Caretakers. The Centre is normally open 7 days a week. So new volunteers, particularly to help with running the bar, the café and sound & lighting for events, are always needed! We also need a cook for the Luncheon Club on Wednesday mornings, with about 30+ attending pre-lockdown. This is a paid role.

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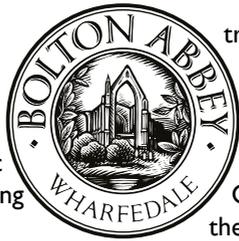
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trail through the woods, or the Family Cycle Zone – both certain to tire out little legs! We are also pleased to announce our Pirate Ship will be docking outside the Cavendish Pavilion just in time for the summer holidays – all aboard mi

hearties! If the above sounds simply exhausting, we also have plenty of eateries to choose from around the Estate serving delicious homemade food and cakes – if the weather is less favourable, perhaps try hopping between a few! For more information about what's on at Bolton Abbey this summer, visit us at

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With the easing of restrictions, we have been able to launch our programme of events for 2021. This includes the return of the popular **Haworth Haddock** fish and chip supper services; dining experiences, **Cream teas and Prosecco tasting** aboard

our sumptuous Pullman carriages; as well **Vintage train weekends** and a **Mixed Traffic steam and heritage diesel gala 10-12th September** and we have the dinosaurs visiting during our **Jurassic Specials 25-29th October**. We are also very pleased to announce the return of the **Beer and Music Festival 14-17th October**.

Finally, can I be the first to wish you a **Merry Christmas!?** I appreciate we've only just passed the longest day and the official start of summer, but we get questions most days asking when we are going to release tickets for the festive period. I can confirm that they will go on sale - assuming no further changes to the restrictions - at the end of July and will be available via the website at <https://kwvr.co.uk/event/elf-express/2021-11-27/>

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Head outdoors this summer, whether you enjoy a challenging 10 mile hike, or a leisurely canal side stroll, you'll find plenty of options. Combine your walk with a literary pilgrimage to Top Withens, said to be the inspiration for Wuthering Heights, or enjoy spectacular views over Wharfedale from Ilkley Moor. The Leeds Liverpool Canal winds its leisurely way through Airedale, an ideal route to walk or cycle. Watch the



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barges descend at the Five Rise Locks, one of the wonders of the waterways, or combine with a picnic at Roberts Park in Saltaire. No summer in Bradford would be complete without a culture fix; experience Hockney's art at Salts Mill, home to one of the largest collections of works by David Hockney. Enjoy outdoor theatre productions, both Bradford Cathedral and East Riddlesden Hall are hosting open air Shakespeare events.

Watch out for **Summer Unlocked**, a programme of 24 cultural projects, that will see an exciting and eclectic mix of activity and installations across the District.

Whether you are looking for day trip inspiration, somewhere new to meet friends or to rediscover favourite places VisitBradford is a great place to start. You will find our website www.visitbradford.com packed with ideas and inspiration, on social media look out for **#SparklingBradford** where we'll be highlighting summer activities and events.



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instructions

- Place the onion, garlic and ginger in a food processor and blend to a purée. Heat the oil in a large flameproof casserole dish, add the onion mixture and cook for 5 mins until softened. Add the curry leaves, curry powder and 2 tsp salt. Cook for 2-3 mins until fragrant.
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The college, one of the area's largest employers, has been growing and is now poised for further expansion thanks to a recently announced £33.6 million Towns



Fund award for Keighley. Part of that funding will be used to create a new Skills Hub and a centre for manufacturing, engineering and future technology: both of which will be sponsored by Keighley College.

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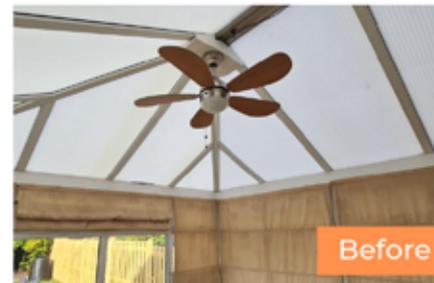
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SUMMER at the BRONTË PARSONAGE MUSEUM

I'm writing this following three very busy weeks which saw the Parsonage lawn transformed into a war-time kitchen garden and our hallway and stairs given a full 1940s makeover while the Museum was a location for the forthcoming feature film, 'The Railway Children Return.' There was never a dull moment with the cast and crew around and it was a strange sight to see the Parsonage floodlit for night shoots and dozens of people scurrying about. While hard work, it was great fun to be part of and we're sure the film will be a great advert for the Museum and Haworth when it and the new 'Emily' film are released next spring.

Behind the scenes, we've also been working hard on a national campaign to save unique and important manuscripts including a notebook containing 31 poems by Emily Brontë and several 'little books.' The Honresfield Library, as the collection is referred to, only recently came to light after being unheard of for more than 80 years, and all 500 items of it were due to be sold off by auction. Thankfully, by working with colleagues at other literary houses and funding bodies, the auction has been postponed and we are now working on a collective fundraising campaign led by the Friends of the National Libraries to secure the required funds (expected to be around £15m!) to save it for the nation.

As restrictions continue to ease, we're really pleased that our staff have returned

to work and there is some semblance of 'normality', whatever that is. Visitors have loved being back at the Museum, and while the restrictions on numbers continue to have an impact on our finances, it is wonderful to be able to share our special building and the collections it houses with people again. If you are visiting, be sure not to miss 'Gondal Arise!', our exhibition of illustrations of the Brontës' imaginary worlds by Isabel Greenberg, or our special installation, 'Contemplating Hope' by artist Layla Khoo.

We're also gearing up for our 10th Brontë Festival of Women's Writing which will run online Thursday 29 July – Sunday 1 August. We're thrilled to present events with LipService, Hollie McNish and Samira Ahmed, and there will also be writing workshops and

other opportunities to get creative yourself. Finally, we are really excited to be part of Bradford Council's 'Summer Unlocked' programme. 'Another World', our specially-commissioned interactive installation will be situated in Parson's Field in August and you're all invited to come and explore and play.

You'll find details of all our events at www.bronte.org.uk/whats-on.

Have a great summer, and wherever your travels take you, make sure you take time to visit the jewel on your doorstep – we can't wait to see you.

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