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Holroyds Estate Agent celebrate some impressive results at their industry awards ceremony, and more importantly, they are offering a fantastic discount to Aire Valley Mag readers who list their home for sale with them before September 2019; details on p5.

Steels feature their show stopping trip to Roman Segovia in Central Spain; you'll want to book it before they run out of places!

And if you haven't been to the Hawthorn for their Jospes Grilled Pizzas, you are seriously missing out! Now they have added a Burger Night on Fridays....Give yourself a break and enjoy a night off in the kitchen.

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Liz

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Chris Holroyd, Julie Holroyd, Ben Walker and Tony Kay from Holroyds hold their ESTAS Awards and celebrate their success with a cracking offer for our readers: £500 off their standard fee!\*

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MD Chris Holroyd answers our questions:

**Q. How do you think Brexit will affect people in West Yorkshire selling their homes?**

**A.** That's the million dollar question right now isn't it! Looking at past experiences its clear that any political issue makes the housing market nervous. The main focus should be on interest rates for sellers and buyers, because if they continue to be low coupled with the fact employment rate is at a 40 year low then I feel prices may halt but sales will continue to do well over the next 12/18 months.

**Q. What makes Holroyds different from other agents in Yorkshire and why should our readers choose you?**

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**Q. Do you have any top tips for someone selling their home?**

**A.** Its really key to have that "Kerb" appeal as soon as someone walks towards your front door, ensure your property is decluttered but don't forget the details: those fresh flowers, nice smells and freshly cut grass! A lot of people don't bother with those maintenance jobs also so get the snagging list done. Lastly I would always advise to keep your distance on viewings, let them freely wander around giving them the luxury of feeling what it might be like living in the space.

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Our organisation has an open-door policy, which means individuals can refer themselves by contacting us either through our office or through email. Cost can be a barrier to accessing therapy and as a registered charity and we are committed to offering affordable low cost and accessible therapy. We are working closely with several local community-based projects and have secured the confidence of Keighley Town Council who have committed to supporting us through a grant award for the next 3 years.



Together with other grant awards we aim to address the mental health needs of the local community into the future by developing a range of other interventions. These include short courses run as workshops and group work dealing with issues such as confidence and communication and social inclusion. As our organisation is quality assured and adheres to the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy code of ethics, we hope that as people engage with us within community settings, we can increase the confidence of referring agencies, individuals and stake holders in our developing service. Our team of highly skilled staff and associate practitioners offer counselling related to issues including Anxiety, Depression Relationship issues, Work based stress and Life experiences both past and present which

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## BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM: Haworth Old School Room

Excitement is in the air this month! The Museum is steadily busy as the summer approaches, but we are also busy 'behind the scenes' as we prepare to open our new learning space in rooms at the back of Haworth Old School Room. Decorating is well underway and we hope to be up and running over the next few weeks.

Patrick Brontë was an advocate of the benefits of education for children, and campaigned to establish a school in Haworth. In summer 1831 he obtained a grant of £80 from the National School

Society towards the building of a Sunday School. The Brontë children were to each take turns as teachers in the Sunday School when it opened in 1832. Charlotte was the first superintendent of the school when she was sixteen, and she also



judged the girls' needlework. According to the memoir of Benjamin Binns (son of the tailor), Anne 'looked the nicest and most serious' of the three sisters, and Branwell was notorious for his impatience. There are no reports of Emily's performance as a teacher, but given that she loathed teaching, it may be that she somehow managed to avoid this 'duty'.

At first, the curriculum was limited to Bible reading and the learning by rote of the Anglican liturgy and catechism, but it was soon recognised that schools needed to better equip children for work, and so in 1843, Patrick applied to the National Society for a grant to upgrade the Sunday

School to a weekday school with a modern curriculum and a full-time master. The new day school opened on 2nd January 1844.

The school taught spelling, reading, English grammar, ancient and modern history, geography, writing, arithmetic, the Scriptures and singing; books, slates and pencils were provided, and each scholar paid 2d a week.

The day school was very successful, attracting 160 scholars each week in the first year. Rand, the schoolmaster, married soon after coming to Haworth, and he and his wife extended classes into the

evenings to cater for child factory workers. Charlotte Brontë's future husband, Arthur Bell Nicholls, took over responsibility for the school in 1845 and in 1850, secured funding for an extension. In 1854, when Charlotte and Mr Nicholls

returned from their honeymoon in Ireland, they hosted afternoon tea in the building to around 500 people.

After Patrick's death in 1861, John Wade, the new incumbent, raised further funds, and the final extension was added in 1871. The school continued to provide education for Haworth children until 1896, when it was superseded by the Haworth Board Schools.

We are really grateful to The Brontë Spirit for helping us realise our vision of returning learning to the Old School Room and are looking forward to welcoming students of all ages from Yorkshire and beyond to the place where learning in Haworth began.



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# STEAM & DIESEL by Matt Stroh, KWVR



in preservations and I doubt many will be repeated ever again. One of the reasons for this is that we are fortunate to have an air-braked steam locomotive in operation. Most steam loco's operate the brakes by means of creating a vacuum, whereas the national network has moved to compressed air-brake operation, and one of our steam locomotives can operate both, so we were able to pair it with one of the visitors to make for a very unusual double-headed service.

Star of the "Mixed Traffic" show was the prototype "high speed train", which was the forerunner of the kind of units that still run regularly through Keighley. The prototype, owned by the National Railway Museum and in the care of the 125 Group that has beautifully restored the unit to operational status, dates back to the 1970s. The 125 brought with it a rake of very comfortable and modern coaching stock, including an on-board kitchen and restaurant facility, which we put to good use with our passengers who enjoyed full breakfasts, lunches and afternoon teas whilst travelling in 1970s splendour. The popularity of the event demonstrated just how much interest there is in diesel traction.

It's been a fascinating few weeks on the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway. We have recently been supporting the 1940s weekend by helping to keep traffic away from Haworth village by providing a Park & Ride facility for visitors, and it was great to see passengers attired in their 1940s garb creating a fantastic atmosphere as they detrained at Haworth and boarded the fleet of vintage 'buses ferrying them up to the top of Main Street. The village owes a debt of gratitude to the very small 1940s weekend organising team for putting on such a great show!

At the beginning of May we took the Railway to a different era, when we welcomed a fleet of diesel locomotives dating from the 1960s and 70s as well as the modern day with one of the newest class 88 diesels in attendance. We ran the weekend as a "Mixed Traffic" event, so on the Sunday we ran steam alongside the diesel fleet, which made for some intriguing combinations, with many firsts



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Bonnie Prince Charlie once took refuge here when the Inn was known as The Eagle. Locals kept silent and consequently the pub was renamed The Silent Inn. The building remains a talking point and a fascination to many who have written stories and dramas using the location as the setting for their imaginative tales.

Today this cosy country pub welcomes visitors with a smile. Landlord and business partners, Jo and Liam have over 30 years

experience in the hospitality sector. "We are determined to bring the amazing character of The Old Silent back to life again." confirmed Jo. "We are delighted to welcome families, walkers, dogs, special groups and clubs. And we are all ears to hear and understand what is important to our customers." There is



often a log fire crackling in the hearth, always traditional English food on the menu, hand pulled local ale and an extensive range of gin at the bar. Upstairs there are eight well appointed bedrooms, all en suite and newly decorated with a modern

tartan theme. The Snug has a sporting lodge feel to it and the dining room & bar remain in traditional gastro-pub character. "Autumn will see the function room take shape and we are already accepting bookings for weddings and Christmas parties."

It is still early days but significant changes are underfoot. It is certainly something to shout about. The Old Silent Inn is back in business.

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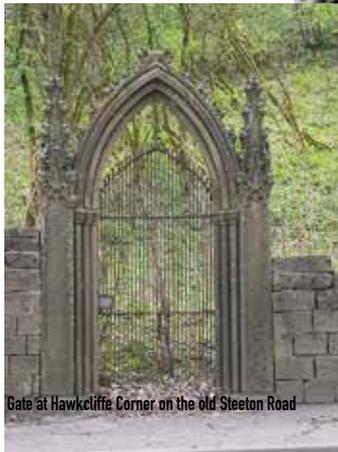
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# HIDDEN WONDERS (GATES) by Antony Silson

Dear Readers,

I have been overwhelmed by all the information sent to me that should hopefully put to rest once and for all why there is a gate on the old Steeton Road that seemingly leads to nowhere. Before we reveal the pieces of the jigsaw could I suggest, as several readers have, that the gate be 'adopted' and moved

to a location where its beauty could be fully appreciated? It has been suggested that Cliffe Castle take it under its wing; and other suggestions are more than welcome. The story of the gate is deeply interwoven with the story of Henry Isaac Butterfield. As the influential owner of Cliffe Castle Butterfield extended his local estate by the purchase of Hawkcliff Woods in 1875. Maps of the time show that not only was there a route leading to Jubilee Tower, but there was a Hawkcliff Cottage situated there too. The gate may have been appropriated from Kirkstall Abbey, as Butterfield was a known collector of interesting things, although another theory is that it may have come from Bolton Abbey. The picture (above right) shows the ancestors of Stephen Coe, who contacted me to tell me about who lived there and about a campaign in the 1990's to move the gate. He wrote, "My mother Doris May Coe told us about the photograph attached. It shows her mother Doris May Parnell



(front centre) with her grand-parents, great-grandparents and other members of the Parnell and Fairley families." Although some people thought the cottage was demolished in 1896, Mr Coe's grandmother may have been born in the cottage in 1898. Mr Coe's mother was happy for the gate to be moved to another part of Steeton, but nothing came to fruition. It is worth pointing out that the gate was not originally in the position it finds itself now, but that's another story.

Many thanks to Amy Baldwin, Trever Coe, Caroline Barker, Shirley Davids, Paul Smith, Jack Hargreaves, Julie Brown, Geoff Hanson and Su Thompson. In memory of Ian Dewhirst, who would have known all along.



Antony Silson adores films and music, lives in Keighley and is married to Julia. His show airs Sunday 5-7p.m. on Drystone Radio: [www.drystoneradio.com](http://www.drystoneradio.com)

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## The Gateway into Hawkcliff Wood

The following facts and sketch map were derived from the various maps of Steeton available to view on the website called [old-maps.co.uk](http://old-maps.co.uk)

Their first map is dated 1853, at which time Hawkcliff Wood was apparently untouched mature woodland, with no footpaths. There was a cottage in the corner in its own plot. The Tower and Kirk are indicated but there was no farm on Hollins Bank and Hawkcliff House had not yet been built.

By the time their next map was produced in 1894, the woods had apparently been transformed into a public leisure amenity with a network of footpaths and seating areas. This was typical philanthropic behaviour of the late 19th Century, with numerous examples existing all over the country. The map shows a path leading in from the road at the spot where the gothic gate still exists today. It follows the boundary of the cottage plot to its corner then divides into two, to create a circular route with other paths leading off from it. In four places, the ground has been dug out and levelled to form what look like seating areas.

The cottage is no longer visible on the map dated 1908 although its boundary was still in place.



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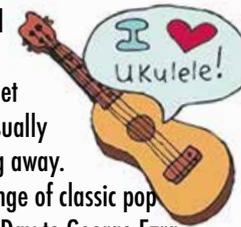
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Visit [www.haworthukulelegroup.co.uk](http://www.haworthukulelegroup.co.uk)

Every Friday 1.30pm - 4pm Silsden Town Hall is **Bridge Drive**. No partner needed and there is a host. £2 for more info call 01535 658506.

Every Monday & Friday 1.30pm to 4pm **Knit Knatter Crafts Group** held at the Steeton Community Hub. All Welcome. More info contact Diane 07873485149.

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Every Wednesday **Steeton Bobbins WI** meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm at St Stephens Church Hall, Steeton. More info contact Diane Pritchard 01535 653748.

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Sat 8th June 2 - 4pm **Mad Hatter's Tea Party** in aid of the Steeton and Eastburn Christmas Lights. Cream teas served in the beautiful gardens of Holmes House, St Stephens Road, Steeton. Tickets £10 (£13 with prosecco) and £5 for children, from Julie and Joannes Hairdressers, Steeton and Eastburn Post Office.

Sat 8th June **Skipton Gala** The procession start time is 1pm from Westmoreland Street, Skipton to Aireville Park.

Sun 9th June **Long Lee Open Gardens** 10am - 4pm Talk to local gardeners. Starts at the Village Hall. Refreshments served.

Sat 15th June 10am - 12.30pm **Coffee morning** at Steeton Hub, Stone Grove. To make money for cancer support Skipton with tombola, cake stall, hand knitted items and hand made cards. Contact Diane 07873485149 for more info.

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Sun 16th June 2pm **Music at the Museum** - The trans-pennine Harp Group at Cliffe Castle Museum, Keighley Free event.

Thurs 20th June 5.30 pm - 7 pm **Late Night Thursday at Bronte Parsonage** (bring proof of residence BD20/21/22).

Sat 22nd June **Gin Express** on the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway.

Fri 21st June until Sun 23rd June **Dragon Boat Festival at Roberts Park, Saltaire**. The event promises to be a fun filled family festival with dragon boat racing on the river and landside attractions for all to enjoy including children's entertainment, charity stalls, catering stands, landside games, bar, live acts and much, much more.

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Sat 22nd June **Gin Express** on the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway. Sun 23rd June. Train rides for all the family. **Miniature trains** running at **Marley sports field** approx. 13:30 until approx. 17:00. Steam and electric trains providing trips for all ages. Great family afternoon out. Refreshments available.

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Sat 29th June 9.30 am - 4pm **Saltaire Vintage Home & Fashion Fair** at Victoria Hall With 40+ stalls of vintage loveliness for you and your home including genuine vintage fashion, such as 1940's tea dresses, 1950's prom gowns, jewellery, accessories, furniture, homewares, vintage vinyl, toys, books, kitchenalia and collectables, all from the 1920's to the 1980's....

Sat 29th June 10 am - 4 pm **Summer Fun Day** at Church Green, Keighley. Free event including live entertainment, giant inflatables, bouncy castles and more.

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 1/2 tsp cocoa powder  
 3/4 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips (or your chocolate of choice)  
 1/2 tsp pure vanilla extract  
 2 1/2 tbsp of unrefined coconut oil  
 Pinch of table salt  
 2 tbsp of maple syrup or sugar/sweetener of choice  
 Handful of mini marshmallows  
 Handful of chocolate chips  
 Or any other toppings you fancy – dried cherries, chopped up biscuits, nuts etc.

## METHOD

Melt the chocolate and oil, either on the stove or in the microwave. Then whizz up everything in a blender until super-smooth. Add the mixture to ice-cube trays and freeze for 2-3 hours.

Once frozen, pop the cubes out of the trays and add to the blender. If you're not sure your blender can handle the cubes, allow them to melt a little before blending. Blend the cubes until a smooth ice-cream starts to form. You may need to scrape down the sides.

Then transfer the mixture to a large bowl, add your Rocky-road fillings, mix together and serve immediately.



Yorkshire born and bred, Amy Firth lives in the Worth Valley with her partner, 3 kids, Murphy the dog and several rescue hens. A life-long advocate for fairer food and farming,

Amy is always in search of great veggie and vegan recipes which she shares on her Instagram page: @amy\_firth78

Apologies in advance if I jinx the weather by sharing this recipe! All the wall-to-wall blue skies and sunshine we've had recently have had me dreaming up ice cream recipes. I've tried and tested MANY (you're welcome!). But this is definitely my favourite.

A good blender is essential. We have a Vitamix - which I mocked my husband relentlessly for buying and now use more than him - but any high-powered blender will do. Add whatever toppings and goodies you like. We used vegan marshmallows and chocolate chips. Cobbles & Clay and Haworth Wholefoods on Haworth Main Street both have great selections of vegan sweets and treats.



Friday evening (17th May) saw a packed audience of approaching 300 guests enjoying a laughter filled venue at the Rendezvous Hotel nr Skipton. The occasion was a **Charity Comedy Night** organised by Cowling based **High Adventure Outdoor Education Center**. Just over £3,500 was raised on the night for seven beneficiary charities. Samaritans in our area benefited to the tune of £600 from ticket sales. Commenting on this Tim Ferguson, Director at High Adventure and founder of the bi-annual comedy event, said: "Samaritans' volunteers provide an indispensable safety net for vulnerable people at a time of great emotional need. They man the phone lines 24hrs a day, 365 days a year. At a time when so much media

attention is focussed on issues surrounding mental health, depression and suicide we are delighted they were able to join us for our charity evening."

Three hours of non-stop laughter rang out from the venue, raising much needed cash along the way.

Victoria Haworth, local Branch Director for Samaritans added: "On behalf of Samaritans and other supporting charities, I would like to extend our thanks to High Adventure for hosting this brilliant fund raiser. The feedback has been superb – not only did it raise cash, it also helped maintain our profile, and I would urge anyone who needs to chat (in total confidence) to call our free phone number on 116 123 – if you're having a difficult time or struggling to cope, we are always here to listen. We won't judge. Thanks again Tim, keep up the great work and we'll definitely be back to enjoy the laughter in November."

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# MAYBE IT'S JUST ME by Beth Cunningham

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How nice it is to get back to your own bed. Especially when it is cosily made up with flannelette sheets, even in the summer.

The last time I flew - in an aeroplane, not on my broomstick - I enjoyed a rare but, alas, brief moment of smugness. My flight was early. I had booked a night in a nearby hotel. All I had to do was stroll elegantly through the airport with neat hand baggage and looking rather Audrey Hepburn in my hat and new sunglasses.

But the security man was having a bad day. I will not describe the full horror of socks, pants and other personal items being plucked out of my case and thrown in the air - and on to the floor - as in a Tommy Cooper sketch. Suffice to say that while other passengers breezed past snorting drugs, spraying aerosols and brandishing kitchen knives, I was given a going-over so thorough that I reached the departure gate as it was about to close and sank into my seat palpitating and resembling not Audrey Hepburn but Worzel Gummidge.

What rankled most was the confiscation of my tiny tin of a well-known brand of petroleum jelly. (Other, similar products are available - and I hope I am not destroying my feminine mystique by revealing this beauty secret.)

Not a great start to a city break - nervous prostration combined with chapped lips. But think of Mr Security's job satisfaction, having headed off a deranged

woman intent on breaking into the cockpit and moisturising the pilot to death.

On day trips, you are not obliged to take your shoes off, unless you want to paddle. And nobody interrogates you along the lines of: 'Let me see that Tupperware box. Packed those fish paste sandwiches yourself, did you?'

The worst that can happen - if you book on a coach trip alone - is that you find yourself sitting next to somebody extremely annoying. Possibly me.

Do not assume, because it is only one day, that you are safe from the attentions of those seeking holiday romance.

I was once pursued around Whitby harbour by a gentleman who, fortunately, was less nifty than me at getting up steps. I remained true to my own flannelette sheets and fled through the famous whale bones before you could say Moby Dick.

I could still hear my would-be suitor's plaintive cry: 'I only wanted to buy you fish and chips in the Magpie.'

That's what they all say.



Beth Cunningham was brought up in Rawdon. She left Yorkshire to work for newspapers and magazines on Merseyside and in Wales, the Middle East and London, where she also wrote and performed stand-up comedy.

She now lives in Haworth, is a life member of the Bronte Society and writes short stories.



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