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Spring flowers abound! The cherry blossom at Cliffe Castle has been particularly beautiful this year.

East Riddlesden Hall gardens are also looking glorious and we have an update from them on page 8. Be sure to visit both these beauty spots as the weather hots up, there is lots going on.

Spring bank holiday brings Princesses & Superheroes to the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway.

Cut out and save the list of FREE monthly Late Night Thursday openings at the Bronte Parsonage to remind you to take advantage of the savings.

Learn to Jive at the Haworth 1940s Weekend this year...it is looking like it will be better than ever...read more on page 19.

May is bursting with spring energy and new opportunities. Have a superb month!



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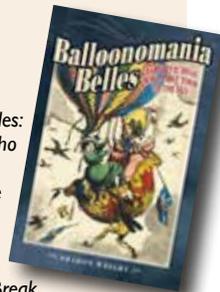
outpouring of grief and a flurry of outrage in the press about the implications of Lily's fate for female performers everywhere.

On Friday June 14th, as part of the Haworth Festival, we will be celebrating Fabulous Female Aeronauts, and Lily Cove in particular. In the morning at the White Lion (where Lily stayed before her ill-fated final show) Ann Dinsdale will host a Q&A session with Sharon Wright, author of *Balloonomania Belles*, followed by a short hosted walk highlighting some of the key locations in Haworth associated with Lily. Contact Ian Park at Wave of

Nostalgia, 74 Main Street  
01535 538352 for details.



Sharon Wright is the author of *Balloonomania Belles: Daredevil Divas Who First Took to the Sky*. She began her career on the *Keighley News* before working as a writer, editor and columnist for the *Guardian*, *Daily Express*, *BBC*, *Disney*, *Glamour*, *Red* and *Take a Break*.



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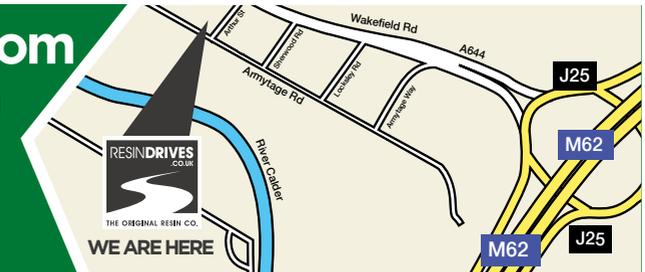
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**Garden Bliss** It's getting to the time of year when the gardens at East Riddlesden Hall are starting to look their best. The carpets of camassia, scilla and grape hyacinth are creating a stunning blue canvas, with red campions and white narcissi adding extra colour. If you're thinking of adding splashes of colour to your own garden then there's a wonderful selection of plants available in the shop (entry to the shop is free). We're proud to stock a range of plants from The Hairy Pot Plant Company. These plants have pots made from the fibres of coconut husk that biodegrade naturally in the soil. All plants are grown in environmentally friendly, peat-free compost and are watered and cared for daily by our retail manager.



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**April**, you can meet a member of our gardening team between 2-3pm and tap into over 50 years of collective experience. Take a walk through the gardens and learn how to combine good design and colour with wildlife conservation. You'll leave with inspirations for your own garden and hints and tips towards greener gardening. Along the way we'll also share with you how the East Riddlesden Hall gardens have evolved and grown over time.

**Every Tuesday from 30 April** you can take a stroll along the herb border between 2.30-3.30pm to discover more about the wonderful properties of herbs. Touch, taste, smell and find out about the culinary, medicinal and modern uses for herbs on these relaxed and interactive talks. Booking

isn't needed for either of these talks, but numbers are limited. We recommend arriving early for these popular events. On **Saturday 18 May** between 10.30am-4.30pm, we'll be welcoming back our enthusiasts to share their passion for coins, stamps and the history of money. A collection of Roman and Victorian coins will take you back through history to explore how the value of money has changed over time. What was more expensive for the tenant farmers living here in the 1840's – food or rent? You can also see a collection of stamps from the Victorian period to the 1935 Silver Jubilee, and learn how the process of sending a letter has changed over time. Please see online for full details of all our events [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/east-riddlesden-hall/whats-on](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/east-riddlesden-hall/whats-on)

**East Riddlesden Hall is open Saturdays to Thursdays, 10.30am-4.30pm. General admission prices apply for the house and garden. Entry is free for National Trust members and under 5's.**



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# Getting up to speed

It's that time of the year when we get ready to run for 7 days per week at the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway. We start with the school holidays over Easter, then revert to weekends thought May until Monday 27th, from when we operate steam trains from then right through to September 6th, before going back to weekends and holidays for the rest of the year.

We also have a very special event May 3rd to 6th, when we are running a 'Diesel & Mixed Traffic gala', which will see us hosting our first diesel-focused event for several years. We will operate a fleet of heritage diesels on the Friday and Saturday, before introducing steam on the Sunday and Monday. We are very excited to have the prototype for the iconic "High Speed Train" planned to visit. The locomotive was the forerunner to the HSTs which continue to operate on the East Coast mainline and often through Keighley, and are now into their fifth decade of operation. They will be joined by a number of other heritage and modern-day diesel visitors and members of the home fleet to give a very different look and feel to the weekend's operations, but diesel traction is a very important part of railway history that we are keen to preserve.

As well as the Mixed Traffic gala, we have our ever-popular Haworth Haddock fish & chip supper services, Prosecco-tasting specials and Vintage Train 'Strawberries and Prosecco' specials operating on Sundays from 9th June until 14th July. Booking details and prices for these specials are available on the website.

Behind the scenes, work progresses on a number of major projects, including groundworks at Ebor Lane, just near



Myholmes Tunnel, where we are stabilising the cutting to address an issue that dates back to the earliest days of the Midland Railway operating the line in the 19th Century. We have recently completed a building to house our operational "wheel drop" that allows us to remove a wheelset from locomotives and railway vehicles for below, avoiding the need to lift the body, making such an operation much quicker, and so helps us to keep our operational fleet in active service. As you would expect, running locomotives that date back to 1899, and carriages that are getting increasingly elderly, is a constant – and expensive – challenge. Whilst we have a very comprehensive operational fleet, locomotives need a full overhaul at least every ten years, and the costs of these are at in the order of £250k - often more - and take a dedicated team of expert volunteers to conduct and oversee the work. We are of course also very heavily reliant on our team of some 700 volunteers, and if you would like to join our merry band, whatever level of experience of time you can offer, then please do get in touch. Chairman, Matt Stroh [www.kwvr.co.uk](http://www.kwvr.co.uk)

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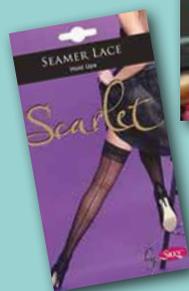


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**A DATE IN TIME**  
No one knows if or when a date in time is going to be an important one or just another day. Whilst shopping in Haworth village recently I came across two original calendars, complete with age spots but totally intact. They felt so delicate but the colours were perfect and the sentiment in the



hand painted pictures breath taking. The years of the calendars were 1945 and 1946. It's difficult to describe the feelings I had as I held these small tokens of a time gone by, but sadness, melancholy and pure nostalgia flooded through my veins right through to my fingertips. The thought of these everyday items gracing a local kitchen wall whilst loved ones looked at the dates waiting for news of family members to return. Or listening to the wireless news reports, reading newspapers, hearing 'the word on the street' of the possible end of the war and looking at the calendar asking 'but when will it end?'



For me to now see these images over seventy years later is magical as at this time of year Haworth looks back to this era; and I thought it would be appropriate to share this story and these amazing illustrations with you.

Best wishes, Diane Wave of Nostalgia

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## HAWORTH 1940s WEEKEND

Not long now until the annual Haworth 1940s weekend (May 17th, 18th, 19th). This year's event will be extra special for JIVE CLASS and DJ6-5000; I will be playing the music at bandstand in the park and Sue will be giving FREE dance lessons on both the Saturday and Sunday.

It is our 100% intention to put the word DANCE back into dancing on both days and revive the Haworth 1940s bandstand tradition to its former glory. On both days the dance music played will be guaranteed floor fillers and dancer's favourites; music that will definitely have you Jiving and Strolling.

At regular intervals during each day JIVE CLASS (Sue) will be teaching you some of the popular Stroll dances, so for you non dancers who normally just stand and watch the dancing in awe and admiration, you can now join in the fun as well. Sue will prove that you do not have two left feet!

The Haworth 1940s committee have introduced several new management systems and initiatives in to this year's event with the aim to make it the best yet. The bandstand in the park is certainly going to be one of the many focal points of another great 1940s weekend.

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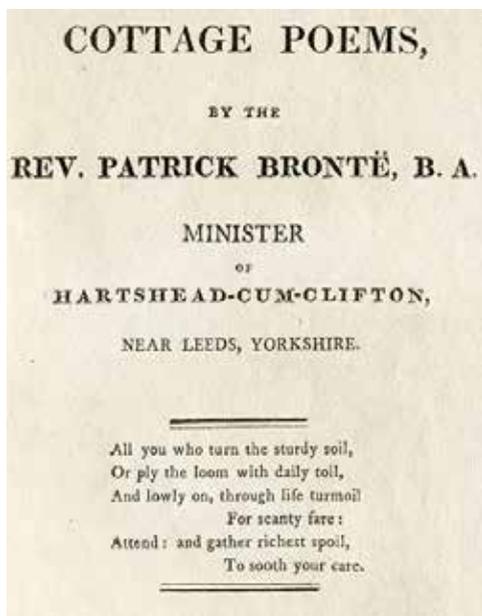
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## BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM: Patrick the Poet

This year at the Parsonage, we are celebrating the life of Patrick Brontë. I have been a lifelong fan of Charlotte, Emily and Anne Brontë's works, so I decided to turn my attention to Patrick's work. Patrick is often dismissed simply as the father of the Brontë sisters, many people don't know that he was a poet himself.

Reading Patrick's work, it came as no surprise that his poems reflect his social and moral values. In 1811, Patrick Brontë published his collection of moral verses, *Cottage Poems*, remarkable and unique in the fact that the collection was written expressly for the 'lower classes' who didn't read poetry.

Having been born to a family of slender means, Patrick overcame many odds to go to Cambridge University and become a clergyman. It is well known that Patrick retained sympathy for the working class and in his collection, he states that 'cottagers, as well as princes, have immortal souls.' Patrick's aim was to bring the word of God to the people, recognising their plight, but offering encouragement. He speaks of a poor young woman in his poem *The Cottage Maid*, stating 'Her father is dead, and her brother - and now she alone with her mother, will spin on her wheel, and sew, knit, and reel, and cheerfully work for their living.' Words that he may have thought back on later in life when trying to come to terms with the tragic losses in his own life. Some of his poetry reminded me of his daughter Emily's in the acute attention to nature, referencing rocky mountains, swelling waves and angry surges. Patrick felt real, indescribable pleasure when working on his *Cottage Poems*, something



that is reflected in his collection and that I feel deeply as a poet myself. Although many believe that *Cottage Poems* do not have the same degree of literary merit as the work of his children, it is clear that Patrick intentionally kept the poems simple and readable, without too many hidden meanings and layers.

His published works would have sat on shelves at the Parsonage, and the sisters would have been used to seeing the Brontë name on published volumes. While Patrick's works may not be as ground-breaking or immortalised as that of his famous children, it certainly played an integral part in encouraging them in their literary greatness.

Rosie Corcoran  
Museum Assistant



### Late Night Thursdays at the Parsonage

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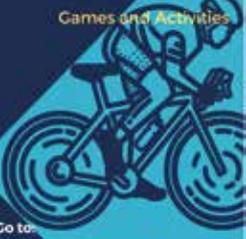
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## Lemon drizzle loaf



3/4 cup milk of choice (I used soya)  
 1/2 cup plain yogurt of choice (I used soya)  
 1/4 cup olive oil  
 1/4 cup lemon juice  
 1 tbsp lemon zest  
 1 tsp vanilla bean paste

### Drizzle (optional)

1/2 cup icing sugar  
 1 tbsp milk of choice  
 1/2 tsp lemon zest  
 1/2 tsp lemon juice

### Instructions

Preheat oven to 180 C, gas mark 4 or 350 F.  
 Grease a loaf tin.

In a large bowl, combine all the dry ingredients. In a separate bowl, combine the wet ingredients, then add to the dry ingredients. Gently mix until just combined then pour into the loaf tin. Knock the tin on a hard surface (to pop any bubbles that have formed from the baking powder). Bake for 35-40 minutes, or until a cake skewer inserted into the middle of the loaf comes out clean.

While the loaf is cooling, combine the drizzle ingredients and, while the loaf is still slightly warm, prod holes into the top (to allow the drizzle to sink in) then pour over the mixture.

*If you make this recipe, I'd love to see your creations. Share your photos to my Instagram page to be in with a chance of winning a baking start-up kit.*

Is there any better smell than a freshly zested lemon? It can be the dreariest of Mondays, but one whiff of the yellow stuff and immediately my mood is elevated several notches.

My kids love this loaf. I used soya milk and yogurt, but you can use whichever dairy products you prefer. Serve on its own as an after-school treat, or as a pudding with a steaming jug of custard. It makes approximately 12-14 slices and keeps well in an airtight container for up to 4 days.

### Ingredients

**Loaf**  
 2 cups plain flour  
 1 1/2 tsp baking powder  
 1/4 tsp baking soda  
 1 cup sugar  
 3/4 tsp salt



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

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**Aire Valley Railway Modeller's Club,** Melbourne House, Dalton Lane, Keighley, BD21 4LG. Meeting every

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**Keighley LGBT support group** meet every 3rd Saturday of each month. 12 -2pm at Keighley Healthy Living Centre, Scott Street, Keighley (behind the Library).

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First & third Wednesday of a month **10.30am Coffee Morning & Book Swap** at Laycock Village Hall. **Thurs 9th, Fri 10th & Sun 11th May Oakworth Spring Beer Festival** is set to take place in the newly-refurbished Christ Church, Oakworth.

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# MAYBE IT'S JUST ME by Beth Cunningham

Women are winning all sorts of battles. But one bastion that still needs to be stormed is the restaurant. I have shot a few arrows in this direction myself. And suffered some splatters of boiling oil.

I am talking about eating out alone. A man in a smart suit who sips Chablis while reading a newspaper is taking a break from important business. A woman in a slinky dress is up to no good.

My slinky dress days are over. But I still like a dining experience. It is wonderful to meet a chum for pasta, red wine and no washing up (unless, at the end of the evening, I find I have left my purse on the bus again). But sometimes friends are busy, and languishing at home with a takeaway curry does not make for an exciting weekend.

In the first flush of bridal bliss - yes, you cynics, that happened for me - we had a weekend in Salisbury. During lunch at an old hotel, a round lady of advanced years and on two sticks appeared in the dining room. She was shown to what was obviously her usual table with the utmost kindness and ceremony. She took her seat, reached for the menu and beamed contentedly at the other guests.

Wow! I thought. I want to be like that, if I ever grow up.

Years later, I remembered the Salisbury lady and got myself out. If you are inclined to howl and blub and disintegrate - and, frankly, I am - you might as well be somewhere

interesting and having a hearty meal before you hurl yourself into the river. By the time you have allowed an hour for not swimming on a full stomach, the crisis has passed.

I have learned to take a book with me, pin on a crocodile's winning smile and to refuse to sit next to the gents' toilet. (Guys, please remember to adjust your clothing before you come out. not after.)



Let us not dwell on the incidents that taught me to limit my alcohol intake. Or the night I forgot it was Valentine's Day.

If a waiter proves snotty and unaccommodating, you can make a dignified withdrawal then spend a few minutes pulling hideous faces through the window. Allow time to leg it before you hear the police sirens.

Once, on a city break in Rome. I finished my meal and stood glumly on the pavement in pouring rain. The young waiter dashed past me, bought a red rose from the stall across the street and came back to present it to me. That was worth a whole vat of boiling oil.



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.

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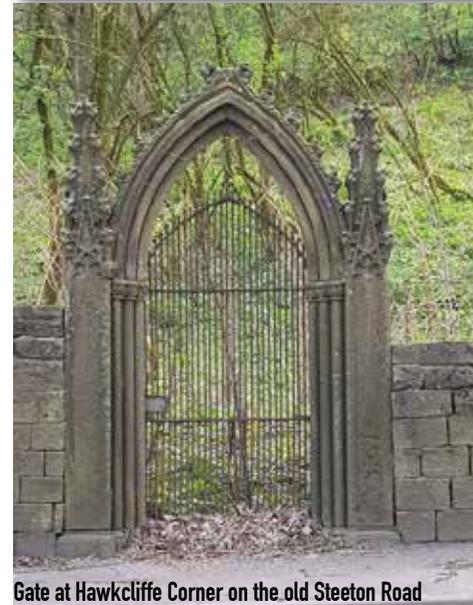
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# HIDDEN WONDERS (GATES) by Antony Silson



Gate at Hawkcliffe Corner on the old Steeton Road

There is a brain phenomenon known as an “event boundary”. Our brains compartmentalise events and tie them to the environment in which they occurred. By moving from one room to the next, the brain effectively creates a file containing all the information about the first room, and what you did there, and tucks it away. It then shifts its focus to the new space. So that’s why you’ve forgotten what you’ve gone into that room for.

I believe that this also occurs when we move through gateways. Not your average garden gate, but some of the truly magnificent entrances to the public buildings and spaces that this glorious area contains. Our district lays heavy with all that has gone before and to pass through these gates is to move through time. They all let us leave ‘ourselves’ outside and we can disconnect with what else may be going on in our lives. On Good Friday I sat on the balcony of the Cliffe Castle Café, with an old friend, and all our cares seemed to float away as we talked and laughed

about old times. The reason I am writing about gateways is because for many years I’ve driven or walked past a wonderful gothic gate that doesn’t seem to go anywhere in particular. (Left) It’s just at the side of the road, the forlorn entrance to nothing, and I half imagine that by walking through it you’ll find yourself in a world populated by elves and dragons. Every year it looks a little more careworn, a little closer to finally giving up the ghost and crumbling into a pile of nondescript dust that will be carried away by the wind forever. But what on earth was it the gateway to? A friend on Instagram suggests it was the entrance to a long gone chapel, but there seem no foundations or even a boundary at the other side of the gate. It seems too ornate to have been built on a whim and its architecture suggests something religious. Is there anyone out there who can put our minds at rest and tell us what it was originally for? Or is it a portal? [mail@worthvalleymag.co.uk](mailto:mail@worthvalleymag.co.uk)



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