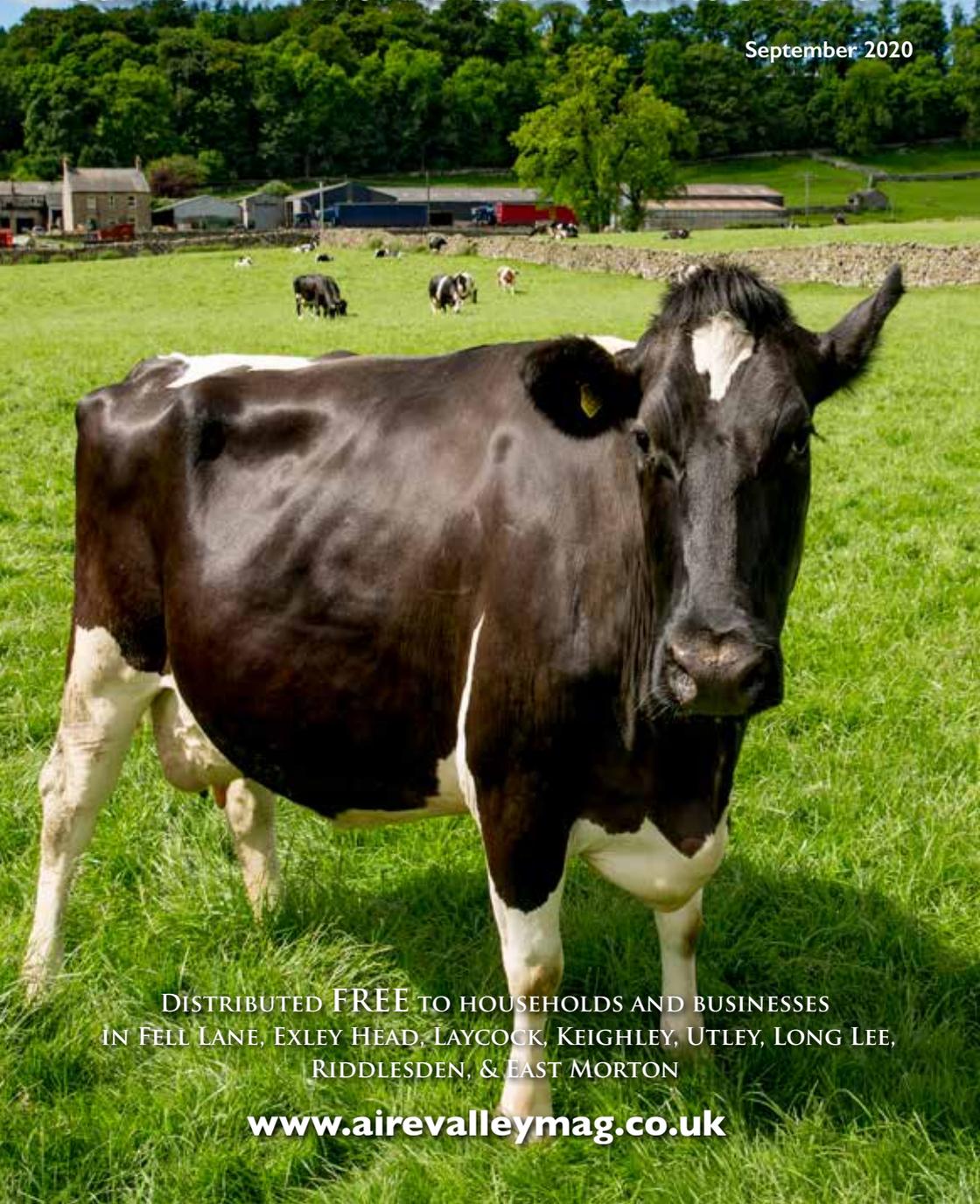


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Looking for something to be cheerful about is a daily practice worth implementing. 'Count your blessings' is another way of putting it.

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Steels Coach Tours are back and ready to roll again. Take a look at their 2020 tours on page 5...Why not get your self booked on the Mystery weekend this month!

Bolton Abbey has opened their Welly Walk trail; this is something the whole family can enjoy together. Take the dog, pack a picnic and enjoy the woods as the colours begin to turn golden.

Have a lovely September.

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Editor Liz Barker



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She chose my finger which made me squeak

Now leaving the canal along a track
This was taking us all the way back
Then passing a lady out with her dog
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Deciding it was time to leave
Heading back I couldn't believe
What an amazing walk I had
Now we have gone I feel quite sad
I thanked my friend for such a treat
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Onwards to the season of Mellow Fruitfulness by Lee Senior

Autumn beckons and our vegetable plots could really do with a spring clean! There is a tired, end of season look now in some areas of our plots. At this time of year there is a lot of spent plant foliage and this will increase as our summer

cropping vegetables come to an end as the weather turns colder. However, some summer stalwarts should last until the first frosts. Keep cropping your runner beans as often as you can. During mild spells more beans will still be produced.



In our part of the world September is the main month for harvesting sweet corn. Meanwhile courgettes should soldier on until October, given mild weather. It is a similar story with pumpkins and squash as long as there is no frost.

Happily, next month heralds the start of the tree fruit cropping season and that is something to look forward to. Some early varieties of apples are ready from mid-September, but do bear in mind we are having quite a late year.

With all this decaying plant material there is no better time to start a new compost bin. Almost all above ground non-diseased plant remains can be composted. It is better to have at least two bins operating at the same time. One bin can then be filled and left to rot down, while the other is started on with fresh material and so on.

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from our plots over the course of a year. It is therefore essential to enrich the soil when we can. Green manures will help. They are wonderfully easy and do a fine job in improving our heavily used soil. At this time of year there will be gaps on our plots and sowing a quick maturing green manure now is well worth the effort.

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In the flower garden our summer bedding should last until the first frosts. This too can be composted once you remove it in preparation for autumn planted bedding.

Sweet Peas and late season asters are prone to mildew at this time of year. Simply remove any unsightly foliage by hand to improve their appearance.

Lee Senior is a horticultural consultant. Lee is also an RHS Regional judge and 'Yorkshire In Bloom' specialist. Lee has written the local walking book 'Walking in the Aire' which is available to purchase via Facebook.

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Bahamas Locomotive Society is part of the Rail Story Museums at Ingrow and we are delighted to have been awarded Lottery support as well as grants from Keighley Town Council and Yorkshire Museums Development in order to get the museum up and running again and to help underpin our education service. We are really grateful for this generosity and for the confidence shown in what we do, and as Chairman I am thrilled that our museum is now open again, albeit with limited numbers and at suitably timed intervals. Our staff are now back at Ingrow having been on Furlough since the middle of March. The Museum will be open on days when the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway is in operation.

As part of our Lottery success we are especially keen to help the local economy and we are aware that Haworth village

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Arrive Ingrow	11.45	1.15	2.45	4.15

values the Summer Vintage Bus service that normally operates each year. Fortunately we are able to work with Yester Year Vintage Vehicle Hire to underwrite the Vintage bus service between Changegate at the top of the village, Haworth Station at the bottom of the village and Ingrow Station as well as a scenic tour with a live commentary pointing out places of interest along the route such as Top Witherns and the bomber crash site in Oakworth. The bus will operate on bank holidays and at the weekends during September.

Our society has always prioritised working in the local community and with schools in the area which is why we introduced our Saturday Science Club some 2 years ago which we hope to be able to reintroduce soon. We are also very interested to work with elderly residents on railway reminiscences.

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Keith Whitmore, Chairman Bahamas Locomotive Society.

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Once leaving Haworth village the bus will head along Cemetery road then up and over Penistone hill - Marsh - Oxenhope station - Hebden road back to Ingrow.

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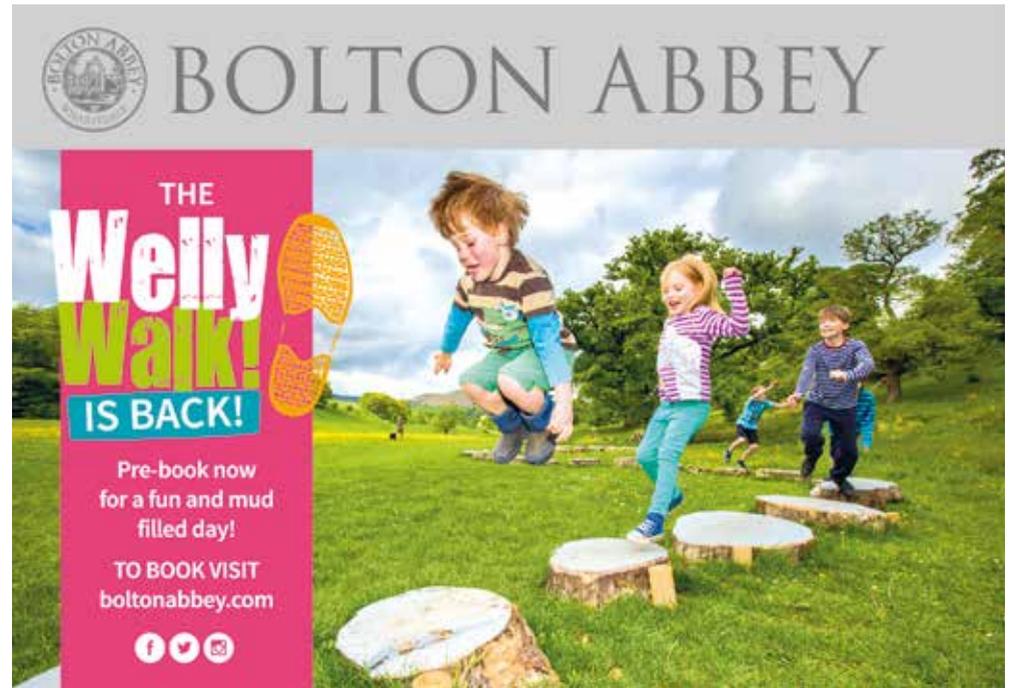
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The site is constantly changing and is kept up to date. If you know of any services which are missing then please get in touch via the web site and it will be updated.

This is just the beginning for Treacle, and any feedback about the site is always welcome. *Helen O'Connell QN*
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Brontë Parsonage
THE MUSEUM UNLOCKED

What is it about the Brontës? The worldwide fascination?

I still remember my first visit to Haworth. Dad took us one summer. It was so long ago that there was no Rawdon Road. The only approach was up the famous cobbles - or setts, to give them their proper name.

After touring the Parsonage - saucer-eyed and enthralled - I spent my pocket money on a ribboned bookmark on which was printed a Charlotte poem. Back at school, when we had to say what we did during the school holidays, I struck a dramatic pose and recited it by heart.

Since then I have learned loads more about the Brontës - and that striking a dramatic pose never has the desired effect.

I never dreamed back then that the magic was going to last. That later I would come to live in Haworth and work at the Parsonage for a few years.

And as the spell is still unbroken, when staff open the door again they will be surprised to find me outside in my sleeping bag, having camped on the steps for six months.

How I've missed being able to go inside, any day, to experience that special atmosphere and breathe in the remaining molecules of genius!

More than 30 years ago I joined the Brontë Society, having delayed too long in the mistaken belief that it would be made up of tweedy academics who would find me a bit.... well, thick.

Instead I found a tribe of like-minded, lively people of all ages and type, made great friends, attended countless events and went on trips to Belgium and Ireland.

There's been a lot of fun, too. How proud I was to be part of the team that took the quiz night honours by knowing the name of the Brontës' geese (Victoria and Adelaide).

And how I giggled when I overheard two museum visitors - not yet familiar with the role of the family's faithful Tabitha Ackroyd - questioning who Tabby was. "It must have been the cat" said one.

But one of the best moments came during a panel event in which a leading contemporary author dared to express the view that Wuthering Heights was not such a great novel.

The tense silence that followed was broken by one of our staunchest enthusiasts, a forthright young Yorkshireman. "Yeah," he said. "But who'll be coming round to your house in 200 years".

- Beth Cunningham

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Steam is back in the valley! It has been a very difficult few months as we faced the dual challenge of closing the line in mid-March and a part-complete project to replace a 115+ year old bridge between Damems and Ingrow. We had to pause the work to replace the bridge when the country entered lockdown, and it's thanks to the expertise, skill and determination of the Railway's volunteers that we have now completed the replacement of the bridge so can run trains along the full length of the line for the first time since March. We have run two very successful weekends of trains to test the operation, including the flow of passengers, ticketing arrangements and timings as we implement a service that complies with the latest guidance on social distancing to protect our passengers, volunteers and staff. We have reorganised the museum at Oxenhope, and moved the café and shop into the shed, so it looks and feels very different to a usual visit, but we have received great feedback from the pilot workings.

Passenger services resumed on 19 August, and we are running trains using 'compartment' carriages, including some very vintage vehicles that are not often available for passenger travel, with return journeys beginning at either Keighley or Oxenhope. Full details of the services, dates and times are on the website, along with the FAQ to explain the operation and ticket availability and how to book in advance. Now that we have established the core operation, we are looking to extend the service. We are requiring pre-booking so that we can manage numbers and ensure



that all groups of passengers are allocated safely in their own compartment, and we already have a number of running days that have sold out, so please do check the website for the latest availability. I do appreciate that it feels early to be talking about Christmas, but I am aware that we receive regular requests for information on the Santa Specials. We are speaking with Father Christmas about we can best run the Santa Specials this year, so please keep an eye on the Railway's social media channels and the website for the latest information and the date when tickets will go on sale. I want to end with a vote of thanks. We are only able to restart operations thanks to the fantastic financial support from both our members, but also the significant levels of donations from other supporters. Thank you and we look forward to welcoming you back to the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway.

Matt Stroh, Chairman KWVR

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It is back to school and let's face it, we need to keep things as simple as possible. Our favourite GO TO website for simple and nutritious recipes is The Minimalist Baker (www.minimalistbaker.com) Their recipes fall into at least one of these categories: 10 ingredients or Less, 1 Bowl, 30 minutes or Less to prepare. Easy Peasy does it. Let's go!

Healthy 5-Ingredient Granola Bars

Healthy, no-bake granola bars with just 5 ingredients and a sweet, crunchy texture. Peanut butter and maple syrup complement each other perfectly in this ideal portable breakfast or snack.

The base for these bars is dates – the natural sweetener supah powah. Then we add almonds, oats, peanut butter, and maple syrup (or honey or agave) and mix it all together!

That's it. Just 5 ingredients, no baking involved (unless you want to toast the oats and almonds) and they'll keep in the freezer for-ever.

Ingredients

- 1 heaping cup packed dates (pitted // deglet noor or medjool)
- 1/4 cup maple syrup or agave nectar (or honey if not vegan)
- 1/4 cup creamy salted natural peanut butter or almond butter
- 1 cup roasted unsalted almonds (loosely chopped // see instructions for roasting nuts)

- 1 1/2 cups rolled oats (gluten-free for GF eaters)

Method

- Process dates in a food processor until small bits remain (about 1 minute). It should form a "dough" like consistency.
- Optional step: Toast your oats (and almonds if raw) in a 350-degree F (176 C) oven for 10-15 minutes or until slightly



golden brown. Otherwise, leave them raw – I prefer the toasted flavor.

- Place oats, almonds and dates in a large mixing bowl – set aside.
- Warm maple syrup (or agave or honey) and peanut butter in a small saucepan over low heat. Stir and pour over oat mixture and then mix, breaking up the dates to disperse throughout.
- Once thoroughly mixed, transfer to an 8x8-inch baking dish or other small pan lined with plastic wrap or parchment paper so they lift out easily. (A loaf pan might work, but will yield thicker bars // adjust size of pan if altering batch size).
- Press down firmly until uniformly flattened – I use something flat, like a drinking glass, to press down and really pack the bars, which helps them hold together better.
- Cover with parchment or plastic wrap, and let firm up in fridge or freezer for 15-20 minutes.
- Remove bars from pan and chop into 10 even bars. Store in an airtight container for up to a few days.

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