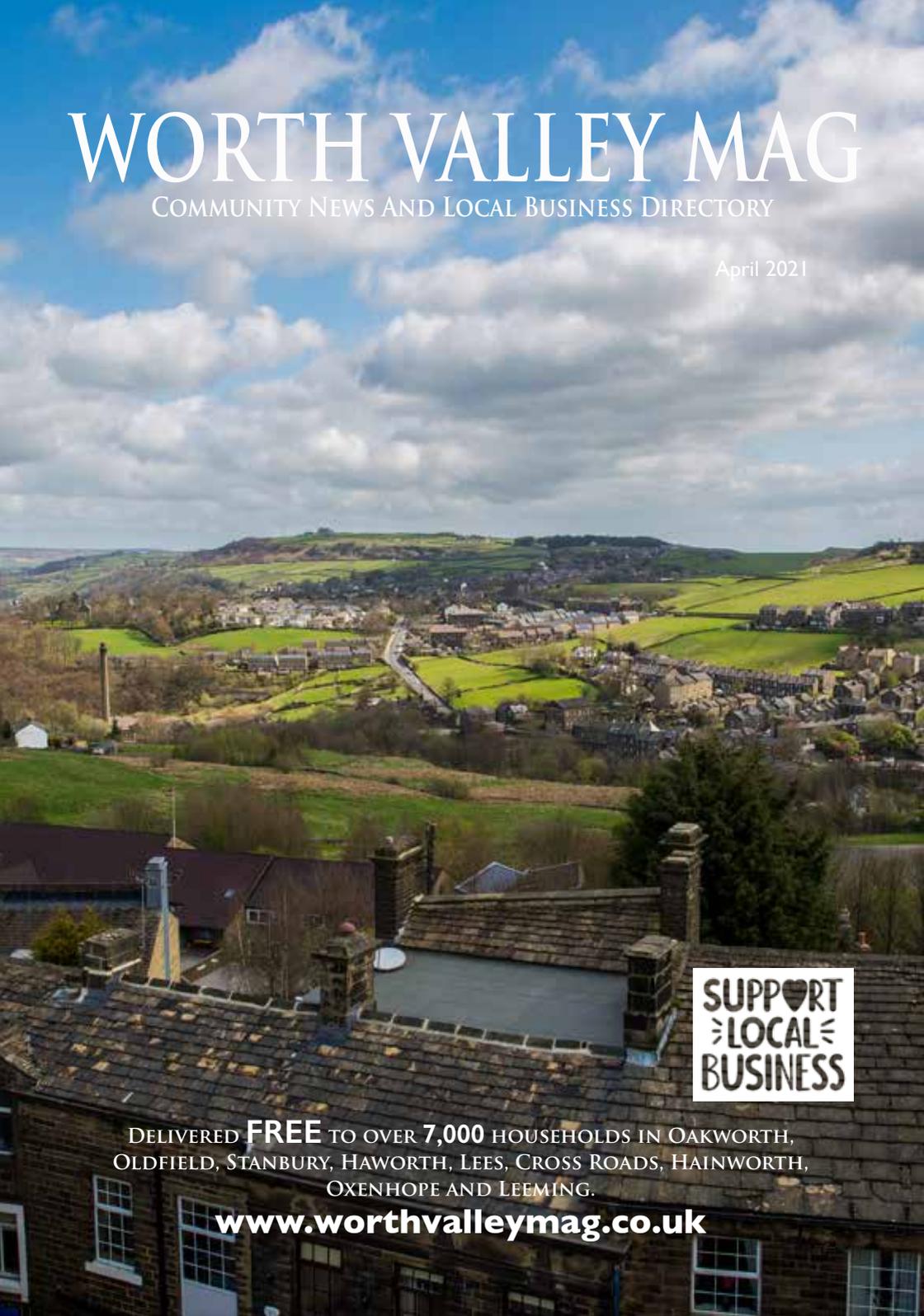


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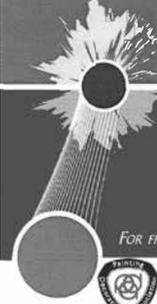


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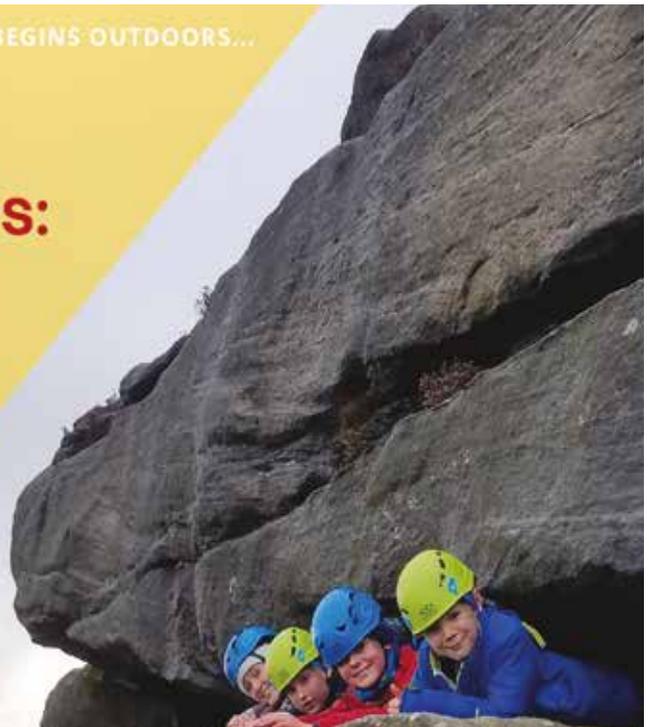
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Kathryn has created a lovely **'Cheese & Wine'** tasting experience, a special collaboration with award winning cheese maker 'The Courtyard at Settle' in North Yorkshire.

We asked Kathryn, if everything goes to plan this year, what can we expect to see from Bronte Bars & Events and their HQ, The Burnt Bear?
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"We are also committed to continue our work in the local community by sponsoring specific organisations and groups we see making a real contribution; for example, we are currently hosting the 'It's Worth Talking About' wellness group in Cross Roads."



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We recently caught up with Kathryn Thornton, founder of the award winning Bronte Bars & Events and creator of the original Rum & Gin Express Experience, Haworth Beer Festival, and many other noteworthy seasonal local events.

Kathryn continues to curate unique experiences for private and corporate clients with amazing creative focus despite the challenges of the past twelve months. When we last interviewed Kathryn she was up for another hospitality award and on the cusp of opening The Burnt Bear, a 'must experience' micro bar located in Cross Roads.

As things turned out, it was not possible to enjoy meeting friends in the new tasting rooms at the 'Bear,' but thankfully Kathryn and her team were able to pivot and offer inventive **Takeaway Cocktail boxes, Gins, Rums, Whiskies Taster packages**, as well as **Crafty Cans** and even their very own **Burnt Bear Coffee** brand; all professionally prepared and artfully packaged for a full sensory experience.

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Have you visited the **Brontë Lounge** yet? Last summer, we were missing our visitors very much, so we decided to open the Brontë Lounge, a friendly and informal Zoom space where we could talk Brontë with some of the many writers who have been inspired by them.

We were joined by fans from all over the world as well as many of our friends from Yorkshire. Students, academics, writers, all joined us for a special programme of fundraising events.

First up was writer **Samantha Ellis** whose impassioned quest to find out more about Anne was threaded with her own personal narrative.

Novelist **Tracy Chevalier** joined us from deep in Thomas Hardy country where she talked about her life-changing year as creative partner for Charlotte's bicentenary. She said, 'Books help me leave my daily life and enter the dream world.'

Anne Brontë's bicentenary year might have been a bit overshadowed but in the Brontë Lounge Anne totally stole the limelight!

Samira Ahmed – our creative partner for 2021 - told us that it was Anne Brontë who gave her the courage to fight her landmark gender pay gap battle.

Patience Agbabi was thoughtful as she read her from exquisite Emily inspired poems and ruminated on the possibility that Emily might have been autistic. Poetry was also part of the fare when UK Poet Laureate **Simon Armitage** joined us to reflect on Branwell and shared poems from his 2017 Mansions in the Sky collection accompanied by images from the collection that inspired them.

Caryl Phillips zoomed in from the US with a cohort of international post-grad students and talked of his love of Yorkshire and the moors, which for him are bound up with both the Brontës and the moors murderers which conjoined and swirled in *The Lost Child*.

Sally Wainwright took us on a rollicking gallop across Yorkshire with the Brontës and Anne Lister. She invited us to speculate on the possibility that Emily and Anne might possibly have met and hinted that the next strong woman ripe for the Wainwright treatment might be Charlotte's very own Shirley...!

Since then, we have also welcomed **Rowan Coleman** (aka Bella Ellis), **Sharon Wright** and **Andrew Michael Hurley**. What have we learned from all these events? How many people out there love Branwell, how many readers feel that Anne is the true trailblazer and how many readers and writers continue to be delighted and inspired by the Brontës. And despite the enforced closure of the Parsonage, the whole Brontë community – whether in Bradford or Buenos Aires - can come together in the Brontë Lounge. If you missed all those events, don't worry. The Brontë Lounge is here to stay and our April guest is **Moira Buffini**, writer, playwright and showrunner. Moira wrote the screenplay for the acclaimed 2011 film of *Jane Eyre* starring Mia Wasikowska and Michael Fassbender. She'll be joining us on 22 April, just a day after Charlotte's 205th birthday. Why not join us from the comfort of your sofa?

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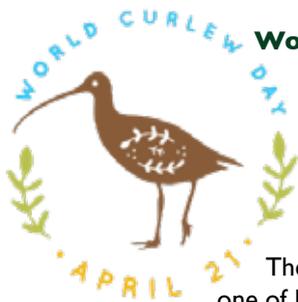
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However, there is plenty we can do to protect them if we act now, and new charity **Curlew Action** hopes that **World Curlew Day on the 21st of April** will help kickstart a coordinated effort to save the curlew.

With its long, downwards curving bill and distinctive call, the curlew is not just a cultural symbol of the British countryside: it is also a critical bioindicator for our grassland and wetland ecosystems. In the UK, which holds a quarter of the world's Eurasian curlews, the birds are now considered one of the highest priority bird species for conservation, as several factors have made it harder for them to breed. In particular, increasing numbers of predators like foxes and crows present a danger to curlew nests, and destruction of suitable breeding habitats, as a result of land-use changes and farming practices, has massively reduced breeding success rates.

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Ingredients

- 80g maple syrup
- 140g tahini
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- optional: hand full of roasted pistachios

Method

Lightly grease a small glass baking dish. You can use a silicone muffin pan if you want, the shape doesn't really matter. Place the maple syrup in a medium saucepan and heat over medium heat until it reaches 266°F (130°C). The maple syrup will bubble and some foam will form, this is normal. While the maple syrup is heating, place the tahini, vanilla extract, and

pistachios if using in another saucepan and warm over low heat. Tahini must be just warm, not hot. Once the maple syrup has reached the temperature, turn the heat off and pour the warm tahini into the saucepan. Using a wooden spoon, stir until it starts to thicken and doesn't look shiny anymore. You can use an electric beater if you want but do not beat for too long as it thickens very quickly, about 10 seconds. Pour immediately into the prepared dish and spread it into an even layer. Let cool at room temperature for at least 3 hours before removing from the dish. You can then cut it into small squares, or make small chunks. Halva will keep stored in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 3 weeks. Enjoy!

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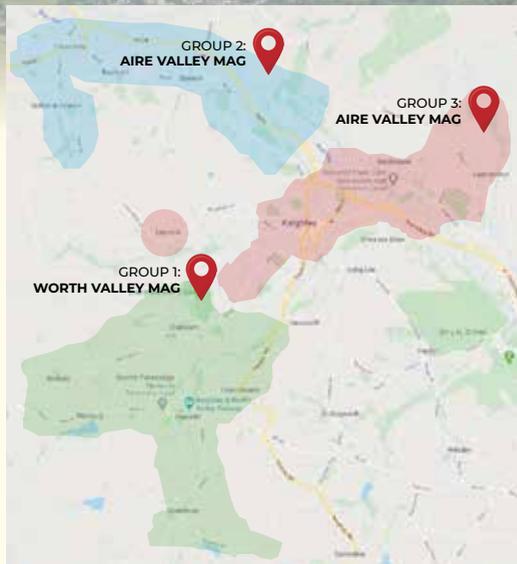
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