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We feature the handsome Sultan on the front cover this month, captured by local photographer, John Sargent. If you ever want to spend a few hours in the countryside basking in the soothing sounds of murmuring Alpacas, I can highly recommend a session at Thornwood Alpacas, the outdoor recreational & educational centre in Oxenhope. Read more in the update from the Haworth Machu Picchu Twinning Group on p25.

Christ Church in Oakworth host a trio of noteworthy events starting with Brew n Cakes on the Tour de Yorkshire Sunday followed by a Spring Beer Fest and then a Dog Show on June 1st. Fun for everyone!

Spring bank holiday brings Princesses & Superheroes to the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway. You will want to cut out and save the list of FREE monthly Late Night Thursday openings at the Bronte Parsonage.

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



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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



Mytholmes 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

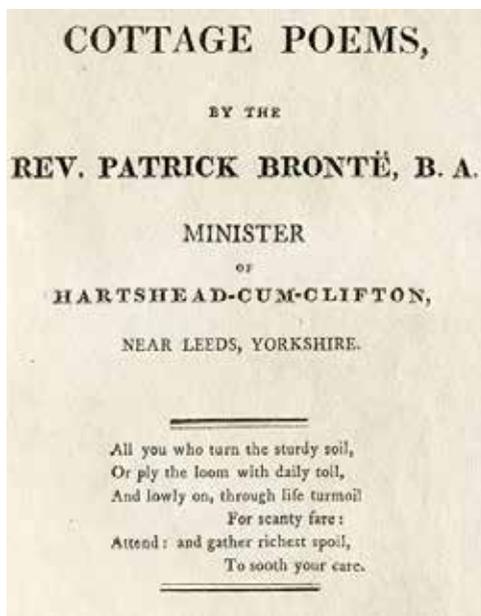
A colorful poster for the 'Princesses & Superheroes' event at Keighley & Worth Valley Railway. The poster features a green background with a white cloud containing text. At the top, it says 'WORTH VALLEY' in a red oval, followed by 'Princesses & SUPERHEROES' in large, stylized letters. The dates '29 & 30 MAY' are also present. Below the cloud, there are several smaller clouds containing text: 'Unicorns', 'Giant Games', 'Vintage Fair', 'Cinderella Carriage Rides', 'Crafts & More', and 'Sing with a princess'. A large white cloud contains the text: 'See your favourite princesses & superheroes at Keighley & Worth Valley Railway! Our princesses & superheroes can be found at different stations along the line, meet them, take photos sing & more!'. At the bottom, there is a row of five cartoon characters: a superhero, a princess, a superhero, a superhero, and a fairy. Below the characters is a row of icons representing various activities: a carriage, a unicorn, a carousel, a paint palette, a chess knight, a mask, and a train. At the very bottom, there is a teal banner with the text: 'Visit us at: kwvr.co.uk or follow us for more details.' and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, and YouTube.

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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

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Late Night Thursdays at the Parsonage

Summer is here which means the return of Late Night Thursdays. Admission after 5.30pm is free to residents of BD20, BD21, BD22 and those living in Thornton* so cut this out and stick it on your fridge!

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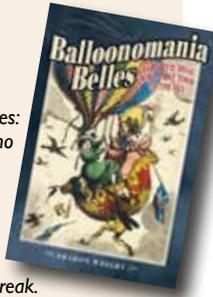
High above the wild Yorkshire moorland that inspired Wuthering Heights, the balloon sailed across the summer sky. A golden-haired young woman swung on the tiny trapeze beneath waving a white hanky and wearing the pretty and practical bloomers that scandalised and delighted Edwardian England in equal measure. On Monday 11th of June 1906, the charismatic miss Lily Cove was the toast of Haworth. The village welcomed her to its heart as a crowd of thousands stood transfixed at the sight of the 20 year old celebrity climbing high into the clouds. What happened next to the tragic young aeronaut was to send shock waves throughout the village, the country and the world. There are questions in the House, an



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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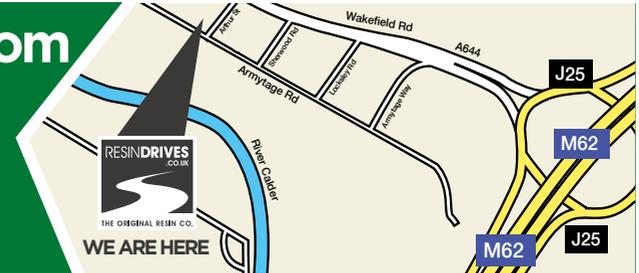
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HAWORTH 1940s WEEKEND

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.

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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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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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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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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

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 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.



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

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.

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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.

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

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Thurs 9th, Fri 10th & Sun 11th May Oakworth Spring Beer Festival is set to take place in the newly-refurbished Christ Church, Oakworth.

Fri 10th May Haworth Cinema "Collette" (15) 7.30pm West Lane Baptist Centre Adults £4 Children/Students £2

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Fri 24th May Haworth Cinema "Vice" 7.30pm West Lane Baptist Centre, Haworth

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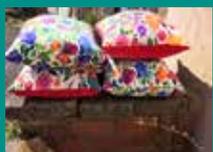
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The latest twinning group meeting was hosted by Lucy Thornton at Thornwood Alpacas in Oxenhope where the possibility of extending the educational benefits within the twinning context were discussed at the outdoor classroom and group members experienced a mini trek with the Alpacas.

Language teacher Jane Mathewson visited Parkside School and Haworth Primary where students learned about the twinning and the opportunity to connect with the children in Peru. Friendship letters were written in Spanish and will be sent to the Inka Pachacutec secondary school and San Juan Bautista de la Salle primary school in Machu Picchu. CEO of Cafe Direct, John Steel, will also be hand-delivering letters to coffee growers from Machu Picchu this month. The twinning group is hoping this will be the start of renewed communication between the two communities and will lead to other groups from both villages getting in touch. The young people at both schools were really excited at the prospect of receiving replies from their Peruvian counterparts, so it's fingers crossed that e mails or letters wing their way back to them from the Andes soon! If you are interested in finding out more about the twinning group take a look at www.haworthmachupicchu.org.uk

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