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Welcome to April.

Brighter days and new beginnings bring plenty to enjoy in the Aire Valley. This month, we've got Spring Actions, page 24, to inspire you with a few ideas to make the most of the season. We also have an extended Community Pages section to keep you connected to what's on.

Thank you for supporting the local businesses and organisations represented in the magazine...it is appreciated!

Have a Happy Easter—check out the Hot Cross Bun ~ Bread and Butter

Pudding recipe from Martin Lingard on page 6—a delicious twist on a classic. Bon Appétit!







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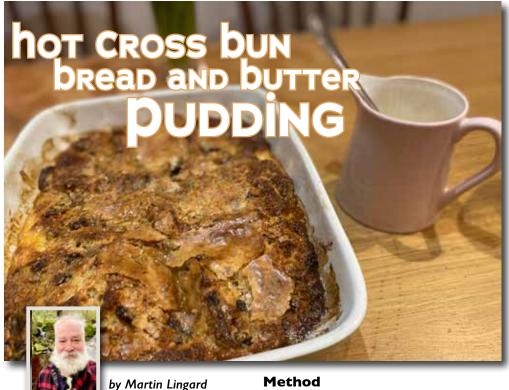
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With Easter approaching, I thought I'd share this seasonal Easter pudding. It's really simple, just make sure your butter is nice and soft.

Try and find a baking dish that fits the hot cross buns snugly once they have been halved. Serves four.

Ingredients

100g salted butter (approximate) 4 hot cross buns

2 eggs

2 egg yolks

50g caster sugar Itsp vanilla extract

400ml double cream

50ml dark rum

Nutmeg

Grease your chosen baking dish with some of your butter.

Slice the buns in half in the normal way and butter generously, arranging them in your dish butter side up.

Lob your eggs, egg yolks and sugar into a bowl and beat well for a minute or two. Now tip in your vanilla extract, rum and cream and whisk again until well mixed. Pour this mixture evenly over your buttered buns.

Set this to one side for an hour (out of reach of any pets you may have) to let your buns soak up the custard.

Preheat your oven to 180C.

Grate a good amount of nutmeg over your soggy buns and scatter a little extra caster sugar over everything and put your dish into the oven.

Bake for 35-40 minutes until your buns are golden and crusty.

Serve with extra cream or vanilla ice-cream.



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SPRING

by Mary Oliver

And here is the serpent again, dragging himself out from his nest of darkness, his cave under the black rocks.

his winter-death.

He slides over the pine needles. He loops around the bunches of rising grass, looking for the sun.

Well, who doesn't want the sun after the long winter?

step aside,

he feels the air with his soft tongue, around the bones of his body he moves like oil.

downhill he goes toward the black mirrors of the pond. Last night it was still so cold I woke and went out to stand in the yard, and there was no moon.

So I just stood there, inside the jaw of nothing. An owl cried in the distance, I thought of lesus, how he crouched in the dark for two nights, then floated back above the horizon.







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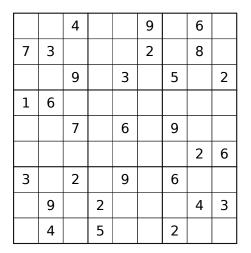
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Where is the **red** X located in the photo to the right?

This month's prize is donated by Keighley Picture House: Family ticket

Email your answer including your name & address to: mail@worthvalleymag.co.uk

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backwards, which we will be doing at the for their financial support. relaunched 1940s weekend in May, which is approach to the 1940s weekend.

We are also looking forward to our With so much going on, I do hope that regular events programme, particularly you will join us on board soon. the return of our popular Afternoon and Cream Tea trains. Watching passengers enjoy their savoury and sweet treats as the train wends its way along the branch

We always like to look forward at the line makes all the hard work in restoring

locations you can recognise from the two which is another costly and important project to keep the Railway ready for future generations, and for which we are Sometimes, however, we like to look very grateful to the Railway Heritage Trust

now run by the Railway's events team. The In addition to our usual programme 1940s Wartime Weekend will showcase of events, we are hosting a significant period vehicles, music, entertainment, and Bradford City of Culture 2025 feature, reenactments right along the Railway. This with The Railway Children production will take the pressure off Haworth, which running throughout the summer at had been overwhelmed by the event in Oxenhope. Tickets and details are only recent years, and allow us to bring a new available directly from the Bradford 2025 website. Bradford2025.co.uk

~ Matt Stroh

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Matt was born and raised in Pudsey, where he met his wife Angela Varley at school. They have 2 sons; Ray and Austin, he hopes one day they will follow him into the dental profession and share in his passion for dentistry.

Within his 23 years of experience, Matt has changed the lives and smiles of many, some of which are during one day implant immediate loading cases, and same day smiles, which he specialises in. The regular accolades received from clients and patients alike are testament to his passion for his work. Matt has a keen eye for detail and endeavours to provide the best care possible. Matthew completed his dental technology qualification at Leeds Dental institute, he finished first in his class achieving distinctions throughout and was awarded overall best student and the acclaimed technical achievement award.

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Spring's here and we're delighted to kick off a whole new programme of events at the Museum! From free activities for families, to workshops and talks from award-winning creatives, we hear from Programme Officer Angela Clare for a few highlights...

Celebrate the birth of Charlotte Brontë this April 21 with an online talk exploring the complex legacy she left behind. Join Sharon Wright earlier in the month to uncover the little-known tale of the Brontës' mother, also born in April, in our Thursday Talk on the

10th. Thursday Talks happen every month in the Old School Room in Haworth at 2pm, and are free to local residents.

Call in on Wednesdays and Thursdays for our spring activities while school's out for the Easter Holidays. Included with entry, these creative sessions are fun for

all ages! (And don't forget, children eleven and under go free at the Museum.)

For the thespians among you, we're hosting award-winning director and playwright Polly Teale on **Sunday 13 April** for a workshop based on her three Brontëinspired plays. It's in partnership with Ilkley Playhouse, who'll be producing Polly's play Brontë next month.

Now we have our new baby changing facilities, the ever-popular **Brontë Babies is coming to Haworth from**

Monday 14 April. The sessions include storytelling and songs for little ones and you can book your free space online. This year, we're proud to partner with Bradford 2025 to celebrate UK City of Culture. Look out for new outdoor art gallery Wild Uplands on Penistone Hill, along with Earth & Sky – an immersive 'sound walk' created with Opera North.

Monthly from May, we'll be smashing open ceramic vessels filled with previous visitors' contemplations. Inspired by Emily

and Anne Brontë's diary pages, the vessels are currently on display in the Museum.

On Saturday 10 May, artist Layla Khoo will break into the first vessel. Come along – it's free!
Also free is our upcoming Family Festival – save the date for Saturday 2 August. And while you're saving dates, be sure to make

note of this year's **Brontë Women's Writing Festival** from **Friday 26 – Sunday 28 September.**

Finally, we're excited to announce that series two of **Behind the Glass: A Parsonage Podcast, is back!** Find it on Spotify, Apple Podcasts and wherever you tune in to your favourite pods.

The Museum is open over spring and summer from Wednesdays to Mondays.

We hope to see you here soon – keep an eye on **www.bronte.org.uk** for all the latest.







Spring is here! The days are longer, the air is fresher, and suddenly, we all have a little more energy. Here's how to make the most of the season: In the Garden - Shake off winter's gloom by getting your hands in the dirt. Plant

hardy annuals, start a veg patch, or simply

tidy up. Prune the roses, feed the lawn. and evict those sneaky weeds before they settle in for summer. **Bonus:** Gardening counts as exercise: Yay!

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tyre pressure, and if you're feeling fancy add a colourful cushion for your passengers or a fleecy throw that can be used as a pet blanket for your furry friends.

Around the Home – Spring cleaning isn't just a cliché—it's a chance to freshen your space and your mind. Open the windows, swap heavy winter curtains for lighter fabrics, and let the sunshine in. Declutter ruthlessly—if you haven't used it since last spring, do you really need it?

Homemade Cleaning Solution:

Mix I cup of white vinegar, I cup of water, the juice of half a lemon, and a few drops

of essential oil (like lavender or tea tree) in a spray bottle. It's perfect for wiping down surfaces and leaves your home smelling fresh and clean—without any harsh chemicals.

For Your Relationships - Spring is all about renewal, so why not refresh your connections? Plan a spontaneous day out, send a 'just because' message, or rekindle a neglected friendship over a coffee in the

sunshine.

Bonus: People are generally happier in spring—use that to your advantage and reconnect.

For Yourself – Take that energy boost and run with it-literally! Get outside, stretch your legs; soak up some vitamin D. Switch up your routine, or just revel in the joy of not having to wear 17 layers to leave the house.

Try a new hobby. My friend took up water colour painting and then recently started experimenting with hand-dyeing wool in her kitchen. One thing can lead to another—you will surprise yourself with your own creative abilities.



(Visit Sonia's Smile, 85 Main Street, Haworth to purchase hand-dyed wool: @soniassmilehaworth on Instagram)

Spring is fleeting—embrace it!

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~ Liz Barker



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First and third Tuesday of every month Silsden Bereavement Group 10.30am - 12.20pm at Silsden Methodist Church. A free support group First Tuesday of a month Crosshills Goldies Sing & Smile – St Peters Methodist Church 2-3pm singalong to the popular hits of the 50s, chat and laugh. £3 donation to attend, no need to book. Games Club Every Tuesday 1:30 - 3:30 pm. at Glusburn Institute. £2.50 per session.

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Third Tuesday of a month at Steeton Methodist Church 2-3pm

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Every Wednesday I - 2:30pm

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Every Weds I - 2.30pm Ladies Dance Exercise, Civic Centre, Keighley. Meet new friends/Socialise & Keep Fit

First Wednesday of a month
2 - 2.45pm It's Story Time at Silsden
Community Library for under fives.
Ist Thursday of the Month at
Steeton Methodist Church 7-15-8I5pm invites you to our Prayer and
Praise Service

Every Thursday at the Hub in

Steeton 10am. - I pm Patchwork. A friendly group of like- minded ladies who like to create patchwork throws, bags, cushions and hold-alls. Often donated to Women's Aid and the Baby unit at Airedale Hospital. Plus tea/coffee and socialising. There is carparking at the Hub

Silsden Methodist Church Thursday Club 2.30pm - 4pm weekly Music, Games,
Quizes, friendly chatter & refreshments.

Every Thurs at 12.00 - 2.30pm
Craven Craft and Mosaic Social
Group at Sutton Sutton Cricket Club
(wheelchair access is good and there is plenty

of parking space). The cost is £2 and covers two cuppas and biscuits and we usually put the world to right and have lots of laughs as we draw, sew, knit, crochet.

Every Thursday 2-3pm Social Singalong at Glusburn Community & Arts Centre. All welcome to this friendly and inclusive singing for fun and wellbeing group. Drop-in for a cuppa from 1.30pm. Free to attend.

Fridays 10am - 12.30pm Warm
Space Group at Steeton Hub.
Every Friday 10am-12pm Digital
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Skipton Prostate Cancer Support
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Drop by for a friendly chat & brew.
Coffee morning every Saturday
morning from 9.30am at the Village
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Steeton Bowling Green Bowling
Club - open day on the Green.

5th to 21st April Easter Express on the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway

Sat 5th - 23rd April (various opening times) Easter Trial at East Riddlesden Hall 5th to 21st April Giant Easter Egg Hunt in Skipton. Trail leaflets are available at Craven Court & Skipton Town Hall.

Sun 6th April Airedale Hospital Car Boot Sale 7am - Ipm P3 Carpark

Sun 6th April & 4th May 10 am - 4pm Artisan Market at Skipton Canal Basin

Fri 11th April 10am to 12pm Easter Wreath Making at

Keighley Market (seating area in the middle) free all materials provided. To book contact elisabeth.king@keighley. gov.uk

Sat 12th April 7.30 pm The **Skipton Choir Sing out for Spring at The Holy Trinity** Church, Skipton raising money towards the Church's heating system. Entry is free, Donations welcome. Refreshments & Raffle.

12th April 12 -9pm Robert's **Park Saltaire World Heritage**

Sun 13th April 10am - 5pm **Keighley Bus Museum Trust Depot Open Day & Free Bus** Services from Worth Bridge Road. Weds 16th April 10.30am to 12 noon Canal & River Trust **Guided Walk** commence at East Riddlesden Hall Pond.

Sun 13th April Easter Trail 2.00-3.30pm St Stephen's Church & Hall, Steeton, BD20 6SB crafts, bunny bowling, easter hunt, story, refreshments. Fun for all the family.

Sat 19th April 11 am - 3pm **Keighley Town Council St George's Day Celebrations. Airedale Shopping Centre Keighley** with face painting, circus shows, Baloon Modeling, free workshops & crafts.

Sun 20th April. Train rides for all the family. Miniature trains running at Marley sports field approx. I 2:00 until approx. I 6:00. Steam and electric trains providing trips for all ages. Great family afternoon out. Refreshments available. Details at www.kdmes.org.uk Sat 19th April 10am to 3.30pm

Easter Event at Skipton Canal Basin. A fun family day out with petting zoo, circus skills, workshops etc.

Sat 26th April 9.30am - 12 noon Silsden Repair Cafe at Silsden Methodist Church.

26th April Diesel & Ale Day on the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway

Sun 27th April Spring Market Airedale Hospital Community Charity

10am - 2pm at P3Carpark of Airedale Hospital.

Sat 3rd May Spring Makers Market

I Iam - 4pm Skipton Town Hall

Sat 3rd & Sun 4th May Haworth Steam Punk Weekend.

Monday 5th May Duck Race I I.00am-2.00pm St Stephen's Church Hall, Steeton. Maypole dancing, stalls, refreshments Tel 07906844075 for duck tickets

Sat 3rd to 5th May Keighley & **Worth Valley Railway Vintage** Weekend.

Sat 14th June Hot Aire Music for Marie Curie 2.30pm & 7pm at Bingley Arts Centre



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