

A dirt path winds through a lush green forest. In the foreground, there are vibrant blue flowers and green foliage. The path leads into the distance, flanked by tall trees and dense undergrowth. The scene is bright and sunny, with dappled light on the ground.

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This month's community pages are especially full, with Easter events, spring gatherings and local happenings taking place across the area as the season begins to gather pace. There is plenty to look forward to in the weeks ahead, with communities once again making good use of village halls, churches and shared spaces.

As always, we encourage readers to support the local tradespeople and services featured in these pages, whose continued presence helps sustain both the magazine and the wider community.

Have a lovely Easter break and Enjoy April!

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Liz Barker, Editor

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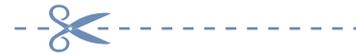


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Home improvements often focus on kitchens, bathrooms, or gardens - but one upgrade is quietly becoming a favourite across the UK: the roller garage door.

A modern roller door instantly improves the appearance of a property, giving it a clean, streamlined finish that suits both traditional and contemporary homes. However, it's not just about looks. Roller garage doors are designed with practicality in mind. Unlike traditional up-and-over doors, a roller garage door opens vertically and rolls neatly into a compact box above the opening. This clever design allows you to park closer to your garage without worrying about clearance space, while also freeing up valuable room inside for storage or larger vehicles.

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Each year, thousands of honeybee swarms are mistaken for wasps. A swarm of up to 60,000 bees can appear suddenly in a garden, forming what looks like a dark cloud before settling on a tree or fence. To the untrained eye, they can resemble brown wasps — but in reality, they are usually calm and simply relocating.

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Classic Rice Krispie Treats

This Rice Krispie Treats recipe makes a sweet, gooey snack that both children and adults love. Made with just four simple ingredients, they're quick, easy and irresistibly chewy.

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cook time: 5 minutes

Setting time: 1 hour

Makes: 9 large squares or 16 small squares

Ingredients

115g salted butter

450g mini marshmallows, divided (approx.
200g + 50g reserved)

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

150g crispy rice cereal

Method:

Grease a 20cm square tin with butter. Set aside.

Melt the butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add roughly 400g of the

marshmallows, reserving about 50g for later. Stir occasionally until completely melted and smooth.

Remove from the heat and stir in the vanilla extract.

Add the crispy rice cereal and stir well until evenly coated in the marshmallow mixture.

While still warm, stir in the remaining marshmallows to make the treats extra gooey.

If they're not softening slightly, return the pan to a very low heat for a few seconds. You don't want them fully melted — just gently softened.

Spoon the mixture into the prepared tin. Lightly butter your hands or use a spatula to gently press into an even layer. Avoid pressing too firmly, or the treats may become dense.

Leave to cool and set for at least 1 hour before cutting into squares.

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As we head into the main season on the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway, there's that familiar feeling of things picking up pace along the line. While trains run throughout the year, spring is when everything starts to feel a bit busier again, with a fuller timetable, longer days and more going on week to week.

Our regular services run every weekend and through the school holidays, giving plenty of opportunities to get out into the Worth Valley. Some people like to settle in for the full journey from Keighley to Oxenhope and back, while others prefer to take their time, hopping off to explore places like Haworth or enjoying a walk between stations. However you choose to do it, it's a simple, unhurried way to spend a few hours, especially as the countryside comes back into colour.

It's also nice to see the return of the Haworth Haddock and Afternoon Tea trains across the spring and summer. They've become firm favourites for many of our visitors and offer something a little different — a chance to sit back and enjoy the journey at a gentler pace. A couple of our regular events are back

as well. The 1940s Weekend returns in May, bringing a bit of living history to the railway, and in July we're introducing something new with a 1980s Weekend. It should make for a fun contrast and add a different atmosphere along the line.

For those living nearby, it's worth taking a look at the Local Residents' Railcard Scheme. It's now open to people in BD13, BD16, BD20, BD21 and BD22, and offers some useful savings on fares, along with a few extras like discounts on the on-train bar and selected events.

As always, the railway is kept going by a dedicated team of around 800 volunteers, covering everything from footplate crews and guards to workshop, station and behind-the-scenes roles. We're always glad to welcome new faces, so if it's something you've ever thought about, it's well worth getting in touch to find out more.

We look forward to seeing you along the line over the coming months, whether it's for a short trip, a special train, or just a quiet wander through the valley.

~ **Matt Stroh**

Keighley & Worth Valley Railway Chairman

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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.

Matthew Varley started his journey as a Registered Dental Technician (RDT), however after 23 years experience working as a RDT in highly acclaimed laboratories, Matt made the decision in 2018 to set up his own business alongside fellow business partner Joseph O'Reilly.

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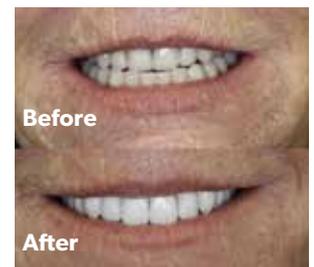


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Spring is certainly in the air in Haworth this April, with longer, brighter days bringing a refreshing feeling of new beginnings.

This feeling must surely have been felt greatly over 200 years ago, in February 1820, when Patrick Brontë was appointed perpetual curate of Haworth. A couple of months later, in April, Patrick, his wife Maria, and their six children Maria, Elizabeth, Charlotte, Branwell, Emily and Anne, made the 5-mile journey from nearby Thornton to Haworth, which would be their home for the rest of their lives. Elizabeth Gaskell, author of *The Life of Charlotte Brontë*, described Haworth as “a village of a few grey stone houses”, however this doesn't truly reflect that at the time of her first visit Haworth was a busy and industrious township, with many of its population employed in the local mills.

This description is just one of the ways that Gaskell shaped many of the ideas that we have around the Brontës and their life in Haworth, ideas which we now know may not be entirely realistic. **On Wednesday 22 April at 7pm, join Graham Watson, author of *The Invention of Charlotte Brontë*, as he challenges**



the established narrative to reveal the Brontë family as you've never seen them before. This event is the first in the Charlotte Brontë and Elizabeth Gaskell mini-season, in partnership with Elizabeth Gaskell's House.

Also this spring, you're invited to come along and try out our regular **Stitching Workshop!** No prior stitching experience necessary, everyone is welcome to come along for a stitch and chat. **The group meet every other week, between 10am and 12pm, in The Old School Room on Church Street.** If you're interested in taking part, get in touch with **Brontë Parsonage Museum Outreach Officer, Diane Fare, at diane.fare@bronte.org.uk or by calling 01535 843232.**



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Every Monday 1-3pm Tea Dance at Keighley Civic Centre £2.50 inc tea & biscuits.

Every Monday 6.45pm - 9pm

Steeton Male Voice Choir meet at Steeton Methodist Hall. New members wanted call Ian 07949626675

Glusburn and Crosshills WI meet at 7.30 pm on the first Tuesday of the month at Glusburn Community & Arts Centre. A friendly group for local women.

Sutton in Craven WI meet 1.30pm every second Monday of the month Sutton in Craven Cricket Pavilion all local ladies welcome.

Wellbeing Café at Glusburn Institute **Every Monday** 10 am to 12 noon. Contact 01535 630223 for more details.

Every Tuesdays Community Post

First Tuesday of a month Silsden

Bereavement Group 10.30 am

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Afternoon Coffee, chat & cake at

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- 4pm with The Salvation Army food bank collection point.

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Goldie's Sing & Smile – St Peters Methodist Church 2 -3pm singalong to the popular hits of the 50s, chat and laugh.

Games Club Every Tuesday

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

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Steeton Bobbins WI 7pm meet on the **first Tuesday of a month** at St Stephen's Church Hall

Every Tuesday 7.30pm Airedale Male Voice Choir at Steeton Methodist Church, Skipton Road, Steeton. No audition all welcome or call Roy 07944 092883

Every Weds Dementia Friendly 10am - 11.30am at Silsden

Methodist Church

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Every Thursday at Glusburn Institute 10.30am - 2.30pm Patchwork. More details contact Sylvia 01535 662698

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

Every Thurs at 12.00 - 2.30pm

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First Saturday of the Month is Saturday Social 2 - 4pm at St James Community Hall Silsden. Have a chat, play games & refreshments served.

28th March until 12th April Easter Express on the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway.

Friday 3rd April Good Friday Holiday Club 10.30am-12.00noon St Stephen's Community Church Hall, Steeton, Crafts, games, Easter story, refreshments. **FREE** Fun for all the family.

Sat 4th April 10am - 3.30pm Easter Event at Skipton Canal Basin with family entertainment, food & drink, family fun. **FREE** event.

Sat 4th, Sun 5th & Mon 6th April Haworth Craft Fairs 10am - 4pm at The Old School Rooms, Haworth £1 entry which includes free tea or coffee

Sun 5th April 10am - 4pm Skipton Artisan Market, Coach Street, Skipton Canal Basin

Sat & Sun 11th 12th April Haworth & Yorkshire Creative Makers Market at Old School Rooms

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