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» A Season of Community and Chaos

As I write this, my cat, LouLou, is scratching at the kitchen door, making it abundantly clear she wants to join me in the warmest part of the house. I'm draped over the range cooker, soaking up

its radiant heat while waiting for the kettle to boil.Where on earth did I put those teabags I bought yesterday? After a moment of mental retracing, I remember—I left them in the Co-op bag on the passenger seat of my car.

With a sigh, I trudge outside, retrieve the bag, and return to the house just as the kettle begins to whistle like a drill sergeant. Sliding it off the boiling plate to silence it, I fill the tea caddy and, a few moments later, am seated at the kitchen table, hands wrapped around a deeply soothing, aromatic cuppa. LouLou nudges my side, demanding attention, and soon curls into a contented ball beside me as I pat her head. It's a perfect moment of calm.

But the magazines won't send themselves to the printer. It's Monday, and I'm on deadline.

Such is life, isn't it? A tapestry of slightly annoying, comforting, puzzling, and oddly satisfying moments. It's the trivial things—the misplaced teabags, the whistling kettle—that fill our days, punctuated by larger events on the lane, in the village, or further afield. These days, with smartphones feeding us a constant stream of updates, it's hard to separate the real from the imagined. And here we are at the close of another year—a consequential one, full of big changes in government and unsettling world events. But amidst the upheaval, our communities endure. They're like a good Christmas pudding: dense, occasionally nutty, and held together by who-knowswhat!

We grumble about our neighbors (not me, of course), tut-tut at poor parking, or wonder about the source of a particularly suspect patch of dog mess. Yet we'll lend a lawnmower, offer a cup of tea, or give a lift without hesitation.

Community isn't always straightforward; it's like assembling flat-pack furniture with someone else reading the instructions muttering, confusion, and the odd whack with a spanner. But when it works, it's glorious and deeply satisfying.

This Christmas, let's embrace the delightful mess of it all. Say hello. Offer a hand. Ask for help if you need it. And laugh—because the quirks that make our corner of Yorkshire so unique are worth celebrating.

Wishing you peace, puddings, and the occasional lovely surprise.

Yours in festive disarray, Liz Liz Barker,

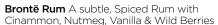


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Robbie's return to **Parliament**



First of all, can say how unbelievably grateful I am to everyone who placed their trust in me for a second time during the recent general election. It really was an odds-defying night and I've learnt to take absolutely nothing for granted! My commitment to everyone, no matter how you voted, is to work tirelessly with continued energy and enthusiasm in the years ahead to make sure our voices are heard down in Westminster.

And what an incredibly busy first few months it has been back representing you.

There's a lot to celebrate so far locally. The rebuild of Airedale Hospital is progressing as planned, and after lobbying Health Secretary Wes Streeting, I have secured assurances from the Government that they will no longer seek delays to the project under the New Hospital Programme review.

Investment in our area is also coming to fruition too. After I wrote to the Deputy Prime Minister and Chancellor it has also been excellent to confirm that Levelling-Up money for Keighley and the Worth Valley will be going ahead in full. This means more investment for the Keighley Worth Valley Railway, such as Bridge 27 which is now complete, as well as a new Robotics Hub, funding to combat crime, and money to invest in our high streets. We saw in September the Government remove the Winter Fuel Payment for most pensioners which strips up to £300 from over 64,000 people across the Bradford District. Whilst I voted against these changes, they have unfortunately not been able to be stopped. I'd like to urge any pensioners who haven't done so already to double check if they are eligible for Pension Credit, which can provide much needed support during the cold months ahead. If you need assistance, then please don't hesitate to contact me.

You may also have seen my work as the Shadow Farming Minister, Changes in the budget are having a huge impact on our farmers. I met with local farmers in November - all of them multigenerational businesses, with children and grandchildren who are keen to stay in farming. Our local farmers aren't multimillionaires—they're the backbone of our rural economy, and I'll continue to be leading the fight in Parliament to support them.

Looking ahead there is much to do in the New Year. The Levelling-Up projects in the pipeline need to be delivered as quickly as possible. Our farmers will continue to need all our support as the fight to save their livelihoods. And on Walshaw Moor we must be prepared to stand against the proposed Wind Farm, right in the heart of Brontë Country. On all these issues I look forward to working closely with local campaigners and community champions.

I am convinced that our area remains a place of hope and opportunity and there is so much more to celebrate on the horizon. And as your MP, I'm going to be continuing to put local issues at the forefront of everything I do.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

~ Robbie Moore MP Keighley and Ilkley

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Christmas Trimmings

Good homemade accompaniments to the Christmas meal, such as stuffing and bread sauce really make the difference on the day and are not difficult. Most of the prep can be done the day before. When it comes to the breadcrumbs, I just buy packs of panko breadcrumbs which are easily available in most supermarkets these days rather than make my own.

Herb and butter stuffing

Ingredients: (makes enough for a 12lb turkey) 250g unsalted butter I large onion, finely chopped 250g Panko or white breadcrumbs 2 large lemons 8 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley 2 tablespoons of finely chopped fresh herbs (i.e. thyme, oregano, rosemary or sage) 3 large eggs, beaten Salt Freshly ground black pepper Method

Melt the butter in a large sauté pan over a medium heat, tip in your onion and gently soften for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally so the onions don't colour. Once soft, set to one side to cool a little whilst you zest and juice your lemons. Take a large bowl and lob in your breadcrumbs, first followed by the onions, lemon zest, parsley, herbs, salt and pepper. Give everything a good old mix then add the eggs and lemon juice and give it another mix, check for seasoning, be generous! This can be made a day ahead, covered and refrigerated. If you're going to stuff your turkey though, make sure both your stuffing is up to room temperature before using and be careful not to over fill as it expands during cooking. If cooking separately, place in a suitably sized buttered baking dish and cook for 40-50 minutes at 180C.

Bread sauce

Ingredients: (makes enough for 6, double quantities if you have more guests) 500ml whole milk (not skimmed or semi) I medium onion, finely chopped 2 dried bay leaves, crumbled 2 sprigs of thyme 8 cloves 12 or so whole black peppercorns

100g unsalted butter Salt

50ml double cream Ground white pepper

120g panko or white breadcrumbs

Method

This first stage can be done on Christmas Eve. Put the milk in a pan with the onion, bay leaves, cloves, peppercorns, butter and a good pinch of salt, heat until almost simmering and hold at this temperature for 5 minutes. Turn off the heat, cover and leave to cool. If doing this the day before, once cool, strain into an airtight container and refrigerate, discard the solids. About half an hour before you plan to serve, strain into a clean pan and heat through, adding a few pinches of white pepper and the cream. Heat until hot but not boiling then add the breadcrumbs a heaped tablespoon at a time. Give it a good old stir with a wooden spoon and wait for 30 seconds or so between adding each batch of breadcrumbs. Repeat this until your sauce is to your desired thickness and consistency. Transfer into a warm serving bowl, cover with foil and keep warm until serving. ~ Martin Lingard



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Last month's competition location was Glusburn Cricket Club and the winner was Sophie Binder from Crosshills.



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a very Merry Christmas and Happy New across the Railway, including operating, Year... or at least it will be acceptable engineering and business administration. very soon! For us, planning for Christmas We have opportunities in the Stations starts pretty much as soon as Santa and department for 16 years and over and his elves leave on Christmas Eve after other roles suitable for 18 and 21 and running our sell-out Elf Explorer services. above. We also have a Young Person's We start getting ticket requests in January, Group for volunteers aged between 13 and the preparation for welcoming Santa and 16. One graduate of that group is Ollie service runs. Making sure we can book the His achievement was recognised as a big man and his helpers, as well as assist guest of honour at an event hosted at the his team in making all the gifts for our passengers, getting the locomotives and Association and All Party Parliamentary carriages ready for all the special trains Group for heritage railways, having takes months and months of planning... it is all worth it when we see the smiling Volunteer of the Year in 2023. faces receiving their gifts. This year, we also have other festive services, with the "A As you think about setting your 2025 Christmas Carol" theatrical experiences resolutions (sorry... it is that time once on select dates over the festive period so please do check the website for full details. them join our volunteering family. In the

We have to plan for next year because we year for the Railway, and hope we can run trains all year round, every weekend welcome you on board again soon. throughout the year, and on select weekdays. Volunteers are already planning My very best festive wishes to you all. the civil maintenance, rolling stock, and locomotive work necessary to keep the wheels turning on a railway well over 150 years old. This means that we always like to welcome new members to our teams

It must be acceptable now to wish everyone of nearly 800 volunteers. We have roles back starts nearly 12 months before the Harrison, who is now a Railway director. House of Lords by the Heritage Railway been awarded the Lord Faulkner Young

again), I hope you consider making one of meantime, I will once again thank you for Of course, it's not all about Christmas. all your support during a very challenging

~ Matt Stroh

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best condition possible, so we take out, unwrap, and carefully examine each one. Curator Sarah Laycock explains how it works:"The conservation period is the busiest time of year for the Curatorial team.We redisplay all the exhibition cases with different objects each year, cleaning the whole house and storerooms from top to bottom, inspecting every object in the collection to check for any signs of deterioration." Iconic items from the collection include clothes

Not only is this process important, it's also a special

opportunity to see all our collection items up close. Everyone at the Museum is passionate about the Brontë story - so being able to handle the items that were important to the family is a real treat for many of our staff and volunteers. As Development Officer and Visitor Experience Assistant Elysia Brown says, "The conservation period is particularly

dress of Charlotte's.

Brontë Parsonage MUSEUM

exciting, as this is when we get closest to the Brontës through caring for their most personal items. I'm able to bring my love for literature into the physical world, by looking after the home in which so many of my favourite works were written!" During conservation period, we're closed to

the public from Monday to Friday, while our wonderful Visitor Experience team arms

> themselves with brushes and cloths to start the process of cleaning the house and going through our collection items one by one.

It's at this time that we take out the objects the Museum is most famous for – such as the 'little books' written by the Brontë children, the sisters' writing desks, items of clothing, and much more. We can't display everything in our worn by the Brontë family, like this going-away collection at once, so many

of these items are carefully

stored away again after conservation. We'll still be open at the weekends in lanuary, so do come on over to the Museum - and remember, local residents enjoy concessionary prices and children 11 and under go free.

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

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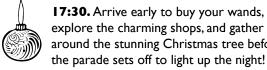
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