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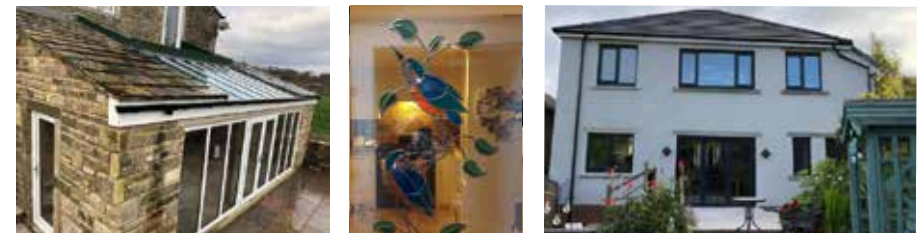
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Welcome to the summer edition of the Aire Valley Mag. This magazine has been published continuously for 16 years and in that time has supported thousands of local businesses, tradespeople, sole proprietors, charities, churches, non-profit organisations, festivals, events and scores of individual endeavours. We gladly record the toings and froings of this vibrant and unique community. Our format is rather 'old school' and many readers tell us they appreciate our printed publication as a trusted offline source, like a local word of mouth channel for suppliers, happenings and information. Thank you for using the businesses and service providers in this directory, and for supporting the organisations and individuals raising money for local charities. By spending your money locally you are contributing to the wellbeing of the local economy. Local, Local, and more Local...we can't say it enough; you get the point :) Have a fabulous summer and enjoy all that the Aire Valley has to offer.



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~ Michael, Helen, Emma, Ruby

Celebrating local excellence

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This remarkable achievement underscores Leightons' unwavering commitment to customer satisfaction and community engagement.

A commitment to outstanding service

Throughout the extensive judging period, the team consistently delivered outstanding customer service, setting them apart from their competitors. This dedication has not only earned them local acclaim but has also placed them in the running for several national awards, to be announced later this year.

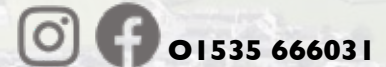
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The Awards celebrate hard work, innovation and integrity in the Keighley & Airedale business community.

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Ingredients

(serves 4)

- 2 medium / large aubergines
- 1 tablespoon white miso paste
- 1 generous tablespoon runny honey
- 1 teaspoon dark soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil
- 1 tablespoon sunflower or rapeseed oil
- 1 small bunch of spring onions, finely sliced

Method

Top and tail your aubergines and take a thin

long slice off both sides (essentially remove the skin from two sides) and discard. Now cut each aubergine lengthways into slices resembling steaks, approximately 2cm thick. Get a large bowl, pot or pan, fill with cold water and salt well. Chuck your aubergine slices into the water, put a plate on top with a kitchen weight to keep the aubergine submerged and set aside for 30 minutes or so. This will remove the bitter taste that puts many off aubergine.

Meanwhile make your marinade by combining the remaining ingredients except the spring onion. You may need to add a little warm water to get the right consistency. You may also wish to add slightly more or less honey or miso to get the balance of salt versus sweet to your taste. We're aiming for a similar consistency to double cream.

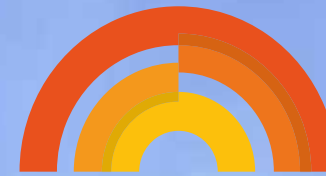
Remove your aubergine from the water and pat dry with kitchen roll.

Score both sides of each slice with the point of a sharp knife in a crosshatch pattern. Place in a shallow baking tray and pour over your marinade, turning so both sides are well coated. Set aside for an hour whilst you go and light your barbecue and enjoy a glass of something cold!

Once your barbecue grill is good and hot, simply grill the aubergine slices as you would a steak or a burger on the grill rack, timing depends on how hot your barbecue is and how close to the heat you've set your rack. Baste with the marinade as you're cooking. Over a medium to hot heat it should take a couple of minutes a side and should be soft when pricked with a fork.

Remove to a serving plate, pour over a little of the remaining marinade and sprinkle with the spring onion.

I like to serve this with tabouleh or couscous. ~Martin Lingard



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We run trains every weekend throughout the year and then run an extended timetable for the school holidays as we enter summer. In a slight change to our days of operation to previous years, we are running steam-hauled services on Wednesdays and Thursdays through to the end of June and into July, and then start our traditional seven-day-per-week timetable on Monday 22nd July. Full details of the timetable are available on the Railway's website, where you will also find details on how to apply for your Local Resident's Railcard if you live in the BD20/21/22 postcode areas.

Looking along the line, work on the refurbishment of Keighley station continues with our friends at Network Rail. We have now regained full access to our café bar, the Old Parcels Office, at the Keighley

end of the line, and it has a full menu and drinks available. It is open on all operating days and Wednesday-Sunday all year round, with extended opening hours on Friday and Saturday evenings. The menu and opening hours are all on the website. We will shortly be announcing the opening date for the Visitor Centre that we have been establishing in the Water Tower building.

Elsewhere on the railway, we continue to prepare for the replacement of 'Bridge 27', which takes the main line across Bridgehouse Beck at Haworth. You may have seen the work at the end of May as we undertook the next phase of preparations, which takes us a big step closer to being ready for the replacement to occur as planned in autumn. The work is being led and managed - and a lot of it is undertaken by - our team of qualified volunteers, which makes the project's achievement thus far all the more impressive.

Over the summer we will continue to run our programme of events, including the chance to enjoy on-train dining and guided tours, as well as the regular services. I do hope that you will join us on board and also consider joining our group of over 750 volunteers, who do so much to keep the increasingly elderly wheels turning.

~ **Matt Stroh**

Keighley & Worth Valley Railway Chairman

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Matthew Varley is the partner and Managing Director of My Denture

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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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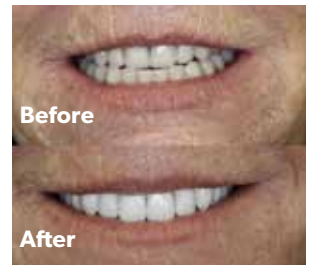
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Sue Newby, Learning Officer at the Parsonage, got the ball rolling for the talks: 'They're a nice way to share our knowledge and enthusiasm with visitors and locals', she says, highlighting how presenters include staff members and volunteers from all different departments within the Museum. From 19th-century women's art to Emily Brontë and vampires – the talks span a huge range of subjects, each one chosen by the presenter because they're fascinated by the topic. And that fascination always shines through.

So how does it work?

Here at the Parsonage, members of the team can take a 'library hour' every week and use that to explore our wonderful collection of reading material, spanning literature, local history, and more. This gives everyone the chance, if they want, to research a topic of interest for a future

Thursday Talk, supported by our expert curatorial department.

The talks are a great way for our team to broaden their Brontë knowledge and share their findings with the public. It's a lovely opportunity for audiences to learn something new and ask questions of a presenter who loves their subject. At the heart of it all is our belief that the Brontës are for everyone – and that learning never stops. The fact that, 200 years ago, a local family began a legacy that continues to inspire new interpretation and research is so exciting – and we're proud to have a team of staff and volunteers who want to share this!

18 July: Thursday Talk - Brontë Buildings: Real or Imagined?

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Mondays 1 - 3pm Keighley Tea Dance at the Civic Hall

Every Wednesday Dementia 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. See us on Facebook.

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

First Tuesday of a month Silsden Bereavement Group 10.30 am - 12.30pm at **Silsden Methodist Church** Safe and welcoming space to share your journey free to attend.

Last Tuesday of a month is Afternoon Coffee, chat & cake at Steeton Methodist Church 2.30pm - 4pm with The Salvation Army food bank collection point. Also Steeton Pharmacy will be there holding a wellness check including blood pressure and diabetes checks.

First Tuesday of a month Crosshills Goldies Sing & Smile – St Peters Methodist Church 2 -3pm singalong to the popular hits of the 50s onwards, 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.

Every Tuesday Rethinking Pain at The Hive , Elliott Street. Silsden **3pm - 4pm** A Group for people living in pain.

Silsden Singers Community Choir Every Tuesday 7pm – 8.30pm at The Hive, 53 – 55 Elliot Street, Silsden. £5 per session, term times. For more information contact Janet Russell on 07941340261 www.silsdensingers.co.uk

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 Weds Glusburn Lunch club at 11.45am Glusburn Institute for a two course, home cooked meal, for £5.00 and company. If you are a pensioner and interested, please contact Pauline on 07436113748

Every Weds 1 - 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.

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.

Coffee morning every Saturday morning from 9.30am at the Village Centre, Crosshills. Everyone welcome for a drink & a chat.

Sunday Club at **St Stephen's Church, Steeton, at 10.00am** every second and fourth Sunday.

First Tuesday of each month Walk & Wheel Group 1.30pm meeting at Keighley Leisure Centre outside the main entrance. The session will last approx 60 mins and will be at a relaxing pace.

Sun 7th July, 4th Aug & 1st Sept Airedale Hospital Car Boot Sale 7am - 1pm at **West Car Park (P3)**

Sat 13th July 7.30pm Sue Ryder Manorlands Bradford Accordion Band & Hot Aire /Walking on Sunshine Concert Victoria Hall, Hard Ings Road, Keighley BD21 3JN Tickets: www.hotaire.org

Thurs 18th July 10am - 12 FREE Stitching Class at the Bronte Parsonage.

Fri 19th until Sun 28th July Haworth Festival Comedy, Music, Poetry, Art, Dance, Culture...full details: haworthfestival.org.uk

Sat 20th July & 17th Aug Silsden Repair Cafe 9.30am - 12 noon at Silsden Methodist Church, Kirkgate BD20 0PA

Sat 20th July 6.30pm Silsden Proms on the Farm at Jacksons Field, Keighley Road, Silsden. BD20 0EH Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/silsden-proms-on-the-farm-tickets-902196051677>

Sun 21st July & 18th Aug Train rides for all the family. Miniature trains running at Marley sports field approx. 12:30 until approx. 17:00. Steam and electric trains providing trips for all ages. Great family afternoon out. Refreshments available. www.kdmes.org.uk/trains

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Sat 27th July 10am - 4pm Utlely Fun Day Free Entry lots of fun for families. Utlely recreational ground.

Thurs 1st Aug 10am - 4pm Yorkshire Day with Keighley Town Council FREE event with Inflatables, Circus Shows, Face Painting, Donkey Rides, Birds of Prey Display & lots more. Church Green Car Park, Keighley Town centre.

Thurs 1st Aug 10am - 4pm Yorkshire Day Celebrations at Skipton High Street. Enjoy a selection of stalls selling all things Yorkshire alongside fun activities including free face painting and Yorkshire themed craft activities.

Sun 4th Aug 10am - 4pm Skipton Artisan Markets, Coach Street, Skipton **Sat 10th Aug 11am - 3pm Play in Parks & Mini Bounce** Cliffe Castle Free Event.

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