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Welcome to the May Edition

May is a wonderful time in our community spring is in full bloom, and so is our calendar of local events. As we mark VE Day, we take time to reflect on the bravery and sacrifices of the past, and the enduring importance of peace in our lives today.

This month also brings two much-loved events: the Bronte Gathering, a quirky celebration of rural life, raising money for Sue Ryder, Manorlands Charity, and the 1940s Weekend in Haworth, where the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway host a newly designed experience taking place at the station and along the railway's line between Keighley and Oxenhope. (see p.17 for tickets) As ever, this magazine is brought to you by local businesses, tradespeople,

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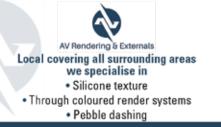
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The costs are ever increasing, so we are vital to the Railways' operation, as well as constantly looking for ways to attract more visitors to the railway, which will benefit the and the working of Oxenhope yard. wider area too. We held a very successful gala event in March, with visiting locomotives and We look forward to welcoming you on board special services across what is now a fourday event, helping to bring more tourists to the local B&Bs, shops and eateries. We of how to apply, our event programme, and plan to do the same in May when we are hosting the 1940s weekend, following the departure of the Haworth organising group after the 2023 event. So, in a year's absence, a look for yourself. we will be bringing the 1940s back to the valley and using the railway to spread the attractions rather than the unbearable pressure that existed when the focus was

Every month brings new challenges when on Haworth's constrained streets and

main carriage fleet dates back to the 1950s. Later in the year (starting in July) we are It takes a huge effort to keep the wheels hosting the Bradford 2025 City of Culture's turning, with our teams at Haworth working Railway Children live show, which we are on the locomotive fleet and Oxenhope very excited about because the Railway on the carriages. It's painstaking work, Children is so important to the history of the requiring specialist skills and parts, which Railway. As well as the 2025 season's events are increasingly difficult to obtain and often and regular programme of steam trains fabricated in house. The hours and hours every weekend and through the holiday of work - and expense - that goes into a periods, we are also looking ahead to the locomotive or carriage overhaul is difficult future. We have funding (thanks to the Town to appreciate. Still, you can see behind the Deal) for further developments at Haworth scenes what goes on during the shed tours to improve our volunteer accommodation we regularly offer at Haworth (see the and tour group facilities. We are developing plans for undercover storage for our "DMU" (diesel multiple unit fleet), which is enhancements to the signalling of Keighley

> soon, especially if you join our volunteer family. The Railway's website has full details timetables for our regular services. With so much going on, it's an exciting time for the Railway, and we hope you can come and take

> > ~ 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.

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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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Charlotte, A Book of Ryhmes was taken to Banagher by Arthur Bell Nicholls, who held it until his death. It disappeared from view in 1916 following a sale at the Walpole Galleries in New

York, and for many years was thought to be lost, but in April 2022 the book was announced as being for sale by James Cummins Rare Books. Following an impressive fundraising campaign, the book was won at auction by the Friends of the National Libraries, and they kindly donated it to the Brontë Parsonage Museum collection.

After publication by Tartarus Press, in association with the Brontë Society, this

remarkable piece of Brontë juvenilia is now available to read for the first time. With an Introduction by songwriter and poet Patti Smith, and essays by Barbara Heritage (a specialist in rare books and manuscripts) and Henry Wessells (an antiquarian bookseller and author), this first edition features reproductions of Charlotte's original handwritten text alongside a transcription of the poems.

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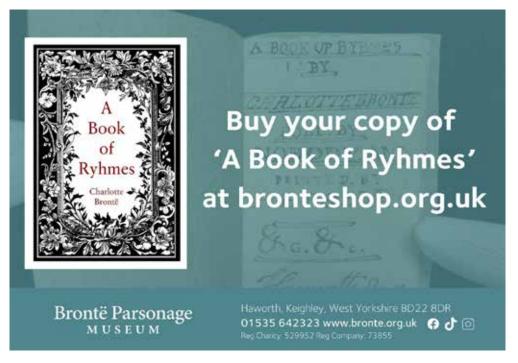
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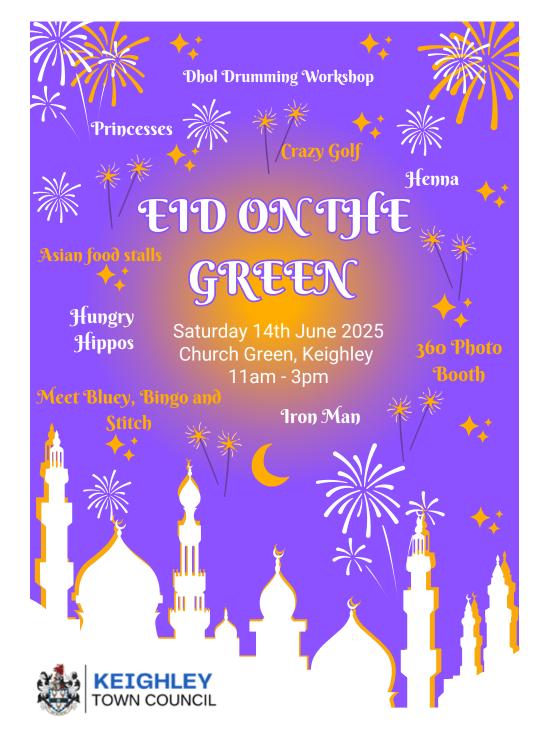
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Mondays I - 3pm Keighley Tea
Dance at the Civic Hall
Glusburn and Crosshills WI meet at
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sutton in Craven WI meet 1.30pm every second Monday of the month Sutton in Craven Cricket Pavilion all local ladies welcome. See us on Facebook.

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Contact 01535 630223 for more details.

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First Tuesday of a month Silsden Bereavement Group 10.30 am

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Last Tuesday of a month is

Afternoon Coffee, chat & cake at

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

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.

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

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

Goldies Sing & Smile – sing-along to the popular hits of the 50s onwards, chat and laugh. £3 donation to attend, no need to book.

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 £6.00 and company. If you are a pensioner and interested, please contact Pauline on Pauline on 07436 113748.

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
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Praise Service
Every Thursday at the Hub in

Steeton 10am. - Ipm 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,
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Every Thurs at 12.00 - 2.30pm
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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
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Sat 3rd May Spring Makers Market
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Refreshments available. Details at www. kdmes.org.uk

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Sun 4th May & 1st June 7am - Ipm Friends of Airedale Hospital Car Boot Sale at West Car Park Airedale Hospital.

Sun 4th May I - 3pm Preloved Prom at The Hive Silsden - Rent your prom attire.

Mon 5th May Kildwick & Farnhill VE Day 80th Anniversary Picnic at St Andrews Church, Kildwick. Reflect & celebrate. Enjoy music, history, food & fun.

Mon 5th May 11.00am-2.00pm

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Lunch Club Steeton Methodist
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Thurs 8th May VE Day 80th
Anniversary at Skipton 8am
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9pm Service of Remembrance in the
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Sat 24th May & 28th June 3 pm
- 4pm The Keighley Chorus at
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monthly get together and welcome any local
people to come along and join in with some
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Sat 14th June Hot Aire Music for Marie Curie 2.30pm & 7pm at Bingley Arts Centre

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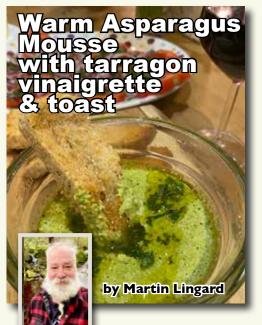


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Our English asparagus season is in full swing now. As we get into May, the price drops, and this is a good way of making one bunch feed four as a light lunch or supper. It sounds quite fancy but is really easy.

It is really nice served with a soft boiled egg, toast soldiers and a glass of cold dry white wine. You need four ramekin dishes for this.

Ingredients (serves 4)

I bunch of asparagus 4 large eggs 125 ml double cream Salt & Black pepper I small lump of soft butter Itbsp white wine vinegar Dried tarragon Itsp Dijon mustard 3 tbsp sunflower oil 2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil I small palmful of fresh tarragon leaves, finely chopped Buttered toast to serve

Method

Preheat your oven to 150C (gas mark 2) and butter 4 ramekin dishes. Set these to one side.

Bring a large pan of salted water to the boil. While you're waiting, snap the woody ends off your asparagus spears and chuck in your compost bin. Cut the spears into roughly 2-centimetre lengths and tip into the boiling water. Cook until soft, longer than you'd normally cook asparagus spears. Drain into a colander and cool under the cold tap. Put your asparagus, 2 eggs and a further 2 egg yolks into a blender and process until really smooth. Pour in the cream, season well with salt and pepper then blend again. Pour this mixture into your ramekins. Cover each ramekin with a small square of tin foil and place them all into a deep baking tray or dish.

Carefully pour hand hot water into the baking tray, avoiding splashing it into your ramekins, until the water comes roughly 3/4 of the way up.

Transfer the baking tray to the oven, taking care not to slop the water. Bake for 30 minutes before removing and leaving to cool.

Whilst your asparagus mousses are cooling, make a tarragon vinaigrette by mixing the vinegar, dried tarragon and mustard in a bowl then seasoning with salt and pepper. Once mixed, whisk in the oils before finally adding the finely chopped tarragon. Once the mousses have cooled until just warm, pour a small amount of vinaigrette over each one and serve with buttered toast.



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This year sees **Keighley and District Model Engineering Society** celebrate 75 years since it's formation in May 1950. It was founded with the object of fostering the hobby of miniature engineering'. The main interests were in model boats, aeroplanes and railways. The boats included scale models and racing hyroplanes, both of which were sailed on Keighley Tarn. In 1967 a hydroplane built by one of the members set up a new British All-Comers speed record of 108.5 miles per hour. Racing yachts were introduced later and are sailed on the Yorkshire Water reservoir at Weecher.

A desire to build a permanent railway track led to the site at Marley Sports and Activities Centre which was obtained on lease. It took five years of work before the track was opened to the public in 1971.

To celebrate our 75 years the railway members are holding a special public running day on Sunday May 4th. Miss Joan Hall, who was MP for Keighley at the time, opened the original track, and so as a reflection of that event, Robbie Moore MP will attend in the afternoon. More details can be found at our new website www.kdmes.org.uk or on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/ keighleytrains. If you like what you see why not come and join our society?



Janette Haig - Long time member: Donald Haig was a long time member of the society. Janette used to come down with her husband and when he died continued to do so. Many people will recognise her serving refreshments in the club house which she did until recently. She is a Vice President in recognition of her long service. In the photo she is being driven round the track by lames Aston.



On 8 May 1945, jubilant crowds flooded the streets of Britain to mark Victory in Europe

(VE) Day, celebrating the end of World War

II in Europe. As the nation commemorates

sacrifices made and the enduring peace that

Buckingham Palace, cheering as King George

VI and Prime Minister Winston Churchill

appeared on the balcony. Street parties

erupted nationwide, with communities

nation's elation.

textile industry was vital, producing

contributing to the supply chain that

crucial for the front lines.

supported the troops. In Keighley, local

factories shifted to wartime production,

manufacturing components and equipment

uniforms and materials essential for the

dancing and singing in shared relief and joy.

Bradford and the Keighley District played a

significant role in the war effort. Bradford's

military. The city's mills operated tirelessly,

Rare color footage captures

these spontaneous celebrations,

offering a vivid glimpse into the

the 80th anniversary of this historic day,

it's a poignant moment to reflect on the

In London, throngs gathered outside

followed.

The community's resilience and commitment were instrumental in the collective war effort.



As we honor VE Day's 80th anniversary, it's essential to remember the unity and determination that defined that era. The sacrifices made by communities like

Bradford and Keighley underscore the importance of preserving peace and remembering our shared history.

Keighley Town Council is hosting a community celebration at **Town Hall** to 9:45 PM.

The event will feature:

* Face painting * Lindy Hop dance lessons *1940s tractor display *Free picnic for the first 100 attendees *Beacon lighting

Additionally, Bingley Remembrance Group, in conjunction with the Town Council, are organising two events for the commemoration of the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day on 8th May 2025. Bingley will also hold a beacon lighting ceremony at its cenotaph. The event will feature local groups, including cadets, choirs, and marching bands. The bells of All Saints Parish Church in Bingley are expected to participate in the national "Ring Out for Peace" at 6:30 PM.

A family event is being organised in Bingley Market Square for Saturday 10th May 2025, in conjunction with RSH

The region's contribution extended beyond industry. Many residents served in the armed forces, with local regiments seeing action across various theaters of war.

Thursday May 8th 2025, beacons and Lamp Lights of Peace will shine across the United Kingdom to commemorate 80 years since VE Day.

Square (BD21 3QQ) from 6:00 PM

ceremony at 9:15 PM

Artisan Markets also. The latter will include musical performances, classic army vehicles, food and drink, and even an RAF flypast!



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- Viva La Vintage Singer
- Lighting of the Beacon at 9:30pm



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