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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.

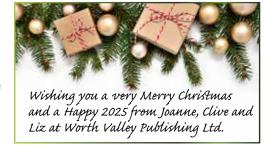
This Christmas, let's embrace the delightful mess of it all. Say hello. Offer a hand. Ask for help if you need it. And laugh—because the quirks that make our corner of Yorkshire so unique are worth celebrating.

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



Yours in festive disarray, Liz







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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

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 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 back starts nearly 12 months before the Harrison, who is now a Railway director. 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 House of Lords by the Heritage Railway 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... been awarded the Lord Faulkner Young

Christmas Carol" theatrical experiences resolutions (sorry... it is that time once on select dates over the festive period so again), I hope you consider making one of please do check the website for full details. them join our volunteering family. In the meantime, I will once again thank you for Of course, it's not all about Christmas, all your support during a very challenging We have to plan for next year because we year for the Railway, and hope we can

~ Matt Stroh

Keighley & Worth Valley Railway Chairman

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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 Нарру New Year!

~ Robbie Moore MP Keighley and Ilkley

Robbie Moore MP





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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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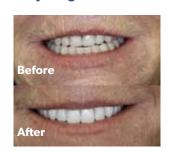
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BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM

The end of one year and the start of another signals something exciting here at the Museum – our conservation period. Every January, the incredible objects in our collection enjoy an early spring clean! These items are important to both our local history and for telling the story of English Literature on a global scale. It's important to make sure every object remains in the

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."

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

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

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.

Keep an eye on our website (bronte.org.uk) and social media channels for news of our exciting 2025 special exhibition coming in February!



Iconic items from the collection include clothes worn by the Brontë family, like this going-away collection at once, so many dress of Charlotte's.

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Every Monday 7 -9 pm Andy's Man Club Project 6, Devonshire Street, Keighley

Every Monday to Friday Dementia Friendly Keighley 10am – 4 pm

Open for drop-in anytime for coffee and chat for people living with dementia and their carers and families. 6 College Walk, Airedale Shopping Centre, Keighley.

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.

Every Tuesday 10am - 12 noon Keighley Remember When?

Fancy a chat? Age UK Unit 8
Airedale Centre, Cooke Lane, Keighley.
Every Tuesday 10.30am -12
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Every Tuesday Dementia Friendly
Keighley I 0am – 12.30 pm Games
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Every Thurs I I am Age UK

Friendship Group meet new friends over a cuppa In the Community Room by the cafe in store at Morrisons, Keighley more info email info@ageukbd. org.uk

Every Thursday Dementia Friendly Keighley 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm Crafty Friends, creative session, Airedale Shopping Centre, Keighley. Call Helen on 01535 602529

Every second Saturday of a month 10 - Ipm Riddlesden Green Connection Community Cafe St

Mary's Meeting Room, Banks Lane BD20 5PA . Eco liquid refills, book swap and cafe every time.

The Shed Cliffe Castle, Keighley every Tues, Weds & Thurs 10am - 4pm.

Morton WI every second Tuesday evening each month. Social evening with refreshments at The Institute in East Morton 7:20 pm. Contact Anne 07968094238

Every Tuesday 7 - 9pm Men's Peer Support Group Free Safe & Friendly environment for men to share, chat & laugh. Airedale Enterprise Services, Sunderland Street, Keighley, BD21 5LE

Every Wednesday 10.30am - 12 Coffee Morning at Laycock Village Hall.

Every Weds I - 2.30pm Ladies

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Every Weds Morton Meet and Tiny
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Wellbeing Wednesdays I - 2.30pm
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relaxing, nature walks in the park, nature,
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First Weds of every month 2 - 3.30pm Connections Bereavement Support Group the Restaurant at \(\Lambda\)

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Every Friday 9.30am - I I pm Adult
& Toddler Play Sessions (term

Sat 16th Nov 1pm - 3pm Keighley New Church, Braithwaite Village, BD22 6PX Christmas Fayre Refreshments and various stalls.

time) £4 at East Morton Institute.

Thurs 5th Dec Candlelit Latenight opening at the Parsonage.

The Bronté Parsonage Museum will remain open until 7pm, showcasing the quiet magic of the house dressed for the festive season. (We welcome our neighbours in BD20, BD21 and BD22 to join us free of charge) Ist Dec until Ist Jan Saltaire Living Advent Calendar - windows will be illuminated from 4pm - 10.30pm each

evening. Windows light daily up throughout the month in houses, schools, shops and churches until Christmas Eve.

Weds 4th Dec 6pm Sue Ryder Celebrate A Life Aire Valley at East Riddlesden Hall Thurs 5th & 19th Dec Late Night Shopping In Haworth (until 8pm) 5th, 6th 17th, 18th 19th & 20th Dec Christmas Carol Keighley & Worth Valley Railway www.kwvr.co.uk for full details

Sat 7th Dec 12 noon to 3 pm Town Hall Square Keighley Town Council Centenary of Keighley Cenotaph.

Sat 7th & Sun 8th Dec
Torchlight Parade Weekend
in Haworth 17:30. Arrive early
to buy your wands, explore the
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Sun 8th Dec 2 pm The Haworth Band is at Laycock Village Hall

Sun 8th Dec I - 3pm
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lots more.

Sun 8th Dec 10.30 am Litter Pick Cliffe Castle Support Group meet at the Noticeboard. Sun 8th Dec 10am Skipton Christmas Markets on the High Street with over 100 festive stalls Thurs 12th & Fri 13th Dec Festive Flyer on the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway, Haworth



Sat 14th & Sun 15th Dec Festive Music Weekend, Main Street,

Haworth Enjoy the sounds of carolers, live bands, and solo performers. Explore the delightful shops and cafés showcasing their festive window displays. Joy awaits you at every turn.

Sat 14th Dec Carol Service Train Keighley & Worth Valley Railway. Sun 15th Dec 12pm The Haworth **Band** is on Haworth Main Street. Sun 15th Dec 10am - 3pm Haworth **Christmas Artisan Market Central** Park Haworth

Mon 16th Dec 10 - 11.30 am Cafe **Eden** Welcome anyone who has an autistic family member or cares for an autistic person. Keighley College BD21 4HQ

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Sun 22nd Dec 2pm Nativity Carol **Services** at Keighley Salvation Army, High Street, Keighley, BD21 2LI Every is Welcome

Mon 23rd Dec 3.30pm Christmas Movie Night - Elf at Keighley Salvation Army, 36 High Street, Keighley

Weds 25th Dec Christmas Day **Service 10.30am Keighley Salvation** Army, High Street, Keighley. Thurs 26th Dec to 5th Jan Mince Pie Specials on the Keighley & Sun 29th Dec 10am - 2pm Keighley **Table Tennis Open Day Keighley Business Centre**, South Street, Keighley.

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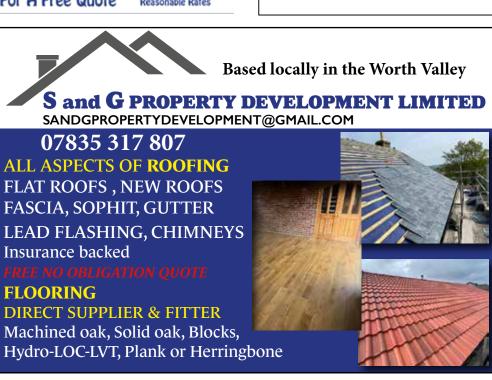
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Good homemade accompaniments to the Christmas meal, such as stuffing and bread sauce really make the difference on the day and are not difficult. Most of the prep can be done the day before. When it comes to the breadcrumbs, I just buy packs of panko 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.

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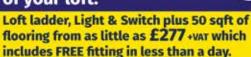
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