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Summer is here in all its glory!

The grass is growing wild, the garden's bursting with fruit and veg, and Wimbledon's back on the telly; cue the strawberries, sunhats, and hopes for a British champ rising through the ranks. This issue of your community magazine is packed with inspiration, events, and opportunities to make the most of the coming months. There's never been a better time to try something new - whether it's learning to play Bridge or Bowls, joining the local Tennis club, or simply reconnecting with neighbours and nature. With Bradford proudly flying the flag as the UK's City of Culture, there's every reason to stay local this summer. From vibrant arts and music to the ever-expanding Keighley Show and an amazing free programme of activities for the kids in our local parks; the district is alive with energy, creativity, and celebration. Here's to a joyful July and August in the Worth & Aire valleys - see you out there!

Liz Barker, Editor



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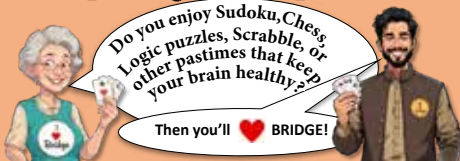
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Start planning how to celebrate your summer in Bradford, as the district takes centre stage as UK City of Culture 2025.

Everyone's welcome at The Beacon, a stunning performance space brought to you by Bradford 2025 and arriving for a month long stay at Cliffe Castle Park from 10 July.

Perfect to combine with the amazing Ice Age Now exhibition at Cliffe Castle Museum (21 June – 14 Sept).

Experience the new production of The Railway Children (15 July – 7 September) in the atmospheric setting of Oxenhope station or head out onto the moors above Haworth to discover Wild Uplands and the accompanying Opera North soundtrack Earth and Sky (until 12 October).

August 1st is Yorkshire Day, and this year Bradford and Ilkley have the honour of co-hosting the celebrations. The brand-new venue Bradford Live will be throwing open its doors for the first time for Yorkshire Calling, a standout evening featuring music and poetry with a distinct Yorkshire accent. The fun will continue in Ilkley throughout



Cow & Calf



Penistone Hill Country Park



the weekend including a Yorkshire market, the Yorkshire Beer Festival and family activities around the town.

The city centre redevelopment has created spacious pedestrian boulevards and beautiful places to stop and relax and take in the historic architecture of the city. But it's not just the streets which have been transformed, the National Science and Media Museum will unveil its new Sound and Vision galleries on 10 July following a £6m refurbishment and the brand-new Darley Street Market, complete with a delicious new food hall, will open with a fun packed weekend of events (12-13 July).

Away from the buzz of the city, step into the beautiful landscapes which surround the district. Whether it's a summertime stroll beside the canal at Saltaire, family time in the park, or taking a more adventurous route across the heather clad moors.

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We're steaming towards summer with a packed calendar of running days, live theatre and much more to enjoy along the Worth Valley.

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This summer, we're especially proud to present something very close to our hearts — a live theatre production of *The Railway Children*, staged at our very own Oxenhope Station as part of Bradford 2025 City of Culture, in partnership with York Theatre Royal. This enchanting performance brings E. Nesbit's beloved story back to the valley where the iconic 1970 film was made. It's a magical experience for all ages, and advance booking is essential on the Bradford 2025 website.

Looking ahead, there's even more to get excited about. Our Magical Adventure with the Elf Explorer returns later this year, celebrating 60 years of festive journeys with Father Christmas. And don't miss our biggest party of the year — the Five-Mile Beer & Music Festival — with tickets going on sale in early August.

As always, the railway is kept running by our incredible team of volunteers and staff, whose passion and hard work bring the Worth Valley Railway to life, every single day. Thanks to them, every visit is filled with charm, character and that unmistakable Worth Valley warmth.

We look forward to welcoming you on board this summer — whether you're here for the theatre, the trains, or just a great day out in Yorkshire.

~ **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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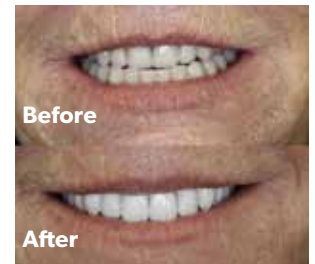
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Join us for a day of creativity and inspiration on **Saturday 26 July**, at **'Celebrating Emily Brontë: Wild Drawing'**, a mixed media workshop led by local artist Anji Timlin, taking place on Penistone Hill and in the Old School Room. Plus, on **Sunday 27 July**, we're delighted to be celebrating the timeless connection between **Kate Bush and Emily Brontë** on their shared birthday with a **Mass Wuther** like no other. All you need is a flowing red dress and a Kate Bush wig to take part in this unforgettable dance performance of her 1978 No. 1 hit, and anyone who comes dressed the part will be able to enter the museum for just £10!

As the Summer Holidays get underway, we

have plenty to keep little ones entertained at our weekly **Wild Wednesday and Busy Like the Brontës workshops!** These workshops are free with entry to the museum, and remember, your ticket is valid for 12 months, so feel free to drop in as often as you'd like!

On **Saturday 2 August** we'll be hosting **'Brontës, birds and butterflies: A family day at the Parsonage.'** We'll be taking over the beautiful meadow behind the Brontë Parsonage Museum for **a day of fun, free activities for all ages!** We'll have a live theatre show, free workshops, and we'll be joined by Bob the Butterfly and his perfect match, Gerry the Gerbera, they'll be sashaying down the cobbled streets and delighting the crowds. However, their gardening advice might be a bit hit or miss! **For more information on all of these events, and more, visit bronte.org.uk.**



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Friends of East Riddlesden Hall - meet once a month between Oct and April on a Thursday 2pm to 4pm in the Airedale Barn. Contact Secretary on 0771 373 3516 for more details

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 Dominoes Club at Keighley Civil Centre, Keighley, BD21 3RZ no need to book simply show up and enjoy the game.

Every Tuesday Dementia Friendly Keighley 10am - 12.30 pm Games Morning, for people/carers living with dementia Airedale Shopping Centre, Keighley. Call Helen on 01535 602529

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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

The Craft and Chat group which meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10am to 12pm in the Church Hall, Keighley New Church, Braithwaite Road, Keighley. Enjoy crafting or just a friendly chat amongst friends.

Every Wednesday Morton Meet and Tiny Feet Cafe at East Morton Institute on 2.15pm to 4.15pm.

Every Wednesday 1pm - 2.30pm Civic Centre Keighley Gibson Dance Exercise Class for ladies 50 plus.

Coffee Morning every 4th Thursday of the month 10am to 12pm at Keighley New Church, Braithwaite Road, Keighley BD22 6PX. All are welcome.

Every Thursday 11am 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

Thursdays (October - April) Keighley Men's Forum, Corner entrance of Keighley Playhouse, 1 Devonshire Street, Keighley Refreshments from 9.30am, Speaker at 10.15am Variety of speakers/ presentations £2/week inc. refreshments

Every Thursday from 1.30pm Time For Me Bereavement Support Group meet at The Three Horses, Fell Lane, Keighley, BD22 6BZ. Further info contact helen.timeforme@gmail.com

Thursday & Fridays 10.30am to 3 pm The Drop-In at The Civic Centre, Keighley. A great place to meet new people, play board games or dabble in arts & crafts.

Every second Saturday of a month 10 - 1pm Riddlesden Green Connection Community Cafe St Mary's Meeting Room, Banks Lane BD20 5PA. Eco liquid refills, book swap and cafe every time.

Feb 2025 to 1s Jan 2026 From Haworth to Eternity exhibition at **The Bronte Parsonage** Feb 2025 to Jan 2026 **David Hockney Exhibition 20 Flowers for 2025** at Salts Mill, Saltaire.

June to 12th Oct Earth & Sky Penistone Hill BD22 9RH An immersive sound walk over the moors above Haworth by Opera North

Ice age Exhibition at Cliffe Castle Museum July to September 2025 Sat 19th July & Sat 16th Aug **Community Table Top Sale** at Long Lee & Thwaites Brow Village Hall 9am - 11am

Sun 20th July: Keighley Ramblers "Not Pondering Ponden" 7 miles, meet for a 10.30am start on Belle Isle Road, Haworth.

Sun 20th July. Train rides for all the family. Miniature trains running at Marley sports field approx. 12:00 until approx. 16:00. Steam and electric trains providing trips for all ages. Great family afternoon out. Refreshments available. Details at www.kdmes.org.uk

Thurs 31st July Bradford Ramblers meet 7pm at on Belle Isle Rd, off B6142 Bridgehouse Ln, Haworth, 'OW MUCH?! A CHANGE OF PLAN, 4.5mi / 7.2km, Contact Stuart C, 01274 731 733

16th Aug Keighley Pride Cougar Park 1pm

Sun 17th Aug. Train rides for all the family. Miniature trains running at **Marley sports field approx. 12:00 until approx. 16:00.** Steam and electric trains providing trips for all ages. Great family afternoon out. Refreshments available. Details at www.kdmes.org.uk



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'Green Energy Gone Wrong'- Why we must say no to Walshaw Moor Wind Farm

Plans have been submitted to build England's largest onshore wind farm; 65 colossal turbines towering over the wild, ecologically rich landscape of Walshaw Moor in the Calder Valley. On paper, it sounds like green progress. In reality, it's anything but.

This isn't a rejection of renewable energy. Wind power is vital. But placing a vast industrial development on one of the most sensitive and protected peatland areas in the country is not progress, it's environmental vandalism.

Walshaw Moor stores massive amounts of carbon in its peat. In fact, UK peatland stores 26 times more carbon than forests. Disturbing it to construct turbines taller than Blackpool Tower would release huge quantities of carbon into the atmosphere. Ironically, this so-called green energy project would unleash a carbon bomb.

The moor also plays a critical role in flood prevention. Its blanket bog absorbs rainfall and slows runoff, protecting communities like Hebden Bridge, Mytholmroyd, and

Todmorden, places that have endured devastating floods in recent years. Construction would damage this natural flood defence, undermining millions in public investment and years of community effort.

Beyond the environmental cost, there's a serious economic impact. The two-year build would close off cherished walking routes, including parts of the Pennine Way, threatening local tourism and hospitality businesses already under strain.

An RSPB study confirms that there's ample land in England suitable for wind farms without building on protected peatlands. The government's obsession with scale, the 'biggest wind farm in England,' must not come at the expense of irreplaceable landscapes and climate stability.

This is not nimbysism. It's common sense. We need renewable energy, but not like this. For the sake of our climate, our safety, and our communities, we must oppose the Walshaw Moor Wind Farm.

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