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Hello and welcome to June! Father's Day is just around the corner, and we've come up with some cracking ideas to treat that special man in your life see page 20.

Our community pages are brimming with ways to make the most of What's On in the District... and how to enjoy the summer sunshine (or rain!). Dial up your fun and local engagement - getting out, meeting new folk, and joining in with friends and family are great ways to boost your wellbeing. Our friends at Steels of Addingham have put together some lovely Summer Tours – you can find out more on page 4.

As ever, thank you for supporting the local businesses, services, and organisations featured in the magazine.

Your continued patronage is appreciated, and we always welcome your feedback. Liz Barker, Edito All the best. Liz





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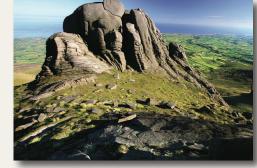


Within the vicinity of the hotel there is a novel opportunity to see one of the last remaining horse-drawn barges in action - At the Grand Western Canal Tea Rooms The Tiverton museum is

also an exceptional visit and similarly the castle

(ruins) and splendid gardens dating back to 1106 - are one of the oldest and most historic in the county. Alongside the idyllic canal and river settings, All 3 of our inclusive excursions will take in the dramatic cliffs, beaches and bays around Saunton, Croyde, Combe Martin , Porlock Weir and harbour, Lynmouth and Exmoor National park, giving a mixture of lush dramatic countryside and coast abounds to view the likes of the Exe valley, western fringe of the Quantock hills (AONB), Brendan Hills, Dulverton, Dunster whilst there is also an option to board the West Somerset Vintage Steam railway.

Ireland - "Quintessential craic" -August 31st to September 4th We reside at the luxurious 4* Canal Court Hotel famed for its Spa & Beauty treatments so if that's your forte be fully pampered! or indeed just relax and take in the salubrious surroundings of this small and compact historic city of Newry - within the hotel there is a spacious comfortable armchair lounge elevated above the canal/ promenade - no finer place for that morning coffee or afternoon tea. Our location is amidst the stunning setting of lochs and mountains and the entire area is blessed with glorious vista's which we reveal on our 2 inclusive excursions and there are plenty of attractions within



Newry - be it the historic Cathedral, 2 museums and for the shopaholics there are 2 modern outlet centres! Then on your free day you may choose to explore Banbridge for the "Game of Thrones" ,The Royal residence of Hillsborough Castle, or Belfast city for Titanic museum, Botanical gardens and Palm house which are all within reachable distance.

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Skate with Black Butter



by Martin Lingard

his is probably my favourite fish dish and it is dead easy to make. Skate isn't as readily available since the big

supermarkets put a lot of fishmongers out of business. I go to Albion Street in Halifax on the outside of the market where there are two stalls next-door to each other.

There's also a good one on the High Street in Skipton. Skate wings are a lot cheaper than cod or haddock now. People who are put off fish by the bones will love this recipe too as the meat just slides off the cartilage; no bones!

Two skate wings, approximately 500g each will easily feed four people.

I like to serve this with plain boiled new potatoes and green beans.

You will need a large pan that will easily accommodate both skate wings together.

Ingredients (serves 4)

2 x skate wings, approximately 500g each, skinned 4 tablespoons of white wine vinegar I teaspoon of salt I 50g unsalted butter 50ml red wine vinegar I tablespoon capers, drained and rinsed I tablespoon chopped parsley

Method

Pour enough cold water into your pot so there will be enough to just

cover the skate wings by a few centimetres. Tip in the white wine vinegar and the salt and bring to a gentle simmer. Gently slide in both skate wings and gently poach for around 15 minutes until tender. Drain and carefully remove both wings to a warmed serving dish, cover loosely with foil to keep them warm.

Now, working quickly, melt your butter over a medium to high heat in a frying pan. Pay close attention.

You're waiting for the butter to melt and start to foam. Once foaming, it should start to smell a bit nutty or toasty, and start to darken. Be careful, dependent on how hot you've got your pan, this can happen very quickly!

As soon as it gets a nice golden colour, quickly pour in the red wine vinegar and stir. Now chuck in your parsley and capers, stirring, bring back to a simmer then tip everything over both skate wings and serve immediately. **Enjoy!**



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Haworth Cinema is run entirely by volunteers for the benefit of the community. We look to show a film at 7:30pm on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month, from September to July, in West Lane Baptist Church. We have been going since 2011!

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- Friday 13th June: Wicked
- Friday 27th June: Pride (as part of Haworth's first Pride event)
- Friday 11th July: Bridget Jones, Mad About the Boy
- Friday 25th July: A Real Pain

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Usually when I talk about the summer, it It will be an amazing opportunity to see the no 2024 event. It's been a different and very in BD20/21/22 postcodes. successful weekend and seemed to meet the need of taking the pressure of Haworth To make all this happen takes hours and village, which was previously overwhelmed hours of planning and work behind the with the volume of traffic and activities in scenes. We have dozens of people focusing the park.

does make running steam locomotives buildings. Then we have the teams beavering very challenging, so you will have seen us away to plan the events for this and future bringing in some heritage diesel traction. years, as well as the back-office functions With a couple of bank holiday weekends needed to keep the wheels turning on the in May, and people getting out the BBQs in complex functions necessary to run the their gardens as the warm weather looks Railway. As ever, we are always keen to settled, the likelihood of rain increases welcome new people to the volunteering significantly, so hopefully normal service team and full details of how to apply are will be resumed shortly.

With the summer months approaching, scheme. we get closer to the start of the Railway's contribution to the Bradford 2025 City of Culture celebration when we will see we can welcome you on board soon. The Railway Children live show performed at Oxenhope. Tickets and full details are available from the Bradford 2025 website.

is as we are all sheltering from the wind show at the home of The Railway Children. and rain with it feeling more like winter As well as the stage show, we are running making it very difficult to imagine that the our usual heritage train service over the sun is coming... well this year has turned holiday period, so you can still enjoy a it all on its head. We've enjoyed a fabulous journey on the line and make the most 1940s weekend in blazing sunshine, with of your local residents' railcard which this being the first year we took on the offers a significant discount on ordinary organisation of the event after there was timetables services for those of you living

on restoration and maintenance of our carriage and locomotive fleet, as well as the Whilst the lovely weather is welcome, it stations, railway infrastructure and other on the website, as well as timetables and information on the local residents' railcard

With so much to see and do, I hope that

~ Matt Stroh

Keighley & Worth Valley Railway Chairman

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Matthew Varley is the partner and Managing Director of My Denture

Clinics, here he works as a Clinical Dental Technician (Dip CDT RCS).

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. Matt also returned to university to further his dental knowledge and become a Clinical Dental Technician, receiving the prestigious royal college of surgeons (Dip CDT RCS).

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Before

After

BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM

This June at the Brontë Parsonage Museum we're celebrating the birth of the enigmatic Branwell Brontë, with three opportunities to get to know the oftenovershadowed brother of the Brontë family. On **Thursday 19 June**, we will be looking at the first Victorian era biographies of Branwell Brontë, in particular those by Elizabeth Gaskell and Francis A Leyland. This

talk, held by PhD student and Brontë Parsonage Museum volunteer Rose Dawn **Gant**, will take place in the **Old School Room on Church Street at 2pm** and is free for local residents. If you can't make the talk in-person it will be repeated online via **Zoom** at **7.30pm**. Dr. Dean De La Motte. author of Oblivion: The

Lost Diaries of Branwell Brontë, will be hosting this month's Brontë Lounge, on Branwell's birthday Thursday 26 June at 7.30pm, via Zoom. Then, on Friday 27 June, discover the man behind the myths at a special edition of **Parsonage Unwrapped: Celebrating Branwell Brontë.**

Take an up-close look at the items in our collection that tell the tragic, but fascinating tale of the Brontë sisters' only brother.

Also in June, spend a mindful day with yoga teacher, poet and author **Emma** Connally-Barklem at the Brontëinspired Writing, Hope and Wellness Day. Plus, we're thrilled to be included in **Bradford on Foot**, as part of Bradford's year as City of Culture. The Haworth Heritage walk starts at the Brontë Parsonage Museum

> and is a 3-mile walk through two centuries of Haworth history. Over the summer you can join us for guided walks, led by members of the Brontë Parsonage Museum team. You can book your tickets for all of these events and more at **www.bronte.** org.uk/whats-on. Finally, now that our new visitor toilets are open, we're

fundraising to cover the costs of landscaping and brightening up the surrounding area by planting lush greenery and bright flowers. Not only will this help the facilities blend in with the iconic Yorkshire landscape beyond, it'll also support our local biodiversity by encouraging wildlife to thrive! If you'd like to support our campaign, visit **bronte**. org.uk/donate/help-our-gardenbloom.

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Last month's competition location was and the winner was Lindsey Walker from Eastburn.

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COMMUNITY PAGE

The Downstairs Project is back a friendly and creative space in the Civic Centre Keighley.

Art at East Morton Institute Monday's 10am to 12pm & 1pm to 3pm. Thursdays 10am to 12pm. More info contact

karenredhead@hotmail.co.uk

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 Tuesdays (Term Time) 2.30pm -3.30pm Calm at the Castle Relaxing & meditation - friendly group. FREE & no experience needed at Cliffe Castle Keighley Morton WI every second

Tuesday evening each month. Social evening with refreshments at The Institute in East Morton 7:20 pm. Contact Ann 07968094238 or email presidentmortonwi@gmail.com 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 Ipm -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 I Iam 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

Thursdays (October - April) Keighley Men's Forum, Corner entrance of Keighley Playhouse, I Devonshire Street, Keighley Refreshments from 9.30am, Speaker at 10.15amVariety 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 - Ipm 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 Is Jan 2026 From Haworth to Eternity Brand new exhibition at The Bronte Parsonage Feb 2025 to Jan 2026 David Hockney Exhibition 20 Flowers for 2025 at Salts Mill, Saltaire 24th May until 29th June 10am - 4pm Keighley Sculpture Trail Keighley Town Centre Explore 10 handcrafted sculptures around Keighley

town centre, designed by local artists and community groups. Sunday 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd June

Sunday 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd June 2pm - 4pm Summer Bandstand Concerts at Roberts Park Saltaire June to 12th Oct Earth & Sky Penistone Hill BD22 9RH An immersive sound walk over the moors above Haworth by Opera North. Sat 14th lune 11 am - 3pm Eid on the Green Church Green Keighley Sat 14th June Hot Aire Music for Marie Curie 2.30pm & 7pm at Bingley Arts Sun15th June. 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 19th to Mon 23rd June **KWVR** Diesel Gala Sat 21st June Church Summer Fair Ipm to 3pm in the Church Hall, Braithwaite Road, Keighley Enjoy refreshments and a variety of stalls. Everyone is very welcome. 21st June until 14th Sept Ice Age Art at Cliffe Castle Museum Keighley. Sun 22nd June 10am - 3pm **Ponden Mill Car Boot Sale & Table** Тор Sun 22nd June 2pm - 4pm **Bandstand Concert at Cliffe** Castle Museum Sat/Sun 21st/22nd lune 10am -**5pm Fairyland Art Exhibition at** Haworth Old School Rooms (free entry) Sat/Sun 28th/29th June Dragon **Boat Festival at Roberts Park** Saltaire

Dear Old Dad: A Nod. a Nudge. and a Nice Day Out by Liz Barker

Let's face it, Dads are a curious species. Many can rewire a plug, reverse a trailer, and fall asleep during any film longer than 15 minutes. And while they may not say much, they've been known to offer sage advice such as "Ask your mum" or "That'll need a good coat of varnish."

Father's Day (Sunday, 15th June this year) is

a perfect excuse to spoil the man who once taught you how to ride a bike and then quietly muttered something about his back for three days afterwards.

Stuck for ideas beyond the usual socks and suspiciously labelled "World's Best Dad" mugs? Here are a few local ways to celebrate:

1. Steam and Cream:

Take him to the Embsay & Bolton Abbey Steam Railway for a ride through the Dales, with the option of a Cream Tea at The Abbey Tea Rooms. Nostalgia, soot, and snacks: the holy trinity of Dad-dom.And how lovely, you can bring the dog along! boltonabbey.com embsayboltonabbeyrailway.org.uk



2. Saunter to a Sunday Roast with a View at The Wuthering Heights Inn, Stanbury. Dad gets his meat and gravy, and a propper pint of ale, and the family gets scenery (and hopefully no rain). Be sure to book ahead! thewutheringheights.co.uk 01535 643332

3. Tinker Time:

Is your Dad more of a 'man in the shed'? Check out the Keighley Model Railway"s Summer Open Day, June 22nd. keighley-mrc.org.uk or Garden Centre Browsing - Hear us out: many local garden centres now come with excellent cafés, plant sales, and shed envy galore. Perfect for the green-fingered gent or anyone who just likes to potter. Drop into Woodbank Garden Centre woodbanknurseries.com. He'll be in tinker time heaven.

4. Walk This Way:

Suggest a gentle hike around Malham Cove or a circular stroll near Haworth. (See page 36) Bonus points for a pub detour and no stile-climbing required.

5. DIY-Free Day:

Ban all talk of gutters, lawns, and loose tiles. This is his day off. Replace 'to-do lists' with a cup of tea, a slice of cake, and the sports section.

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Whether you spoil him rotten or simply sit down together for a brew and a natter, Father's Day is a chance to say, Thanks Dad. We noticed. Whatever you choose, remember— Father's Day isn't about grand gestures. It's about appreciation, a bit of fun, and maybe giving Dad control of the remote... just for one day.



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THE ACCIDENT (SOME CRIED, SOME FLAPPED, SOME SHOOK THEIR HEADS)

TALES OF OSCAR'S FARM

By Pauline Brown

Tales from Oscar's Farm:

THE BIRTH

Where Community & Imagination Meet



Looking out over the Worth Valley from my home above Oxenhope, I used to watch the wildlife with my children. That view sparked an idea, and before long, a quirky

community of animals came to life in my imagination: Oy Ewe the sheep, Philip the pheasant, Stanley the squirrel, and others. Ten years ago, I wrote and printed five little stories for family and friends. But the characters wouldn't leave me. Rooted in our Yorkshire landscape, they evolved into a trilogy: The Accident, The Birth, and The Mystery. Each story is filled with fun and gentle lessons: twites (rare local birds) and compass points in one; a kitchen calf and a three-legged mole in another; and in The Mystery, hens named April, May, June, and Julie help explain the food chain. And yes, there are maps. I love maps!

About the Author, Pauline Brown.

Pauline is a storyteller, mother of three, and longtime Worth Valley resident who first discovered Yorkshire while studying at Bradford University. One of seven sisters, with a Swiss mum and a fondness for adventure, she's worked with homeless people, families in crisis, and the courts. Her love of wildlife, community, and the view from her window inspired the Oscar's Farm stories gentle, imaginative tales rooted in nature and friendship.

From parachuting and painting silk to walking 500 miles on the Camino, Pauline brings curiosity and kindness to everything she does.

A few years ago, family friend Mark Purvis introduced me to International Mixed Ability Sport (IMAS), based in Bradford. I saw a chance to use the Oscar's Farm characters to write about inclusion for children of all abilities. With support from the IMAS team and inspiration from a young person named Cam: Diego's Team was born.

THE MYSTERY

Diego the alpaca, a newcomer to the farm, meets ferrets Cedric and Bob and helps bring the community together.As IMAS founder Mark Goodwin says, the story "encourages empathy and understanding... helping to break down barriers between disabled and non-disabled children."

Now published under Worth The Read, the books are available in local KWVR shops, Betty Moore, Haworth Main Street, Book Case in Hebden Bridge, and Truman Books at Farsley. Diego's Team will be featured at special launch events for schools funded by Bradford City of Culture. A public reading takes place at Waterstones during the Bradford Literature Festival on Saturday 5th July.

Through the Haworth/Machu Picchu Twinning Group, Spanish versions of two books are heading to Peru. El Equipo de Diego launches at the IMAS tournament in Pamplona, where teams from ten countries, including three from South



America, will gather. From a kitchen calf to an alpaca in Spain, it's been quite a journey. ~ Pauline $\epsilon_{LEQU/PODE}$



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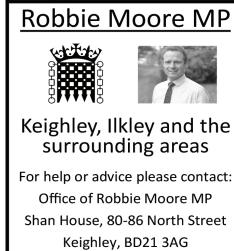




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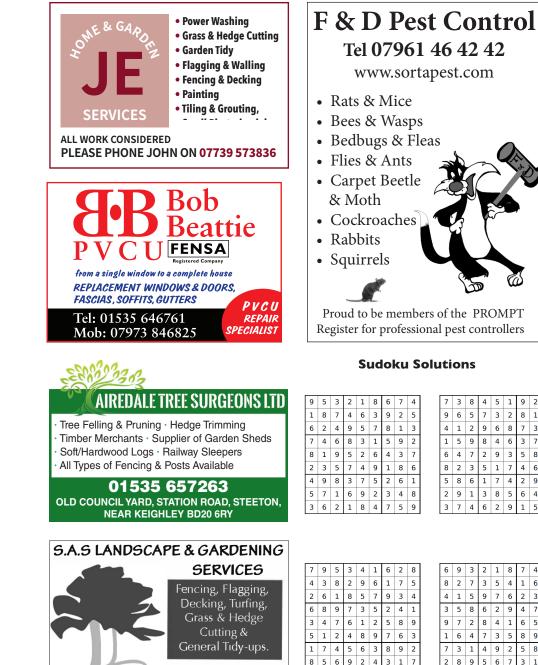
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