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#### Welcome to the May Edition

May is a wonderful time in our communityspring 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.11 for tickets)

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







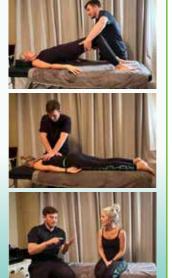
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### Warm Asparagus Mousse with tarragon vinaigrette & toast



by Martin Lingard

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 I25 ml double cream Salt & Black pepper I small lump of soft butter I tbsp white wine vinegar Dried tarragon I tsp 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  $\frac{3}{4}$  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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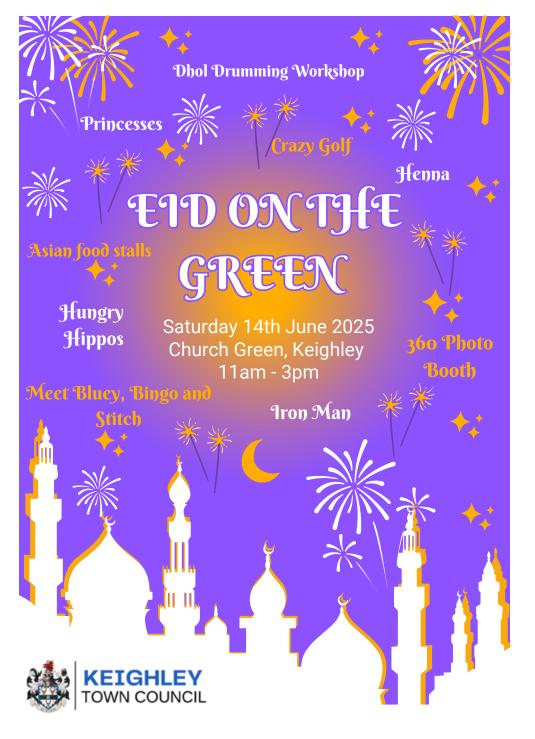


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our increasingly venerable fleet. We regularly for the programme for the 2025 event. run a steam loco built in 1899, and the main carriage fleet dates back to the 1950s. Later in the year (starting in July) we are website for dates and times).

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 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 running a 150+ year old railway, thanks to spaces. You can check the Railway's website

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 The costs are ever increasing, so we are vital to the Railways' operation, as well as enhancements to the signalling of Keighley

> soon, especially if you join our volunteer family. The Railway's website has full details of how to apply, our event programme, and 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

Keighley & Worth Valley Railway Chairman

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Upcoming events at The Keighley & Worth Valley Railway.



#### 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> MAY ALONG THE RAILWAY!

Join us for an unforgettable journey into the 1940s as the railway is transformed into a living history experience. From the moment you arrive, you'll be immersed in the sights, sounds, and spirit of wartime Britain, with music, entertainment, and re-enactments bringing the era to life.

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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. 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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In April the Brontë Society celebrated the very first publication of an important miniature manuscript by Charlotte Brontë.

Written when Charlotte was thirteen, **A Book of Ryhmes, sold by nobody and printed by herself,** dated 17 December 1829, contains ten unpublished poems hand-stitched into brown paper covers. After the death of

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.

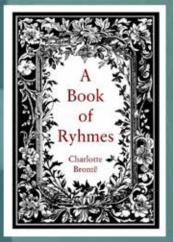


On Tuesday 22 April the publication was celebrated at the Old School Room in Haworth, and featured a reading from the book, followed by the opportunity to view the original manuscript in the

Brontë Parsonage Museum.

'A Book of Ryhmes' is available to buy now on bronteshop.org.uk. You can see the original manuscript at the Brontë Parsonage Museum as part of their current exhibition, From Haworth to Eternity.

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Last month's competition location was The Kings Arms, Sutton in Craven and the winner was Sam Hollingworth, Cowling.



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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 I0am to I2pm & Ipm to 3pm. Thursdays I0am to I2pm. More info contact karenredhead@hotmail.co.uk Every Monday II.30am - I.30pm Little Soldiers Stay & Play at The Salvation Army, BD2I 2LJ

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 Every Tuesday Stay and Play sessions for babies and under 5 on Friday 9:15am-11:00am

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

**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** 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.

First Weds of every month 2 -3.30pm Connections Bereavement Support Group the Restaurant at Airedale Hospital.

**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 I0.30am 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.

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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 **3rd /4th May Haworth Steam** Punk Weekend and fair atThe Old School Room, Haworth Sun 4th May & 1st June 7am -Ipm Friends of Airedale Hospital Car Boot Sale at West Car Park Airedale Hospital. Sun 4th May 5pm - 9pm Twilight Market at the Royal Arcade Keighley

Sun 4th May. FREE Train rides for all the family. Miniature trains running at Marley sports field approx. | 2:00 until approx. | 6:00. Free rides celebrating 75 years of the KDMES. Refreshments available. Details at www.kdmes.org.uk Thurs 8th May Keighley VE Day

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Thurs 8th May at Town Hall Square Keighley Men of Worth will be displaying photographs. Sat 10th May VE Day 80th

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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 has kindly agreed to 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 James Aston.





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