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Hello September!
Enjoy the last of the summer weather...get out and about and make the most of it. Keighley & District Agricultural Show is on the 7th followed by the Walking Festival that takes place throughout the month offering over 40 guided walks; see www.keighley.gov.uk for all the details and look in our community pages for other local events. You can also sign up for Manorlands Star Light Hike (see page 4) which takes place in October. The Parsonage will be hosting their annual Bronte Festival of Women's Writing later in the month...see page 7 for details. Keighley College enrolment is open...and they offer courses for all ages, so be sure to take a look at what's available.

Wishing you a lovely month!



Liz Barker, Editor



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Hundreds of West Yorkshire residents will be coming together to walk under the stars for Sue Ryder this October.

Sue Ryder Starlight Hike

Worth Valley will be returning on **Saturday 12 October**, where participants will be walking **5k or 10k** to celebrate the memory of a loved one whilst raising vital funds to help Sue Ryder continue to be there when it matters.

Sponsored by Stirk Lambert & Co Accountants and supported by Worth Valley Railway, the hike will start at Oxenhope Railway Station with a magical ride on the Starlight Express.

West Yorkshire resident Sarah Mitchell will be taking part this year with her family. She said: **"Starlight Hike is always such a wonderful event, there is a real**

feeling of togetherness knowing that everyone is walking in memory of someone they love. It's quite special seeing hundreds of people dressed up in neon or in lights."

"I love that there is an option to write a dedication for the person you are walking for when you walk though Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice, it reminds you of why you are there."

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BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM



Poet Maria Ferguson dishing out creative writing at last year's Poetry Takeaway Van.

"It's been great fun creating an eclectic programme with a range of writers across themes and genres with something for all ages. The three days will have us reading, writing, listening, creating, drawing, walking, stretching, and dancing – all next to the Brontë Parsonage where Haworth's famous sisters wrote their

novels that still inspire us today."

Tickets for each event are £7 – or £45 for a Festival Weekend Pass. We're also excited to host our free 'Words on the Street' activities alongside the main festival. Thanks to support from Bradford Metropolitan District Council, anyone can drop in to take part in our meadow trail, storytelling tent, and chalk art session – and keep your eyes peeled for a pair of larger-than-life witches and some rather energetic sheep...

We've also partnered with Bradford Libraries to make sure all the books we're celebrating over the weekend are freely available at our local libraries to take out and get stuck into. Have a look on our website to find out more about our guests and their books.

The festival will take place across four locations (West Lane Baptist Church, the Old School Room, Parson's Field, and the cobbles outside the Museum), so do come on up to the Parsonage over the weekend to get in the festival spirit with us!

For more information, head to bronte.org.uk/whats-on.

The Secret Garden... The Tale of Peter Rabbit... The Story of Tracy Beaker... Which books captured your imagination growing up?

September's here and there's a buzz in the air – the annual **Brontë Festival of Women's Writing** is back from **Friday 20 – Sunday 22 September**, and this year's theme is **'Webs of Childhood'**.

We're looking at the stories we grow up on as children and young adults, and how our own childhoods can inspire our creativity. There'll be talks, workshops, and free family activities for all ages, and we'll be welcoming a host of fantastic speakers – including much-loved children's author, **Jacqueline Wilson!**

We've been busy behind the scenes getting everything ready – from arranging the theme and booking guests, to spreading the word throughout West Yorkshire and beyond. Programme Officer Angela Clare has been hard at work putting together a spectacular line up:



The Brontë Festival of Women's Writing

Friday 20 - Sunday 22 September

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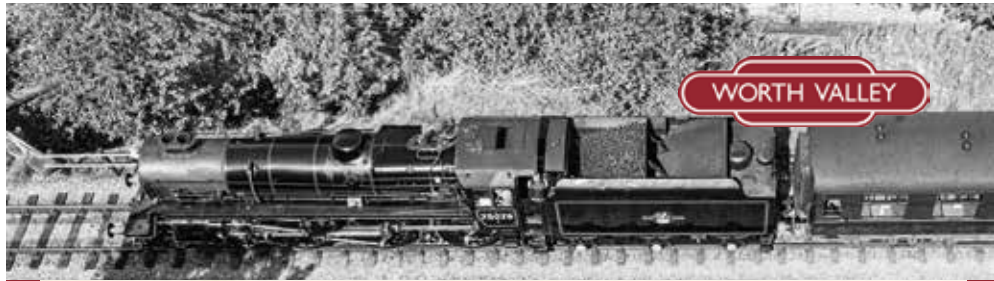
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This time of year is when we usually get to breathe a sigh of relief as we wind down from the period of 7 days per week operation and revert to running at weekends and school holidays. However, this year is very different because, in September, we will be undertaking our most complex and ambitious civil engineering project since we reopened the Railway back in 1968 with the replacement of "Bridge 27". The bridge in question takes the main line over Bridgehouse Beck, just beyond the Bridgehouse Lane road bridge. The preparatory work on site has been ongoing for many months, and the behind-the-scenes planning has been in train for a very long time, as you would expect for a project of this scale. You may well have seen the activity on the piling process, which provides the footings for the new bridge, and over the coming weeks, you will see a hive of activity, including the use of a very large crane that will lift the new span into place.

There will be an impact on the timetable during the work, so please do check the website for details of the special service that we will be running between Keighley and Haworth planned for 7/8 and 14/15 September when our usual operation is replaced with "The Grand Tour" timetable and activities. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation during the work, but we must maintain and replace the ageing infrastructure where necessary. We are very grateful for financial support for the work from the government's Community Ownership Fund and the Friends of the KWVR.

Whilst the bridge project is an immediate focus, we are continuing to plan our fulsome programme of events through the autumn, including our new Autumn Steam-Up on 4th-6th October, the very popular Beer & Music Festival from 17th to 20th October, and the return of the Gin Train on 26th October. We also have a series of suitably scary Halloween events planned for the end of October. I won't frighten you by giving you details here, but you can find out more on the website if you dare...

We then have our festive events, with the Elf Explorer being the one that many of us enjoy as a key part of our festive celebrations (I've bought my tickets already and hope you do the same soon to avoid disappointment because they sell out early). This year, the centerpiece services are complemented by "A Christmas Carol" service on various dates during November and December and the "Festive Flyer" on December 12th and 13th. Full details of all the festive options are on the website.

With so much going on and so much involved in running the Railway year-round, we are always on the lookout for new volunteers. Please consider joining our team of over 800 volunteers to become a part of the Railway family that keeps this important part of history operational now and for generations to come.

~ **Matt Stroh**

Keighley & Worth Valley Railway Chairman

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Before diving into the wedding and events industry, I (Joe) worked at the Bolton Abbey Estate in the forestry department, while Emma works in the public sector and helps out with the business on weekends. Although both of our jobs are a bit different from the world of weddings, we've been involved with the Worth

Valley Young Farmers Marquee business for over 10 years. It's been an eye-opening experience, giving us both a taste of the excitement (and occasional stress!) of working in events. On that note, we're now taking marquee bookings for 2025 and 2026—feel free to email us below and we'll be happy to pass along the details. Our inventory includes everything from Edison bulb displays (perfect for ceremony backdrops or suspended over top tables) to our signature 6ft tall light-up letters and numbers that add that unforgettable WOW factor to any event. We also have hundreds of meters of festoon and fairy lights, ideal for creating a magical atmosphere both indoors and outdoors. If you're planning an event, big or small, for 2024 or 2025, we'd love to hear from you. Drop us an email at the address below and we'll be happy to provide a quote. Thanks for all your support!

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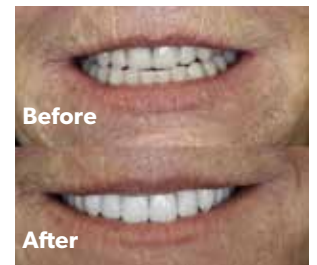
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Every Monday to Friday Dementia Friendly Keighley 10am - 4 pm

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.

Every Tuesday 10.30am -12

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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 Thurs 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

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

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

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

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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

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

Every Weds 1 - 2.30pm Ladies Dance Exercise at the Civic Centre, Keighley. Meet new friends & Keep Fit

Every Weds Morton Meet and Tiny feet café 2.15-4.15 pm (term time) in the Morton Memorial Village Institute.

Wellbeing Wednesdays 1 - 2.30pm Cliffe Castle Park, Keighley (term time only) Wellbeing group for adults relaxing, nature walks in the park, nature, arts & crafts, campfire cooking, tai chi, yoga, photography and much more.

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 from 1.30pm Time For Me Bereavement Support Group meet at The Three Horses, Fell Lane, Keighley, BD22 6BZ. Further info

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Slow braised rabbit in sherry

~Martin Lingard

If pushed, I'd say this is my favourite recipe to cook and eat. If you're squeamish about eating rabbit or have difficulty sourcing it, a jointed and skinned chicken can be substituted.

Ingredients

(Serves 4)

2 rabbits, skinned and jointed (or 1 large chicken, jointed and skinned)

Sea salt

Freshly ground black pepper

100ml olive oil

1 heaped teaspoon coriander seeds, toasted then lightly crushed

1 bulb of garlic, separated into peeled cloves

4 bay leaves

250ml dry sherry

500ml water

800g (two tins) of cannellini, haricot or butter beans, washed and drained

1 large bunch of flat leaf parsley, roughly chopped

Method

Preheat your oven to 150C (140c if fan assisted)

Season your rabbit or chicken joints with sea salt and black pepper. Take a large heavy frying pan and fry your joints in batches in half the olive oil until lightly coloured and lob into a large oven proof pot with a lid.

Add the coriander seeds, garlic cloves and bay leaves to the frying pan and gently fry until the garlic cloves are starting to colour. Pour in the sherry, turn up the heat and cook till it starts to bubble.

Now tip everything into your casserole over the meat joints. Add the water, beans and $\frac{3}{4}$ of the parsley to your casserole, place over the heat and bring to a gentle simmer, stirring to mix as you do so.

Add your remaining olive oil, pop the lid on your casserole. Transfer to the middle of your oven and cook for 90 minutes or until your meat joints are tender.

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