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Put the kettle on and sit in the garden with a cuppa; there's a fair bit going on in our valley and this month's magazine is full of interesting bits to read, do and see.

Read about local resident Diane Watts and her association with the Channel 4 'Hunted' star, Julie Clegg.

If you are a small local business don't miss page 11 as you will find details about **free** One to One training on Digital media.

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Whilst some might sit back and relax after the 50th Anniversary celebrations last year, not us! We have just helped the Bahamas Locomotive Society re-launch their centre-piece locomotive, named "Bahamas", back into mainline service after a 25 year absence and with the help of a significant Heritage Lottery Fund grant. We ran two sell-out services from Oxenhope all the way to Carlisle. The inaugural run was on 9th February, which you might recall was a very stormy day. I nervously drove to Oxenhope from Settle in the morning to join the train for the on-time 8.15am departure, but had to pick my way through fallen trees and debris blown into the road. It wasn't entirely surprising, but was very disappointing, to hear that a tree had fallen onto the overhead wires at Steeton, so we were held at Keighley because of the obstruction. What is typical of our "can do" attitude and well-trained volunteers is that we were able to help Network Rail clear the tree and therefore helped re-open the Airedale for the usual service trains that had begun stacking-up when the line was closed. So only around 20 minutes late, we made our way to Skipton, then on to a water stop at Hellifield and another at Appleby, before steaming into Carlisle only a handful of minutes behind schedule thanks the magnificent performance of

"Bahamas". The only disappointment I heard on board from passengers was that one partner hadn't fully understood what they were being treated to when the name "Bahamas" as mentioned. With sleet and hail falling, and the dark night closing in as we returned, we were a long way from the Caribbean cruise that they might have been expecting, but it was a great experience nonetheless!

We ran the second excursion the following weekend, and the weather could not have been more of a contrast, with a beautiful clear blue winter sky overhead, the photographers out in force had a field day. Whilst many camera lenses and well-wishers all across the Settle & Carlisle line might have been focused on Bahamas' exploits, we continued to run a full service on the branch line, as we do every weekend and school holidays through the year. We are now turning our attention to our Spring steam gala (8-10th March), when visitors will be able to enjoy Bahamas hauling trains as well as visiting locomotives and special double-headed and demonstration freight services.

It won't be long until our programme of Haworth Haddock (fish & chip supper) specials recommence, with the first on April 27th; and new for this year is our Prosecco-tasting "Sparkle & Steam" (the first on 1st March) and "Scotch Flyer" (23rd March) whisky-tasting services. Of course, we continue with our usual programme of "Footplate Experience" and hosting Brontë Bar's "Gin Express" trains. With so much to see and do, I hope that you will join us on board soon, as we embark on the journey of the second half-century of Railway preservation.

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Any home renovation is a large undertaking, both practically and financially, but scheduling your home improvement work in the warmer months gives you ample time to save in the quiet months following the New Year. We outline three wise home renovation choices. They all carry the label “smart” because of their long-term financial and lifestyle benefits.

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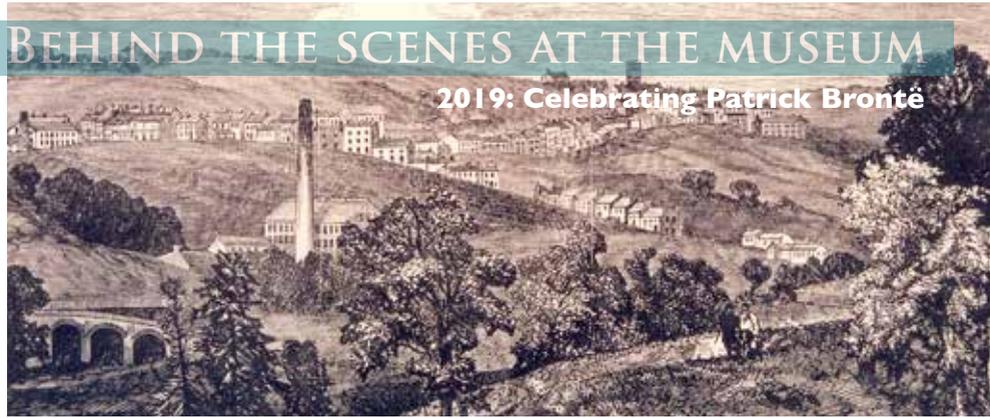
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2019: Celebrating Patrick Brontë



To tie in with our celebration of Patrick Brontë this year, the Brontë Parsonage Museum is launching a community project to discover more about Haworth in the time of the Brontës and in doing so bring the history of Haworth to life. In last month's magazine, our Learning Officer Sue described how the decision to celebrate Patrick this year was one that we all felt enthusiastic about, but Patrick is not only the father of literary geniuses; he is indelibly linked with Haworth, having spent 41 years serving the parish, and so we want to take a closer look at Haworth this year. We all know that Patrick was a social campaigner who did much to improve sanitation in Haworth and thus transform the lives of his parishioners, but what do we know of the lives of these parishioners? During Patrick's ministry, from 1820 to 1861, Haworth witnessed fast growth and huge change. Our community project, 'A Strange land?': Haworth in the time of the Brontës', will allow us to discover more about the rapidly developing town served by Patrick, but particularly the people he would have encountered.

The project is open to all, so you can take part as an individual, a family, a school, a local business, a community group, Brownie or Cub! And the ways you can

get involved are numerous: if you live in an old property you can research your house and its occupants; you can research your own family tree if your descendants are from Haworth; you can adopt a character or a business to research (the tithe map provides names of residents and their occupation, whilst the graveyard is also a useful source of local residents!); you can investigate what it was like to be a child in the time of the Brontës and think about how our attitudes about childhood have changed, not to mention living and working conditions. The list is endless. I look forward to learning more about Haworth's history, landscape and its inhabitants through uncovering the stories of Patrick's parishioners. There will be opportunities, as the project develops, to bring different groups together to share their stories, and hopefully we'll all learn a little more about each other along the way. **Patrick's birthday – fittingly St Patrick's Day – on 17 March is being celebrated in the Old School Room between 12 noon and 4pm and everyone is welcome to come along to eat cake and learn more about the project.**

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My point is simply that over the last century and a half for Keighley and District, just as for our nation as a whole, so called 'soft power' has become as important as military might. Premier League Football,

British music from the Beatles onwards and the BBC are known throughout the world. In the same way all our local sports teams, Cliffe Castle, East Riddlesden Hall, the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway and the Bronte Heritage are very much part of our own identity and attract people both to live in the area and visit it. Everything we can do to strengthen these assets is a priority for me.

Cougar Park and the neighbouring Keighley Cricket Club could become a new sporting hub eligible for grants from a variety of sporting bodies. In Haworth we urgently need a replacement advice centre to assist tourists to replace the recently closed facility. The fight must continue against the incinerator which would overshadow and diminish East Riddlesden Hall.

Finally, we must continue to reinvigorate Keighley's parks with more events like the recent innovation of a Park Run at Cliffe Castle. For inspiration we need look only over the moor to Halifax which has reinvented itself in the last few years.



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Oxenhope resident, Diane Watts, recently hosted the launch of the new book, **'How to Become a World-Class Investigator'** at Salts Mill, Saltaire.

The author, Julie Clegg, is the cyber crime expert on the popular Channel 4 series, 'Hunted'. Julie is also an ambassador for the charity Embrace Child Victims of Crime. Diane is currently Embrace's Chief Fundraiser and Young Victims Care Officer for the North of the UK.



Diane and Julie have a history that goes back decades.

In **'How to Become a World Class Investigator,'** Julie tells the story of her relationship with Diane and how their friendship was initially forged through very serious and harrowing events. Diane was a police officer in Bradford for thirty years and when she and Julie's paths crossed Julie was a victim of serious crime and only 17 years old.

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MAYBE IT'S JUST ME by Beth Cunningham

Mother's Day will soon be here. Get ready for the social media storm.

Yummy mummies in silk pyjamas will be lying in bed waiting for their adorable children to bring breakfast on a tray. Family matriarchs will be smartening up ready to be taken out for lunch. Apple-cheeked grannies will be beaming behind their bouquets. And before the sun goes down, the pictures will be out there for all to see.

I am more of an anti social media kind of gal myself. What has the world come to when the woman next to me in a cafe takes a photograph of her beans on toast then sends it to a friend? If I received that, my reply would read: 'Big thanks - and the next time you decorate, be sure to send me snaps of the paint drying.'

Mother's Day began in the US. Like many American ideas that we have adopted, it started small and manageable - like a rescue puppy - then got too big and began to bite us on the backside.

In my Sunday School days - the salutary effects of which might not be immediately apparent - we called it Mothering Sunday. We made a card, crayoning in a strip of blue sky and a vaguely female figure with uneven eyes - rather Picasso, in fact - and took that home with a tasteful posy of spring flowers.

Now competition has risen to such a pitch that it is impossible to find a table in a restaurant and Concorde must be brought out of mothballs to provide the nation's mothers with an exciting excursion.

Much though my mother liked being wined and dined and bought bling, it was the corny card on the mantelpiece that meant the most.

With her usual Welsh flair for the dramatic, she picked Mother's Day last year to begin her peaceful exit, aged 96, while my nephew sat by her bed, playing his guitar and singing.

She never lost her sense of humour - even in the face of tragedy. And well into her tottering-and-falling-over phase, when invited out for an impromptu lunch, she would disappear into the bedroom, emerging minutes later with leopard print coat and lip on, and in a cloud of L'Amant. Forget what I said earlier. That's a picture worth sharin.



Beth Cunningham was brought up in Rawdon. She left Yorkshire to work for newspapers and magazines on Merseyside and in Wales, the Middle East and London, where she also wrote and performed stand-up comedy.

She now lives in Haworth, is a life member of the Bronte Society and writes short stories.



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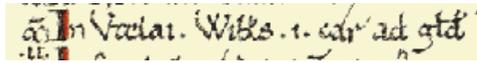
As it was half term I took the opportunity to make the long, overly familiar journey down to see my sister, who has a farm in Pembrokeshire. Because we've recently bought a camper van (oh yes, we're free spirits, although not so much in Winter. Brrrrr) I was slightly higher up than normal and saw loads of things I hadn't seen before. Strange chimneys, houses hidden away behind copses, small bridges leading to unknown destinations and, most astonishingly of all, a huge statue of an iron man behind a huge hedge. With my hand firmly clasped on my heart I can say I have never seen any of those things before in the 30 odd years that I've been making the journey.

This got me thinking about the places in this area that we travel past every day, but don't give a second thought to. Sometimes familiarity with an area means we switch off, and our minds just fill in the details as we travel blindly to our destination. Faces on Chimneys, inscriptions on walls, old tram tracks outside houses, statues, bridges that no longer accept traffic, World War Two relics and reminders of a world gone by are all there, if only we knew where to look.

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I hope it gives you a better understanding of why I love Keighley and why there is so much of it besides the bits we think we all know.

Just to give you a taster of what is to come did you know that Utley is actually



mentioned in the Domesday Book in 1086. It was owned by a Viking named Vilts and was largely arable land. The name could either be because it was a 'ley' (a meadow) owned by Utta, or possibly because it was an outfield of Keighley. Without the aid of extra evidence we will probably never know for sure.

If you have any interesting items to share then please do email me at antony.silson@blueyonder.co.uk. as I'd love to hear about them. Next month we'll be looking at some of the stranger inscriptions on the wonderful buildings we have around here.

Antony Silson



Antony Silson loves walking with his two dogs, has a vast music collection, watches a lot of films, enjoys cheese and lives in Keighley. His show airs on Drystone Radio Sundays 5-7pm

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Sat 2nd March until Sun 21st April Bingley Art Society & Keighley Art Club Exhibition 2019 at Cliffe Castle Museum.

Thurs 7th & 21st March Games at St Thomas's Church, Sutton 11 am - 1pm. Drop in for a cuppa, Soup & a roll and your favourite board games.

Fri 8th March Film Night at Glusburn Community & Arts Centre Film starts 7pm The Post starring Tom Hanks & Meryl Streep. Tickets Adults £5

Fri 8th - until Sun 10th March Keighley & Worth Valley Railway Spring Steam Gala.

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Sun 31st March The Yorkshire Flea 9 am - 4pm at Skipton Auction Mart, Gargrave Road, Skipton An antique, vintage, collectable, mid-century and retro selling event.

Fri 5th April Film Night at Glusburn Community & Arts Centre Film starts 6.30pm **Peter Rabbit** (PG) Tickets Adults £5 Family £20 (2 adults 2 children).

Sat 6th April 11am - 3pm Haworth Artisan Food & Drink Market at The Old School Rooms (next to Bronte Parsonage). In support of Manorlands Hospice.

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Coconut & Cashew Curry



I love this time of year. Spring is bursting through all over. The snowdrops have been replaced by daffodils and crocuses, the birds are singing, and the days are getting longer. One thing I'm not so keen on, however, is the way the sunlight streams into my house highlighting my mucky windows and all the dusting I haven't done over winter;...a mammoth cleaning frenzy ensues. My spring-cleaning session also includes the fridge which, strangely enough, is the inspiration for this recipe!

A quick and simple curry that is perfect for any vegetables that need using up. I added sugar snap and garden peas, potatoes, kale, cabbage and spinach but you really can add anything. It's tasty and packed with goodness.

Ingredients

- 1 onion, roughly chopped
- 2 garlic clove
- 4cm ginger, roughly chopped
- 1 red chilli (optional), roughly chopped – remove the seeds if you don't like it hot
- Handful of coriander
- 15g coconut oil
- 2 tsp garam masala
- 2 tsp cumin
- 1 tin chopped tomatoes
- 1-2 stock cube
- 60g cashews, toasted and finely blended

- 50g coconut cream
 - 200g vegetables
 - 1 cup of basmati rice
 - Limes to serve
- METHOD**

Add the garlic, ginger, chilli and coriander stalks to a food processor and mix until smooth, then leave to one side.

Melt the oil in a wok or large frying pan over a medium to high heat. Add the onion and fry for 4 minutes, stirring regularly. Sprinkle in the garam masala, cumin, the paste you made and fry for 3-4 minutes. Pour in the tinned tomatoes, stock cube and enough water to create a nice sauce, bring to the boil.

Add the green veg and simmer for a further 2 mins, or longer depending on how crunchy you like your veg and season with salt if necessary. Finally, stir in the blitzed cashew nuts and coconut milk, sprinkle over the chopped coriander leaves and serve with rice or naan bread and lime.



Yorkshire born and bred, Amy Firth lives in the Worth Valley with her partner, 3 kids, Murphy the dog and several rescue hens. A life-long advocate for fairer food and farming, Amy is always in search of great veggie and vegan recipes which she shares on her Instagram page: @amy_firth78

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