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April showers bring May flowers. That is the phrase that comes to mind at this time of year! I especially enjoy walking through a wood with bluebells and wild garlic in bloom, it is such an amazing sensory experience; the cherry blossom is also a delight..but so fleeting. Take the opportunity to notice the flowers this month.

The Hive is Five and celebrating with Silsden Fun Day on June 8th; please mark your calendars and come along and join in this community event.(p5)

A special welcome to The Classroom, (p27) the hands-on workshop space... find a class and get stuck in! Have a lovely month of May.



Liz Barker, Editor



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Risi e Bisi (Rice & Peas)



Fresh peas are now in season, another sign that spring is finally here. The price of peas comes down quite quickly as May progresses so you may want to wait till later in the month to try cooking this dish.

Fresh peas are best for this recipe but you can use frozen. If so, reduce the weight of peas to 500g. Although the recipe uses risotto rice, it isn't a risotto as it doesn't need constantly stirring, it is much simpler. I like to serve this dish with chicken thighs, slathered in olive oil and simply grilled with a small knob of butter, a few good grinds of salt and black pepper and a little bit of balsamic vinegar drizzled over each portion once on the plate.

Ingredients

- 50g unsalted butter
- 1 small onion, peeled and finely chopped
- 1 kg of fresh peas, still in their pods
- Sea salt
- 1 litre of chicken stock (or vegetable stock if preferred)
- 200g risotto rice
- 1 bunch of flat leaf parsley, roughly chopped
- 75 g parmesan, grated
- Freshly ground black pepper

Method

First, pod yer peas!
Place a wide, heavy based sauté pan with a well-fitting lid over a medium flame. Add the butter and chuck in the chopped onion. Gently fry for a few minutes, stirring frequently until softened but not coloured. Now tip in the peas with a couple of pinches of sea salt, stir then pour in half of the chicken stock. Bring everything up to a gentle simmer, pop the lid on and cook over a low heat for ten minutes. Remove the lid, add your rice, chopped parsley and the remaining stock. Bring back to a slow simmer, stirring occasionally, pop the lid back on and cook over a low heat for fifteen minutes until the rice is nearly cooked. Remove the lid, stir and continue to simmer until all the stock has been absorbed. Chuck in the cheese and ground black pepper, stir well and serve.

~ Martin Lingard

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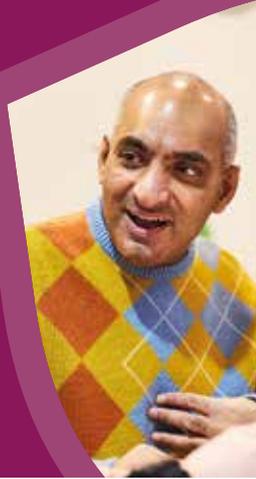
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In addition to all the effort that went into the Gala weekend, we are getting started on our 2024 programme of dining trains. We will offer a selection of afternoon tea options, including a Yorkshire twist on Italian Antipasto, a "Stoker's" version, and a modern and more traditional offering. We also have the return of the Haworth Haddock fish and chip supper trains.

We also hope to reopen the Old Parcels Office at Keighley soon as work on the refurbishment of Keighley Stations moves to the next phase. Please check the Railway's website for full details of our catering options and to book the special dining trains.

It's not just events that are taking our time this year. We are nearing the end of the project to open the Water Tower at

Keighley to visitors, a project funded by the Railway Heritage Trust and Town Deal, and you will see the cosmetically refurbished signal box at Keighley station looking resplendent now that the scaffolding has been removed. Work continues at Haworth as we prepare for the replacement of the bridge that takes the mainline over the river just outside the locomotive yard, a project for which we have provisionally been awarded a grant from the government's Community Ownership Fund.

With a Railway that is now over 150 years old, planned replacements and maintenance of this nature are an inevitable challenge of keeping the wheels turning, as is the increasing cost of overhauls of steam and diesel locomotives.

There are many jobs involved in running the Railway, from the front-of-house operating and station duties that you will see if you join us on board to the behind-the-scenes roles, including maintenance of the infrastructure, locomotives and rolling stock, and the administrative side of running a charity of our scale. If you can spare some time and would like to join our volunteering team, then please visit the website for full details on how to apply.

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Back in April, we welcomed **Sophia Hatfield** to the Museum. Sophia is our **Storyteller in Residence**, tasked with bringing the history surrounding the Brontës and the local area to life in imaginative and creative ways – and we have to say, she’s very good at it!

For a whole day, Sophia set up camp in the Servant’s Room, dressed in her “storytelling trousers”, shirt, and braces, and armed with an eclectic selection of everyday items.

Amongst other objects, she had a broom, a basket, a rug beater, and a couple of giant spools of thread. Using the items, she told wonderful stories to visitors of all ages as they stopped by the room.

But these weren’t just any stories. For months, Sophia has been researching folk tales associated with the Yorkshire area – tales the Brontës’ servant, Tabby, likely told the young siblings, captivating their minds and sparking a love of storytelling. Interwoven with beautiful singing, live accordion playing, and evocative strings on her violin, Sophia took our visitors on a journey to a Yorkshire we both know and don’t know anymore.

This was a time when boggarts existed – tricky creatures who love to help... as long as you don’t get on their wrong side! Not-so-wicked witches, magical waterfalls, and vengeful fairies all played their part, and there were a few familiar characters who cropped up in Sophia’s tales too – like Martha, the young girl the Brontës took on to help around the house.

Don’t worry if you missed it though – the session received some wonderful feedback from visitors and we’re looking forward to having Sophia back in the Museum in the



not-too-distant future...

In the meantime, Sophia’s teamed up with theatre designer Rachel Shore to create an immersive audio storytelling installation, which you can listen to year-round in the Servant’s Room. Like the day of live storytelling, this exhibition weaves traditional folk tales with everyday objects the young Brontës would have used – conjuring up mighty ship sails from old white shirts and deadly cutlasses from sewing needles. It’s a reminder of how children can transform the mundane into the extraordinary – a skill we never really lose... it just needs dusting off every now and then.

You can experience Sophia’s exhibition, ‘How to Build a Storyteller’, free with entry to the Museum. Find it in the Servant’s Room until 2 January 2025. visit bronte.org.uk/whats-on.

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Games Club Every Tuesday 1:30 - 3:30 pm. at Glusburn Institute. £2.50 per session.

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Sun 5th May 7am - 1pm Friends of Airedale Hospital Car Boot Sale West Car Park (P3).

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Sun 5th May 2- 4pm Music at Cliffe Castle Museum, Keighley

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