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The Aire Valley Mag is filled with so many wonderful things to do and see this month and beyond; workshops, concerts, classes, and activities galore. Enjoy what the community has to offer you and remember, when you use the local businesses and services in these pages, you are supporting the local economy.

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although it's not been without its challenges. In mid-March, we hosted a number of visiting steam locomotives as we held our Spring Steam Gala. The trains were packed, chosen vantage points, and the Worth Valley special spectacle as we had a snowstorm. details. Our volunteers rose magnificently to the challenge, some walking many miles to take up their rostered duty. Everyone pulled together and worked tirelessly to clear the The Flying Scotsman, to the Railway in May. point-work, signalling and stations of snow and to light, the fires in the steam engines well before dawn broke meaning that we are selling very fast), we are also planning were running trains on all four days of the "A Flying Scotsman Festival" as part of the event. Their efforts were rewarded with one loco's 100-year celebrations. Please visit the of the most impressive steam gala events in the Preservation Society's 60-year history. We have received many compliments and have been sent hundreds of fantastic photographs of the trains running through a winter wonderland in postcard-perfect scenes. Trying to convince our younger visitors that Santa wasn't about to appear was a bit tricky at times.

open the Old Parcels Office at Keighley on your doorstep. Don't forget to apply station for the 2023 season. We bought the for your Local Residents' Railcard to enjoy business in January 2020 and could only open for a few weeks before the various with us an even better value. lockdowns and issues with the station building meant we have had a series of ~ Matt Stroh enforced closures since its purchase. We

We have enjoyed a fabulous start to the year, are fully back on track with a new team and menu, so please do pop in when you travel with us. The Old Parcels Office is located on the bridge between platforms 3 and 4 at Keighley and offers a full food menu, a range photographers lined the Railway from their of speciality teas and coffees and a real-ale bar. It is open 9.30am - 5.30pm when the weather did not let us down to create a very Railway is operating, and our website has full

> In other news, we are very excited to welcome the nation's favourite locomotive, As well as train rides hauled by the star locomotive 25th-29th May (for which tickets website to get the latest details and book tickets for the Festival dates held in May during the locomotive's stay with us.

As well as the events programme and special trains, we continue to run our regular services every weekend and during the school holidays. Now that we have the Old Parcels Office up and running at Keighley, as well as the real-ale bar on board most The steam gala weekend also saw us re- trains, there is so much to do and enjoy right discounted travel, which makes your time,

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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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The March competition location was Guardian Security Installations, Keighley and the winner was Jill Crowther from East Morton.





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Sat Ist - I6th April East Riddlesden Hall Easter Trail. Complete the I0 activities from

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Sun 2nd April 10am - 4pm Aire Valley Railway Modellers Club Spring Open Day Dalton Lane opposite Dalton Lane.

Weds 5th April Keighley 3rd Age Group Meet at Action Point (formerly Temple Row Centre) at 10am. Free refreshments. Speaker Chris Helm. Holidays from the past. Further details regarding this group please contact the David Boddy 07979799527 email:d.r.boddy@btinternet.com. Sun 9th & Mon 10th April Afternoon Tea KWVR bookings www.

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Our local hospital is in desperate need of a rebuild

Keighley and Ilkley MP Robbie Moore updates readers on his campaign for a new **Airedale Hospital**



Home to a fantastic team of doctors, nurses and NHS staff, the heroes at Airedale Hospital consistently go above and beyond to serve our area. But if there is one thing that we have known for a long, long time, it's that the original hospital building – which was built in the late 1960s with a planned life expectancy of 30 years - is falling apart.

That is why when I was elected as the Member of Parliament for Keighley and Ilkley, I launched my campaign for a full rebuild of Airedale Hospital and to date have lobbied the government on this campaign more than anything else. Whether that was holding a personal debate on Airedale Hospital in Parliament, lobbying the Prime Minister at PMQs and in separate forums, or holding meetings with the Department of Health and Social Care, I have made it clear to every level of government that sticking plaster solutions for our brilliant local hospital simply will not do.



I want readers to know that my campaign is making progress.

After visiting Airedale Hospital twice more in February to hear from the Airedale NHS Foundation Trust about how a rebuild could drastically improve the quality of health services in our area, I held a trio of meetings with the Prime Minister, our Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and the Minister in charge of Hospital Rebuilding.

In March, I met with the Chancellor to make economic case for a new hospital, with a further meeting with the Prime Minister soon to come.

During these meetings, I make sure the government hears about what we here in Keighley, Ilkley, Silsden, the Worth Valley know far too well: Our hospital was built with a planned life expectancy of 30 years. It has now been over 50 years. Our hospital is constructed from over 83% aerated concrete – a material known for its dangerous structural defects. Our hospital has over 50,000 aerated concrete panels running through its walls, floors, and roof - that's five times more than any other hospital in the UK. Whilst I recognise that it is a huge sum of funds I am lobbying for, a full rebuild of Airedale Hospital is about the future of health care provision in our area for generations to come.

And so, as your MP, I will not stop lobbying the government at every level to deliver on this campaign.

∼ Robbie Moore MP for Keighley and Ilkley

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BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM

Having faithfully read Worth Valley Magazine from cover to cover since moving to Haworth last year, it's a real privilege to be making a contribution on behalf of the Brontë Parsonage Museum in my new role as Digital Content and Marketing Officer. It's a rather long job title but to put it simply, my



A love of the landscape grew into an appreciation for the history and sense of community here. I've made regular visits to Haworth throughout my adult life, always making time for a trip to the Museum followed by an amble down Main Street and a pint in one of the many brilliant pubs on offer.

This special place has long captured my imagination, so you can imagine my delight when the opportunity came up to join the team here at the Brontë Parsonage Museum. I'm endlessly inspired by the range of activity and creativity happening in the Worth Valley and I believe the Museum plays an important part in that. The Museum



Carla Kingham is the new Digital Content and Marketing Officer at the Brontë Parsonage Museum and local Haworth resident.

is a place for everyone, and there's always something new to explore.

We've got a fantastic programme of events coming up, but I'm particularly looking forward to the **Creative Writing and Nature Art Workshop** on Saturday 22nd April led by local poet and land artist Winston Plowes. In this 2-hour interactive session, Winston will encourage

visitors to venture beyond the walls of the Museum and connect with the wild inspiration that lies on our doorstep. You don't need to be an artist to take



part, far from it! All that's required is a little curiosity and a keen sense of adventure...

I'll certainly be pulling on my walking shoes, hope to see you there. Scan for more information:



carla.kingham@bronte.org.uk

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Apart from being one of my favourite things to cook, eat and serve to guests, this is also one of the cheapest Sunday dinners you can cook; you should be able to buy a 2kg "corner" gammon joint for about $\pounds 12 - \pounds 13$ which will feed 6 people very well with leftovers for a good soup too. You'll definitely save money by going to a proper butcher rather than a supermarket here.

Ingredients

- 2kg "corner" gammon joint
- 2 large carrots
- I large leek
- I large onion
- 8 cloves, salt, nutmeg
- 2 dozen or so black peppercorn
- 300ml milk
- I small onion
- 50g butter
- 50g plain flour
- 100ml double cream

900g bag of frozen chopped spinach

Method

Get the biggest stovetop pot you've got, put the gammon in it, fill with cold water and bring to the boil. Whilst you're waiting, roughly chop the carrots, leek and celery, peel the large onion and stud with 6 of your cloves.

When the pot boils, drain, rinse the gammon joint, and return the gammon to the pot with the carrots, leek, celery and onion / cloves and peppercorns, cover with water again and bring back up to a very gentle simmer. Let the joint simmer gently for 2-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours. Test it's done by pushing a skewer right through it. If it is done, this should require little effort.

Meanwhile, put the frozen spinach in a pan, cover with water, bring to the boil and drain the spinach into a large sieve to drain then transfer into a bowl and set aside.

Now put the milk in a pan, together with the peeled and chopped small onion, 2 cloves and a pinch of salt, bring to the boil then put to one side to infuse for several minutes.

Wash & dry the pan you boiled your spinach in and melt the butter over a low heat, once melted, add your flour, and stir gently for a minute or two. Remove from the heat, strain the milk into the pan, whisk thoroughly then return to the heat, stirring until thickened. Cook over a very low heat for five minutes or so before adding the spinach, cream, nutmeg and ground black pepper, stir to mix, and keep warm over a low heat.

Take three or four ladles of the broth from the ham pot and put into a small pan, boil vigorously over a high heat until reduced in volume by a third.

Slice and serve the ham with the creamed spinach, and some boiled and buttered potatoes and carrots, drizzle a couple of spoonsful of the reduced broth over the sliced ham. A bit of English mustard on the side is good too in my opinion.

If you want to make a really good soup the following day, drain and reserve the remaining broth, let it cool to room temperature then cover and refrigerate.

To make the soup, bring the broth back to a simmer and add about 300 / 400 g of red lentils, any remaining shredded ham. If you have any boiled potatoes left over, dice them and chuck them in yer pot. Add a couple of teaspoons of mild curry powder. Simmer gently for 30 minutes until the lentils are cooked. You can adjust the thickness of the soup to your taste by simmering longer to thicken, or by adding water to make more "soupy". I like to add some shredded white cabbage and cooking for another 5-10 minutes, then you've got yourself a second meal which is really good served with crusty bread, butter and some cheese.



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