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## Christmas Treecycle scheme raises a tree-mendous more than £87,000 for Sue Ryder

National healthcare charity, Sue Ryder, is thanking people across Yorkshire for supporting its Christmas Treecycle initiative, helping them to raise a total of more than £87,000 for families needing their care.

The green scheme which took place earlier this month saw the palliative, neurological and bereavement support charity, Sue Ryder, which operates Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice in Oxenhope near Keighley, and their treely amazing volunteers, collect real Christmas trees direct from people's front garden or driveway in return for a donation.

The collected trees were then chipped and recycled as mulch with some trees being used for biofuel and others for eco piles in woodland. This meant that residents who chose to Treecycle were not only helping to raise vital funds for Sue Ryder, but also helping to reduce landfill.

Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice worked with 50 volunteers including Young Farmers from throughout the district and were kindly supported by three big-hearted corporate partners - Skipton Self Drive, Keighley Tree Services and Greenlands Turf & Top Soil.

The 2100 trees collected from across Keighley, Airedale, Wharfedale and The Dales were a huge part of the 5822 trees gathered right across the country by Sue Ryder. Overall the scheme has raised a fir-tastic £87,391 for the charity so far with more donations coming in, which will go towards helping continue its expert



and compassionate palliative care and bereavement support.

Andrew Wood, Community Fundraising Manager at Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice, said: "We want to say a huge thank you to the local community for supporting our Christmas Treecycle scheme this year. It can be difficult to know what to do with your real tree once the festivities are over, but by recycling with us and making kind donations, you have helped to reduce landfill and raise vital funds so that we can continue to be there for families when it matters.

"We also want to show our appreciation to all of our volunteers for donating their time and for their incredible efforts and hard work – without their support we really couldn't make the initiative happen."

*Find out more about fundraising events for Sue Ryder in 2023 by viewing the events calendar at [sue Ryder.org/eventcalendar2023](http://sue Ryder.org/eventcalendar2023) or by contacting the fundraising team at Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice with any queries on **01535 640430** or email: [manorlands.fundraising@sue Ryder.org](mailto:manorlands.fundraising@sue Ryder.org)*



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### 2. It's Great to Get Outdoors

When you play a round of golf, you'll spend that time outside. Some benefits of being outdoors include:

- Sleep better
- Lower blood pressure
- Decreased depression
- Boost creative thinking
- Less anxiety

Being in a beautiful location where you can take in nature doesn't hurt, either!

### 3. Make New Friends

While there's nothing wrong with playing golf with a friend, another benefit of playing golf is that you can make new friends. One of the easiest ways to do that is to sign up for one of our **Beginners courses**. Before you know it, you'll be enjoying a celebratory drink with a new friend or two after a session at the club.

### 4. Improve Business Relationships

The best place to make that new business deal may be the golf course. Why? Simple. Golf is a game played by many business people. As you're making new friends on the course, you may end up finding others in similar industries that you can work with; that's a great bonus!

### 5. Relaxation

The game itself can also help you relax. This is particularly true if you're playing by yourself. When it's just you, your club, and the ball, it's easy to allow the rest of your problems to slip away. You can focus only on the problem at hand, which is getting that ball into the hole. Sometimes, it's taking that time away from your daily routines that allows you to put things into perspective. Then, you can return with a refreshed mind to calmly resolve problems.

### 6. Better Health

All of these things put together will help you improve your health out on the golf course. The

Ever thought of taking up golf?  
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~ **Matt Stroh**  
Keighley & Worth Valley Railway Chairman

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Howard was particularly keen to provide opportunities for youngsters to experience orchestral playing.

In 2017 The Settle Orchestral Society developed a partnership with the Royal Northern College of Music (RNCM), who recommend each year a conducting student. This season's conductor is Xinjie Yang from China who has already made her mark with an ambitious programme of Schubert and Tchaikovsky. The partnership gives the organisation access to some very talented instrumental and vocal soloists, another way of encouraging young musicians.

Settle Orchestral Society is fortunate in having two very experienced co-principals – Anne Heaton (violin), who has for many years taught in music centres in the region; and Bob Buller (cello), who will be playing Tchaikovsky's Rocooco Variations at the next concert.

The Society is always glad to hear from



Xinjie Yang, student conductor of Settle Orchestra

anyone who might like to join Settle Orchestra or write music for them. They particularly welcome young instrumentalists and composers, and currently have vacancies for string and brass players. Rehearsals take place on Friday evenings in Settle. They sometimes need additional players for specific concerts and would be happy to hear from any local professionals interested in playing.

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## A Brief For The Defense

By Jack Gilbert

Sorrow everywhere. Slaughter everywhere. If babies are not starving someplace, they are starving somewhere else. With flies in their nostrils. But we enjoy our lives because that's what God wants. Otherwise the mornings before summer dawn would not be made so fine. The Bengal tiger would not be fashioned so miraculously well. The poor women at the fountain are laughing together between the suffering they have known and the awfulness in their future, smiling and laughing while somebody in the village is very sick. There is laughter every day in the terrible streets of Calcutta, and the women laugh in the cages of Bombay. If we deny our happiness, resist our satisfaction, we lessen the importance of their deprivation. We must risk delight. We can do without pleasure, but not delight. Not enjoyment. We must have the stubbornness to accept our gladness in the ruthless furnace of this world. To make injustice the only measure of our attention is to praise the Devil. If the locomotive of the Lord runs us down, we should give thanks that the end had magnitude. We must admit there will be music despite everything. We stand at the prow again of a small ship anchored late at night in the tiny port looking over to the sleeping island: the waterfront is three shuttered cafés and one naked light burning. To hear the faint sound of oars in the silence as a rowboat comes slowly out and then goes back is truly worth all the years of sorrow that are to come.

American Poet, Jack Gilbert (1925 ~ 2012), wrote compellingly about passion, loss and loneliness. His poems are filled with a sense of wonder at existence and with his surprise at finding happiness – despite grief, struggle and alienation – in a life spent in luminous understanding of his own blessings and shortcomings. His work is both a rebellious assertion of clarity and a profound affirmation of the world in all its aspects.\*

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## How Full Is Your Stress Bucket?



At this time of year our thoughts often focus on our physical health but when did you last check-in on your mental health? Did you know that everytime you have a negative thought cross your mind, it goes into your metaphorical 'stress bucket?' And it doesn't matter if it is a real or imagined thought because your mind will store it either way. Just by thinking that something might go wrong, or watching something scary, will create anxiety in your mind, as the subconscious mind cannot tell the difference between what is real and what is imagined. For example, if you worry about a meeting at work fifty times and then have the meeting and it actually goes well, your mind will have stored fifty instances of it happening negatively and only one instance of it happening positively and anxiety will slowly start to build unnecessarily. Negative thoughts and feelings accumulate and store in our minds as a form of protection. This was really useful in days gone by when we needed to respond to dangers in our world, but nowadays those thoughts are often not relevant to our survival and therefore we don't need to build up this protective fear any longer. Our brains respond to this accumulation of stress in a variety of different ways. For some people they find themselves getting angry and irritated much more easily than they used to. Others are likely to notice

an increase in anxiety symptoms, whereas others may find that depressive symptoms such as low mood and avoidance become more common. And a full 'stress bucket' can also impact your physical health as you become stuck in a chronic state of stress which negatively impacts the immune system. There are countless studies which show the impact of positive thinking. However, when you feel stuck in a rut it can be hard to change your perspective on things and those thought patterns can be really hard to shift on your own.

My name is Sharon Thompson and I am an accredited professional Hypnotherapist based in Haworth. I use Solution Focused Hypnotherapy to work with people to help them empty their 'stress bucket' and keep it empty. By doing this it means that the rational part of the mind remains in control and they are able to avoid issues such as anxiety, anger and depression as well some more specific symptoms such as insomnia, phobias and weight gain.

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# BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM

As I write, it's very busy 'behind the scenes' at the Museum! Decorators are painting, electricians are PAT testing, shop stock is being counted and our world-famous collection of Brontë manuscripts, letters and books is being dusted and checked for signs of damage or deterioration. While maintenance and curatorial work happens throughout the year, January is our main conservation period when the historic rooms are emptied of their valuable artefacts, deep cleaned and then reinstated, often with different items on display. It's a meticulously planned operation but we can never be sure what each new day will bring!

January is also the time when we carry out much of our staff training. This year, as well as evacuation procedures, collection care and disaster planning, some of our staff will be learning to use Makaton, a form of communication using speech and symbols, enabling us to interact with our youngest visitors, or those with learning difficulties, in an accessible and welcoming way. We're also looking forward to a team away day to Dove Cottage in Grasmere.

Preparations are also well underway for our new exhibition, **'The Brontës and the Wild'**. When Patrick Brontë brought his young family to the bleak hilltop village of Haworth in 1820, the wild beauty of the moorlands surrounding the Parsonage cast its spell, and became central to the creative lives of his children. Charlotte, Emily, Branwell and Anne came to share their father's love of nature, and his stories of the countryside captured their imaginations. Our 2023 exhibition considers how landscape, weather and the natural world play an important role in the lives and work of the Brontës.

A central element of the exhibition is the

Brontë family's annotated copy of Thomas Bewick's **'A History of British Birds'**, recently acquired by the Museum from the Blavatnik Honresfield Library. Other highlights include poetry manuscripts by Emily and Charlotte, early printed works by Patrick Brontë, copies from Bewick by Emily and Charlotte and first editions of 'Poems' by Currer, Ellis and Acton Bell and 'Wuthering Heights'. Two wood blocks on loan from the Wordsworth Trust will also be on display.



Rebecca Yorke, Director, Brontë Parsonage Museum

Have you seen 'Emily', the new Brontë-inspired film by Frances O'Connor, yet? Our 2023 displays will also include items from the film, including the dress worn by actress Emma Mackey, and a signed copy of the screenplay.

To complement the new displays, we are really excited to present **'Secret Life in the South Pennines'**, an exhibition of woodcuts and charcoal drawings by Angie Rogers. Angie's work echoes that of Bewick, and depicts the flora and fauna of the local landscape.

And, coming up later in the spring is **'Hardy and Free'**, an exciting new commission by Bradford based photographer **Carolyn Mendelsohn** – not to be missed. Finally, don't forget to look out for our events to celebrate International Women's Day, including our first **Big Brontë Book Swap** at the **Old School Room in Haworth on Saturday 11 March**. Bring a book, tell someone why you enjoyed it over a cup of tea, and take a different book home with you!

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## Ingredients (Serves 6)

- Oil
- 1 medium/ large onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 pack of pork sausages, skinned
- 1 tsp Paprika
- 1 tsp fennel seeds
- 1 tsp Cumin
- 1 tsp Coriander
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- ½ tsp Chilli powder
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 tbsp chopped fresh rosemary (or 1 tsp dried)
- 2 x 400g tins of plum tomatoes
- Salt & pepper
- 300g penne pasta
- 150ml double cream
- 50g grated parmesan (plus extra to serve)

## Method

This is best cooked in a large sauté pan. Heat the oil and gently sauté the onion and garlic until soft and golden. Add the skinned sausage meat, turn up the heat and start to mash the sausage meat, adding all the herbs and spices as you go. This should take about 15 minutes, stirring frequently to prevent sticking. If it starts to stick to the bottom of your pan, lower the heat. Add the tinned tomatoes, stir well and cook slowly for a further 10 minutes. Season with salt and black pepper. Boil the penne pasta according to the pack instructions, drain and add to the sauce. Add the cream and parmesan, heat through and serve in warm bowls with extra parmesan and a green salad.

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