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March is a transitional time in the year. With spring in sight, our hopes are elevated; the occasional burst of sunlight brings much desired warmth. But we don't want to get too giddy, as so often winter whips its tail with a cold snap and a biting frost before it succumbs to spring. Patience must prevail.

In the mean time, sow your seeds indoors and prepare for the green months ahead.

We showcase the recent Royal Visit on the centre spread this month. And the Bronte Parsonage continue with their History of the Museum in 10 Objects.

For those involved in the Tourism industry, we are hosting a Forum during English Tourism Week. See page 12 for more details..

Have a great month. Liz



Liz Barker editor

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Brontë Parsonage Museum at 90

A History of the Museum in 10 Objects



The Brontë family dining table

The importance of writers' tables to literary history is indisputable and in the Brontë Parsonage's collection is a table like no other. Without context, it is a normal looking, mahogany, drop-leaf table. But the well-loved, ink-stained table is not normal. Within the Parsonage, at the edge of the wild Yorkshire moorland, Charlotte, Emily, and Anne Brontë gathered at their dining table and wrote several of the most iconic novels in the world.

As a Museum Assistant at the Parsonage, I am a Brontë fan lucky enough to work in the home where they lived, and to regularly see and care for the table upon which Jane Eyre, Wuthering Heights, and Agnes Grey were written. To me, the table is a central item in the collection of Brontëana which has returned to the Parsonage since the 1861 auction, after Patrick Brontë's death. The dining room in which the table lives is amazingly curated to appear as though the Brontës have just stepped out. The table takes up most of the room's space and visitors often spend a while taking it in. With other personal collection items on display such as Anne's writing desk, Charlotte's shawl, and Brontë glasses, standing in the dining room is often a moving experience.

In the Parsonage, I often contemplate time and history, and the inexplicable feeling of standing in a place of historical value, considering past events and people. It is as if the present is layered over the past. That feeling is strongest for me when I see the table. To imagine the Brontë sisters there, sharing ideas, laughing, and engaging in private conversations now lost to time, is extremely special. At the table, they wrote because it was their passion, having no idea what their novels would become. The table was part of their home, as unremarkable to them as our dining tables are to us. But through determination, talent, genius, and persistence, the dining table in the Brontë Parsonage is not just a normal, mahogany, drop-leaf table. It is an iconic symbol of the imagination of women triumphing in a time of strict social conventions. The table brings closer the layers between the past and the present, and if you happen to locate the letter 'E' etched into the surface, the layers might melt away, and you'll feel the extraordinary presence in the dining room. A presence of what was and of what still means so much to us individually, and to literary history to this day.

Esther White, Museum Assistant

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SMITHY'S TECH TIPS

By Liam Smith

So, let's say you've finally entered the world of ultrafast broadband with speeds up to 100Mbps, and you've had the privilege of eye watering download and upload speeds. But that's just one hurdle out of the way; what many of us have probably encountered at some point or another, is the lack of wireless coverage or signal to supply the connection around the house.

Whilst having ultrafast broadband is half the battle, being able to distribute it around the house entirely is another uphill struggle for many of us. Without a sufficient signal,

the performance of the broadband will deteriorate accordingly and the dreaded buffering wheel is back to haunt once again.

Factors that can hinder wireless coverage range from where the router is placed whereby the signal emitted is obstructed by a wall or another obstacle of sorts, interference from other electronic devices, the frequency in which the router operates on, the operating channel and so forth. The building material also plays a key role in obstructing a wireless signal, despite the antenna being omnidirectional, the signal travels much easier vertically than it does

WIRELESS COVERAGE

horizontally because of wooden floors as opposed to thick concrete walls which are notoriously impervious to a wireless signal.

Not all of these factors are avoidable, but there are solutions to circumvent this should you require it. Powerline adapters are a very robust alternative for extending wireless coverage around the house, it works by sending signals across a home's electrical wiring, without causing any interference to anything else on the circuit. This enables for a 'no new wires' approach to increasing wireless coverage around the home. Another workaround for poor signal is to use wireless repeaters that capture



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The aim is to bring businesses and organisations together that are involved in the local tourism economy. Guest houses, accommodation providers, restaurants, shops, pubs, tour guides, VIC, Event hosts, and organisations that welcome visitors to Brontë Country are all welcome to participate as well as colleagues with similar activities in the Calder Valley.

The first part of the Forum will focus on current developments in Haworth & the surrounding areas followed by a social media workshop led by Susan Briggs from The Tourism Network. There will be an emphasis on working collaboratively both within Brontë Country and across the South Pennines. Refreshments and a light lunch will be served.

Booking is essential. For more details visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk> Search: Worth Valley Tourism Forum

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Keighley Community Led Local Development (CLLD) has been successful in securing European Structural Investments funds of 2.4million to deliver a £4.8 million programme in Keighley to stimulate economic growth and jobs.

Some of the most deprived areas of the town will receive matched EU funding via the Fund to support activity that addresses local needs and opportunities over the next five years.

This funding zone includes Braithwaite, Bracken Bank, Hainworth Wood, Highfield, Ingrow, Knowle Park, Lawkholme, Parkwood, Fell Lane and Showfield.

Keighley MP John Grogan said that small businesses, start-ups and the long-term unemployed would be among those to benefit when the delivery programme starts in the summer. He said: "There is a lot of entrepreneurial talent in these communities and often all that is needed is a hand up to make a fresh start either in a new job or in starting a new business.

"Ironically this important initiative may well be one of the last acts of the European Union in Keighley during our membership."

Airedale Enterprise Services, Keighley's local enterprise agency will deliver the project in Keighley & Bradford Council will oversee the project.

The Keighley CLLD area has been granted £1.4 million European Regional Development Fund from the Department of Communities and Local Government, and European Social Fund cash of £1 million from the Department of Work and Pensions. When matched with local funding this has the potential to deliver a £4.8 million programme.



View of Keighley (Source: AES)

Wendy Spencer, vice-chairman of Keighley CLLD, said she was "absolutely delighted" that Keighley had been awarded the funding. "Our aim is to make the area a better place to live, work, start new business and help existing businesses to grow. Skills development and job creation is a priority."

"The Local Action Group together with the support team at Airedale Enterprise Services will be working hard over the next few weeks to get the plan into shape so that commissioning of projects can begin in the summer.

The project will be funded through the England European Regional Development Fund as part of the European Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme 2014-2020.

Residents & businesses within the 3 wards of Keighley East, West & Central will be invited to a launch event in April, so watch this space for details of how you can get involved.

For more information or to register your interest in attending the launch please contact Lynne Henry on 01535 607775 or keep checking our website www.airedaleenterprise.org.uk

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Sudoku Puzzles

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To solve a sudoku puzzle, each row of nine squares must contain the numbers 1 through 9. Each column must also contain the numbers 1 through 9, and each box must contain the numbers 1 through 9. See page 20 for answers.



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The Duchess arrived from her visit to our friends at the Parsonage in a very impressive vintage 'bus, and we started her time with us in Haworth Yard. We gave the



Duchess a tour of the workshops where she met members of our locomotive department, including several who were in the middle of workshop duties and had just been greasing parts to install on our latest overhaul project, but it was great that Camilla was keen to meet as many volunteers as possible including those who had not had time to brush up for the occasion!

The Duchess was introduced to one of our most recently-qualified footplate crew members, Tom Kay, and to cross the generations, in the party she met at Oxenhope was his grandfather, David Kay, who has just stepped down after more than fifty years on the Board of Directors.

Before we boarded the special train at Haworth, The Duchess greeted many well-wishers outside Haworth station,



and in the booking hall was introduced to our Young Person's volunteers group, who performed brilliantly on the day to make sure that the train was meticulously prepared and that the Duchess and her entourage made it safely on and off the train. The Duchess, having assured me that she was a fan of The Railway Children film, enjoyed a ride in the Old Gentleman's saloon that starred in the film. The Duchess made a point of meeting the crew of the 1899-vintage locomotive that hauled the Royal train from Haworth to Oxenhope, and despite the light coloured coat she was wearing, was keen to step on to the footplate.

It was on the journey from Haworth to Oxenhope that Bill was introduced to the Duchess and discussed the filming of The Railway Children and we presented her with Railway Children gifts for the Royal Family to enjoy. At Oxenhope we met a further group of volunteers, before having just a few minutes to tour the Exhibition Shed and see the very locomotive that



starred in The Railway Children film.

This has been a very special start to our year of celebration, which we continue with the steam gala 9th - 11th March and the special 50th Anniversary event 24th June - 1st July.

- Matt Stroh KWVR

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Inside Cliffe Castle Park

by Antony Silson

For many years I lived near Cliffe Castle Park. It became both a very familiar place, and somewhere that was ever-changing. To go there so frequently meant I could watch the seasons change and feel part of the cycle of nature. I would take our dog for a walk across the vast field, collect conkers and leaves with my young sons, and marvel at the magnificent colours that were always changing. Is there anymore wonderful experience than standing in the tunnel of Cherry Blossom when it is in full bloom?



Sadly, as the years passed it became to feel a little down at heel, fewer people seemed to be there and where once it had been full of life it began to feel tired. It did seem at one point that the whole park was on a downward spiral and that it would become another unloved relic of a much more opulent past.

But now, thanks to the National Lottery and some smart thinking by local councillors, the park has been handed a completely new lease of life. There has been much talk of the restoration of the



glass cupola and the new café for which there is a lot of expectation, but I would commend the restoration of the park just as much. Parks can be both little havens of solitude, and somewhere you can go to blow off steam.

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Cliffe Castle park is on the outskirts of Keighley off the A629 Skipton Road. Approximately 12-25 minutes walk from the railway station, 6-15 minutes walk from the bus station. Buses (for example Bradford to Skipton) pass the lower main gates. The 903 bus service operates from Keighley Bus Station and serves Cliffe Castle on a limited basis.

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Every Monday 10 - 12noon **Drop in Coffee Morning** at **St James Church Hall, Cross Roads**.

Stanbury Residents Group 2pm at **St Gabriels Church, Stanbury**.

Every Tuesday 12.15pm **Oakworth Senior Citizens Luncheon Club** at **Oakworth Methodist Church, Lidget**.

Thurs 1st Feb until 31st Dec **Bronte**

Sat 3rd March 10am Lees Methodist Church St Davids Day/Easter Coffee Morning.

Sat 3rd March 2 - 5pm West Lane Baptist Church The Little Haworth Bake Off.

Mon 5th to Sat 10th March Keighley Playhouse The Hollow a thriller by Agatha Christie.

Tues 6th March Cross Roads & Lees Church & Chapel Ladies Group 7.30pm at St James' Church Hall, Cross Roads. **Fun Quiz** - admission £1.50. Everyone Welcome.

Fri 9th - Sun 11th March KWVR Spring Steam Gala.

Sat 10th March 2-4pm West Lane Baptist Church, Haworth Stanbury and District WI's Relaxing Afternoon Tombola, Bric-a-brac. Tea/coffee and cake £2 adult £1 child Proceeds to West Lane Baptist Church and Marie Curie.

Sat 10th & Sun 11th March Keighley Model Railway Club 42nd Annual Exhibition 10am - 4.30pm **University Academy Keighley, Greenhead Road**. Fun packed family weekend.

Thurs 15th March 7-30 pm Oxenhope Methodist Women's Fellowship Slides-walk round the head of the Worth Valley. Meetings held Oxenhope Chapel everyone welcome.

Thurs 15th March Oxenhope Gardening Club at 7.30 pm in the **Oxenhope Community Centre, Shaw Lane, Oxenhope**. The speaker for the evening will be Michael Myers. Michael is a lecturer at Craven College, Harrogate and talks extensively to groups on a wide range of horticultural topics. He is also owns half an acre of garden which includes bog plants, shade lovers, a formal rose garden, raised beds, an Alpine house, frames and a small fernery. Michael will be giving a talk on Wild Flower Gardens with Style.

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Thurs 22nd March New Acts Comedy Night 7.30pm at **Cafe Choux Choux, Keighley**. Tickets £5 can be purchased at The Cricketers Pub, Café Choux Choux or via the Facebook page. We are looking for and welcome any new acts, so if you're an aspiring comedian interested in giving it a go and getting involved contact 07704560070. Raising money for Manorlands Hospice.

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Sat 7th April Groovy Happenings at Parkside Social Club.

Tues 10th April Cross Roads & Lees Church & Chapel Ladies Group 7.30pm at St James' Church Hall, Cross Roads. **Stanley R Boardman**. Speaker Tim Neal of Keighley & District Local History Society. Admission £1.50. Everyone Welcome.

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- 6 oz. clear honey
- Finely grated zest of 3 lemons
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 4 eggs, separated
- 150 g almond flour (or 150 grams almonds, blitzed into flour)
- 120 g , polenta
- 4-5 oz. ricotta
- 60 g flaked (slivered) almonds

PREPARATION

Preheat the oven to 325°F. Line the base of an 8-inch springform tin with baking parchment and set aside.

Place the butter, half of the honey, the lemon zest and vanilla in a bowl and use an electric mixer to beat everything until creamy.

Add the egg yolks and continue to beat for a further minute. Add the almond flour, polenta and ricotta and fold everything together.

Whisk the egg whites in a separate bowl until softly peaking in a separate bowl. Add the remaining honey and continue whisking until peaking again and well blended.

Slowly fold the egg whites into the cake mixture. Turn the mixture into the prepared cake tin and sprinkle the flaked almonds evenly over the top. Bake for 40 to 50 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. The center of the cake might look slightly wobbly at first, but it will firm up when the cake cools down.

Leave to cool completely before removing it from the tin.

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