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Brontë eBikes is the brain child of two local Worth Valley residents, Charlie and Chris, from Oakworth and Haworth respectfully. Both are keen cyclists and runners who have noticed that the body is not the same as the years go by, so they decided to try eBikes to find some extra support to cope with the ups and downs of the challenging Brontë hills. Realising that there was an opportunity in the visitor economy as well as for locals to benefit from an eBike experience, they decided to set up Brontë eBikes, a rental business, in Spring 2022, based in Haworth. The founders were determined not to skimp on quality. After serious consideration about which bikes to use, they teamed up with Giant Halifax and chose the Giant Fathom Pro, which has proven rugged enough to deal with the back waters of Haworth and the surrounding terrain. Mark (Giant) was kind enough to teach the pair servicing skills. All bikes receive daily checks upon hire

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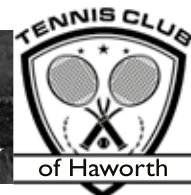
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July/Aug/Sept & Oct is **Welly Walk** at **Bolton Abbey**. 3rd Sunday of a month is the **Artisan Markets at Haworth Central Park** 10 am - 3pm.

Sun 4th Sept 2pm **Free concerts** take place at the Central Park Bandstand in Haworth, Haworth Band

Fri 9th until Sun 18th Sept **Saltaire Festival** Featuring exhibitions, music, arts and crafts, children's activities, markets, fairs, food and drink, comedy and spoken word, dance and theatre.

Sat 10th Sept **Keighley Carnival Gala** with parade, rides, shows & fun fair at Victoria Park. Parade from Church Green at 12.30 pm

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Fri 16th Sept **Haworth Community Cinema** is showing **Belfast 12A 7.30pm** at West Lane Baptist Centre, Haworth.

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Thurs 22nd Sept **Oxenhope Antiques & Collectors Society 7.30pm** at **Oxenhope Community Centre**, Shaw Lane, BS22 9LH. Speaker: Irene Lofthouse - Strange Tales on Bradford Dale. We have Speakers on many interesting subjects, not all about antiques. Visitors welcome - contact Christine on 07974 785489

Fri 23rd - Sun 25th Sept **Bronte Festival of Women's Writing in Haworth Village**. This year's festival celebrates female writers and artists who create work which pushes boundaries. See details on page 10/11.

Tues 4th Oct 2.00 pm **Methodist Chapel, West Drive, Oxenhope. Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association** - Worth Valley branch Open Meeting when the speaker will be Colin Alderson a former Royal Pastry Chef. Visitors welcome.

Sat 8th Oct **Starlight Hike** sign up today sueryder.org/starlightworthvalley (see p12)

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The Brontë Parsonage Behind the scenes at the Museum

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From poetry workshops and Q&A's, to live music and more, there's something for all the family at the 2022 Brontë Festival of Women's Writing. **Want to get crafty and explore the Brontë sisters' challenges to the patriarchy?** Then Sarah-Joy Ford's **Banner Making workshop** is for you! Have you ever wondered what a **Brontë-inspired meal** might look like? Then Rosemary Shrager's **Cooking and Writing event** at Haworth's

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Haworth's Main Street and beyond. Join us for the entire festival with our **£55 In Person Weekend Ticket**, which gets



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It's officially Christmas!

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If it's a bit too much to talk about Christmas already, how about beer and music? As we move out of the period of 7-day per week running, we turn the Railway over to our civil maintenance team, who will spend at least a full week working whilst the Railway isn't running on planned infrastructure projects, whether track replacement, re-ballasting or a whole range of other activities that keep the 150+-year-old Railway operational. We run passenger trains on Wednesday and weekends during the post-summer period, whilst we prepare for what I promised earlier... the very popular Beer & Music Festival, which runs from Thursday 13th to Sunday 16th October. We are selling advance tickets, including those that offer a local residents' discount, and with the event at capacity last year, we recommend you purchase tickets in advance in case we have to turn people away on the day. Successful events such as the Christmas specials and the Beer & Music weekend make volunteering so worthwhile, as those of us in the 700+ strong group give our time so freely – and plentifully! – to keep the increasingly-elderly wheels turning.

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Displaced persons, leaving their homeland with nothing but the clothes on their backs, arriving at the local Displaced Persons camp in Silsden.

After leaving the camps Ukrainians built their lives in the district amongst diverse communities. Interacting with other

cultures and amongst themselves, the Ukrainian community came together and became part of the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain in 1948.

Initially renting premises in Fleece Street, Keighley, which was their social centre, the community grew and when they needed a bigger premises they purchased Mayfield House in Keighley. People from all communities would attend concerts, dances, weddings and other events

at the centre. The Keighley Ukrainian community had a choir, a dance group and a Ukrainian School for its young people. Over the years the community got smaller, and moved to a smaller premises in Henry Street, Keighley town centre.

The **'Keighley Ukrainian Cultural and Community Centre'** is now run by Keighley's second and third generations of Ukrainians. The heritage and traditions are lovingly shared and celebrated.



Local business champion Shell Cyhanko (left) from Red Dog Pest Control, is an active member of the Keighley AUGB and is pictured here with Morrisons' contact, Nicole, to provide food and other provisions for the local Ukrainian Refugees.

Sadly, in February this year hostilities widened in Ukraine and the whole of the country was again under threat. Thankfully, the Ukrainian Centre in Keighley opened its doors for refugees and hosts. **Every Thursday between 11am and 1pm it holds 'get to know each other' sessions for the Ukrainians who have fled their homeland.** The community is thriving once more, helping those in the same situation as those who arrived in the late 1940s.

The centre is run by members of the existing Ukrainian speaking community, volunteers from far and wide, and is attended by outside agencies who offer support and advice.

The community is helping our guests to settle and integrate into the wider community. Over a cuppa and a butty, everyone who attends is made to feel welcome.

Links have been forged with organisations such as the Salvation Army, Living Lights (and others), the Community Champions from Asda and Morrisons - who have all donated food, clothing, toys and toiletries. Residents from

across the district have also donated various items, all of which the Ukrainian refugees are extremely grateful to receive. If you'd like to donate to the work, volunteer, or befriend a refugee please contact:

Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain
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So where might we be now as the cost of living crisis kicks in? Where will we be when heating needs putting on again as autumn begins?

Resilient communities and good neighbours

will obviously still be key. But our guess is that this time more will be needed. In Haworth we are already planning one consultation. At **7.00 p.m. on Thursday 8th September at West Lane Baptist Church a number of people active in the community are inviting anyone interested to join them.**

'Let us share ideas and concerns and think about possible ways forward.'

There are some innovative ideas out there already. Shared cooking and shared warm spaces are among them. It will be interesting and important to explore whether there are more.

'Give us this day our daily bread' has always been part of the central Christian prayer. We want to pray it and plan it in new ways ready of this autumn and winter.

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