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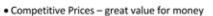












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Dear Aire Valley Mag readers,



As the editor of this magazine, I extend warm seasonal wishes to you in this combined December and lanuary edition.

With over 15 years of history, Liz Burker, Editor Aire Valley Mag has been a constant

companion in the lives of local residents. Having lived in this beautiful area for over thirty years, raising a family and actively participating in local life, I've witnessed the growth, resilience, and unity that define us. We've been through a lot together!

In an era dominated by digital noise and virtual connections, our magazine stands tall as a beacon of authenticity and trust. We're more than just pages filled with advertisements; we reflect the heartbeat of the Aire Valley and the individuals who contribute to our community.

As we navigate the ever changing modern landscape, it's crucial to recognize the profound impact of local businesses, tradespeople, independent retailers, and community organisations; over one hundred entities are represented in these pages.

Join me and extend your support to the local butchers, bakers, and artisans who make the Aire Valley truly unique.

May I be so bold as to address the elephant in the room – the potential drawbacks of excessive screen time. The constant scroll, the lure of algorithms, and the impact on mental health are real concerns. We can all benefit from switching off, stepping outside, and enjoying tangible, realtime experiences, including getting out and about, meeting face to face.

As we bid farewell to the old year and welcome the new, let's embrace the hope and promise 2024 brings. Our goal is to cultivate a warm-hearted spirit, one that values genuine connections over digital substitutes. Use the magazine as a portal to discover local events, and immerse yourself in the fabulous world that is. the Aire Valley.

May this season bring you joy, warmth, and peace, and may the coming year be filled with hope, good health and prosperity for us all. Happy Christmas!

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If you have quite a few guests over for a festive gathering, you may struggle to think of a starter that everyone likes. I solve this by putting together sharing platters that people can graze on before the big meal, helping themselves to as little or as much as they like. This way, I can cater for vegans, vegetarians, pescatarians, carnivores, allergies and faddy so and so's!

I like to support local independent traders so tend to buy ingredients from businesses such as Haworth Wholefoods and Pavé on Haworth Main Street.

The trick is to serve a selection of meat, cheese, preserved fish and vegetables like peppers, artichokes, olives and capers that will provide a mix of flavours, colours and textures, plus dips, fresh fruit and vegetables and flatbreads, crackers or breadsticks. The selection I offer here includes Manchego, Comte, Kirkhams Lancashire, a small crottin goats' cheese, sliced mortadella, prosciutto, coppa and salami plus some caper berries; all from Pavé. Personally, I avoid runny, smelly, or blue cheeses as a starter, saving those for after dinner!

I supplemented this with tinned baby octopus, anchovies and smoked sardines preserved in olive oil (admittedly not to everyone's taste but I like them), a tin of Perello brand Gordal olives, some jars of artichokes and peppers preserved in oil and my favourite rosemary torta biscuits, all from Haworth Wholefoods.

You can supplement this spread with carrot sticks,

grapes, radishes, celery sticks and rocket leaves. I always provide dips too, such as hummus, baba ghanoush or taramasalata which can all be bought pre made from most supermarkets. I made a simple Mutabal dip, which is similar to baba ghanoush, but with tahini added; here is the recipe: Ingredients

I large or 2 medium aubergines

2 tablespoons of tahini

I medium to small red onion, finely chopped

I tablespoon of lemon juice

4 fat cloves of garlic, finely chopped

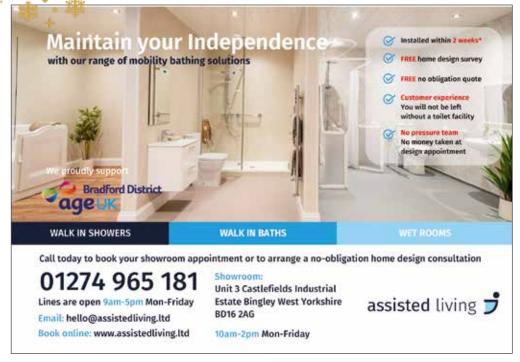
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not actually sure that's strictly true, but the the string of Christmas TV ads get released, and the shops are full of tinsel and other seasonal special treats in the kitchen cupboard that are page on the Railway's website. not for consumption until the big day... the other big thing is that the Elf Express season As well as the usual programme of events, is here, so we've had our first groups of festive revellers enjoying meeting Santa with his Pixies and Elves on our Christmas special trains. 27', which crosses the Bridgehouse Beck just They are all pretty much sold out, but you can check the website for any cancellations that for a grant from the government's Community result in late availability. However, the festive fun continues on board until New Year's Day because we run our 'Mince Pie Specials' from expensive - programme of maintenance and Boxing Day right through to New Year's Day, when you can enjoy all the decorated carriages to be able to report that we have been aware and stations, and a complimentary Mince Pie. of a further Levelling Up grant, which will Full details are on the website.

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Ho ho ho! Yes, it's finally acceptable to wish Once we get access to Keighley back at the you all the best for the festive season. Well, I'm start of March, we will be looking forward to our Spring Steam Gala, when we welcome grandchildren are getting close to fever pitch as visiting steam locomotives and run a variety of special services. The Spring Gala is from 21st-24th March, and details of visiting locations and goodies. It's also time for the period of having the timetable will be available on the events

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If you've visited the Brontë Parsonage Museum in recent weeks, you may have noticed some unusual activity taking place in the Exhibition Room. One of the larger items on display has undergone several weeks of restoration under the expert care of conservator David Everingham, and his colleague Alison Aynesworth (pictured). Visitors have been able to watch David and Alison in action as they carefully restore a

large cupboard linked to 'Jane Eyre', known as the 'Apostles' Cupboard' owing to its housing 12 individual paintings of the Apostles, over the last few weeks. It's been great to have David and Alison on-site to answer visitors' questions, generously sharing insight on the paintings, the process

and what exciting discoveries have been revealed.

David and Alison work with a method called 'unpacking' which involves carefully removing unwanted layers from a painting, revealing the original work unencumbered. The first layer to be removed typically comprises a thick coat of grime and dirt built up over time. This is removed using a water-based solution and sensitive cleaning tools. The second layer to be removed is a yellow varnish, which would have been applied long after the paintings, and the cupboard, were originally completed. This was presumably to protect the cupboard as an item of furniture, as opposed to the paintings themselves. The only way to remove the varnish is with a solvent which. David tells us, is the really nervy bit!

The conservators' knowledge of paints, solvents, and how they behave together, means they were able to remove this layer without damaging the paint beneath, and the results truly are astonishing. The process has revealed vivid colours and details in the panels that were previously hidden to the naked eye, such as lettering revealing the names of the Apostles depicted in the paintings. Work

is now underway to piece together the clues this work has revealed, hopefully bring to light more of the story behind this popular item.
But what connects the cupboard with 'Jane Eyre'? Before it was acquired by the Museum, the cupboard belonged to Thomas Eyre of Hathersage in

Derbyshire. It is thought that Charlotte Brontë saw this cupboard when visiting Mr. Eyre in 1845, a year before writing the novel. Not only is there an obvious link in the 'Eyre' name, but Charlotte also graphically describes the cupboard in a scene in the novel, when Jane is attending to wounds inflicted on Richard Mason! If you find yourself with an hour to spare over the festive period, do come and see the cupboard in its renewed glory, perhaps with the image from 'Jane Eyre' in mind... Local to the Museum? Residents living in BD20, BD21 and BD22 are eligible for a Local Resident admission rate of £7.50 with proof of address. Tickets are valid for 12 months after issue, meaning you can continue to return and enjoy the Museum as exhibits change throughout the year. bronte.org.uk







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Sun 10th, 17th & 24th Dec **Christmas Fare** at The Parish Rooms Kildwick 10 am - 3pm.

Sat 16th Dec Rudolph's Run Festive Tractor Run 6pm - 9pm from Otley to Skipton

Sat 16th Dec Haworth Band Christchurch Skipton, 7.30 pm with the Cononley Singers.

Sun 17th December 6.30pm Carol Service by candlelight at St Stephen's Church, Steeton

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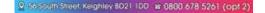
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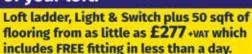
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