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Hello friends, and welcome to February including our bonus day courtesy of leap year. I'm on a mission to make each of the 29 days count, and my digital calendar is throwing up delightful reasons to celebrate. Did you know that on the 4th, we can rejoice in both the International Day of Human Fraternity and Yorkshire Pudding Day? (Double the joy, who can resist?)

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 10th—it's the Lunar New Year, and 2024 welcomes the Year of the Dragon.And on the 11th, let's cheer for International Day of Women and Girls in Science. (Yay!)

Feeling generous? Book Giving Day is on the 14th, but let's be honest, every day is a good day to gift a book.

Let's savor all the days of February this year-

usually a quiet month for events, and turn to pp24/25 for some community-inspired ideas. Here's to a month filled with unexpected joys. Best wishes, Liz



Liz Barker, Editor

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But I'm no longer sleepy and too slowly the hours go by.

So I climb on the bed where the light of the moon is shining on your face and I know it will be morning soon.

Everybody needs a safe place.

~ Mary Oliver

Dog

Songs

Mary

Oliver





If you know someone who is inconsolable over the loss of their dog, or someone who just plain loves their dog, this is the present to buy them - even if they are the least poetic, dour Scotsman or unromantic Yorkshireman.

I'm a Philistine - I'd never heard of Mary Oliver until I read a review of this book. I rarely read poetry. However, I do have a dog, my first ever, and I'm amazed at how he has opened my eyes to nature, to happiness, and to the friendliness of other people and dogs (not to mention sheep, cows, horses, alpacas and geese). I wish I knew what he was scenting when he's out on the moors and why he insists on lying in the coldest, frostiest patch of grass when the wind is blowing me over. The poems in this book go a little way to explaining what goes on in a dog's mind, and a good way into explaining why dogs mean so much to dog lovers. ~ Reviewed by Scorpio Rising

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# **Cauliflower Mac-n-Cheese**

A delightful detour from New Year resolutions! Embrace the comfort of gooey cheese and tender cauliflower, because, let's face it. sometimes the best resolutions involve a fork and the joy of a shared meal.

#### Ingredients

30g, plus extra for the dish butter 50g plain flour 700ml milk I clove, halved garlic I tsp Dijon mustard 150g, grated mature cheddar 100g, grated gruyère ground white pepper I, cut into 8 wedges cauliflower 125g macaroni 25g, grated grana padano or parmesan

#### Method

Melt the butter in a pan then stir in the flour. Cook, stirring, for 3 minutes then

gradually whisk in the milk to give a smooth sauce. Add the garlic, simmer for 4 minutes, then fish out. Add the mustard, cheddar and gruyère, and stir until melted. Season with salt and white pepper.

Heat the oven to 220C/fan 200C/gas 7. Cook the cauliflower wedges in a large pan of boiling salted water until just tender. Scoop out with a slotted spoon and drain really well.

Cook the macaroni in the same water following pack instructions. Drain, then rinse under cold water and drain again really well. Carefully mix the macaroni and cauliflower with the sauce and tip into a buttered 20cm x 30cm ovenproof dish.

Scatter over the grana padano or parmesan and bake for 20-25 minutes or until golden and bubbling. Leave to sit for 5 minutes before serving.



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For those who find themselves romantically entangled, a local restaurant might be the go-to. Sure, it's a bit cliché, but who can resist the charm of overpriced heart-shaped



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desserts? If you're feeling rebellious, order a pizza with your significant other – just be ready for judgmental glances from the waitstaff.

Now, if you're more of a homebody, consider donning the chef's hat for a night in. It's the perfect excuse to impress your partner with your culinary skills, or lack thereof. Burnt toast, anyone? It's the thought that counts.

And for the singletons out there, fear not! Self-love is the true winner on Valentine's Day. Treat yourself to a cozy night in with Netflix, a tub of ice cream, and absolutely no judgment.

So, whether you're coupled up, flying solo, or navigating the confusing world of "it's complicated," let's raise a toast to love in all its quirky, unpredictable forms. After all, who said Valentine's Day can't be a laugh? Cheers!



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### Where in the Aire Valley? COMPENSION

Where is the **red** X located in the photo to the right? This month's prize is donated by Keighley Picture House: Family ticket Email your answer including your name & address to: mail@worthvalleymag.co.uk The winner will be selected from all correct answers received by 15 Feb 2024.



Last month's competition location was AI Stairlift & Mobility in Keighley. The winner was Niamh Barlon from Silsden.

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Running a 150+ year old railway always brings challenges, and this year is one of focus on infrastructure renewal.

of 'Bridge 27' at Haworth for many years, and this autumn we plan to undertake the work itself. It will be the most significant civil engineering project that we've ever undertaken and is a testament to the skills of our volunteers that we are so well-prepared for the replacement, which has required hours and hours of meticulous planning. At the other end of the line, we are working closely with Network Rail as they are refurbishing Keighley Station, which means that will be unable to run trains between Keighley and Ingrow until they are ready to 'hand back' our stretch of railway at Keighley which we expect to be by early March. Until we can run into Keighley, we are operating trains just between Ingrow and Oxenhope, with a special 'bus shuttle service provided to transport you between Keighley and Ingrow stations. Full details of services and timetables are available on the website.

As well as this year's projects, we are looking ahead to 2025 and beyond, particularly as we are the very grateful recipient of a £5m grant trains. from the government's Levelling Up fund, which will enable us to develop a dedicated I do hope that we will be able to welcome facility for our all-important fleet of diesel multiple units, as well as fully signal Keighley and Haworth which will provide us with a much greater degree of operational flexibility. wheels turning.

The increased flexibility will mean, for example, that we can operate our 'works trains' that we use to transport materials and rolling stock around the Railway with far less impact on our We have been preparing for the replacement timetabled services and having a base for our DMU fleet at the Keighley end of the line will give us more timetabling possibilities.

> With so much going on, you would be forgiven for thinking that we would otherwise have a quiet year... but that's not how we do things. We plan to hold our Spring Steam gala in March after we have regained access to Keighley station, which will launch our programme of special events for 2024. Completion of refurbishment works permitting, we hope that we will be celebrating the opening of the Keighley Water Tower Visitor centre in the first half of the year thanks to funding from the Railway Heritage Trust and Keighley Town Deal. We will continue to run trains every weekend and daily during the holidays, and please check the website for details of services, particularly with the engineering activities planned for during the year. You will also find details on the Railway's website of our Local BD20/21/22 Residents' Railcard scheme that offers holders a significant discount on tickets for service

> you on board one of our trains during this very special year for the Railway as we work to continue to keep the increasingly elderly

> > ~ Matt Stroh

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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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### BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM

In her second published novel 'Shirley', Charlotte Brontë writes about the 'icy January wind'. There's much to relate to in Brontë novels, but this feels particularly pertinent at the moment!

The beginning of a new year is a time of preparation, of turning over a new leaf and starting afresh. Here at the Brontë Parsonage Museum, we spent January doing

just that, carrying out important conservation and maintenance work, refreshing the displays and installing our 2024 exhibition.

The Brontës' Web of Childhood is a new exhibition training a lens on the Brontës as children. What was it like for them growing up in Haworth? What did they experience and read? How did they play and distract themselves from the impact of losing their mother and two older

sisters? The exhibition focuses on the Brontës' childhoods in Haworth, their creative curiosity and imaginary worlds and examines how their experiences shaped their future writing and made them into the iconic writers we know today. Elsewhere in the Museum, we're subverting traditional expectations of gallery spaces with 'Tactile Turmoil', a new installation by textile artist Ellie Brennan. Through a series of tactile, woven pieces, 'Tactile Turmoil' explores the Brontë sisters' first impressions of their new home - Haworth and the Parsonage - when they moved here in 1820. Visitors are invited and encouraged to touch and feel the art work, a new exciting sensory experience for everyone to enjoy.

With our new exhibition comes a programme of events to celebrate



Charlotte Brontë's portrait of Zenobia Ellrington, a character from the imaginary world, Glasstown, 1833.

working with Sophia Hatfield, storyteller extraordinaire who will take inspiration from the Parsonage servants who shared folk tales and local legends with the Brontë children. Our Brontë Festival of Women's Writing in September will have a focus on contemporary authors of Children's and Young Adult fiction, bringing some of the UK's most prolific writers to Haworth And don't forget that during

childhood.We'll be

the school holidays, our Wild Wednesday workshops offer local families the opportunity to get creative through Brontëinspired arts and craft activities. The Brontës' Web of Childhood runs from Thursday I February until I January 2025. There's lots more to look forward to at the Museum in 2024, and with a focus on growing up, you'll get both the chance to inspire the children of today and explore nostalgia and memories of your own childhood. Come and see us soon!



## COMMUNITY PAGES

Mondays I - 3pm Keighley Tea Dance at the Civic Hall Every Monday to Friday Dementia Friendly Keighley I0am - 4 pm Open for drop-in anytime for coffee and chat for people living with dementia and

carers and families. 6 College Walk, Airedale Shopping Centre, Keighley. Every Tuesday Dementia Friendly

Keighley 10am – 12.30 pm Games Morning, for people/carers living with dementia Airedale Shopping Centre, Keighley.

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Glusburn and Crosshills WI meet at 7.30 pm on the first Tuesday of the month at Glusburn

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Methodist Church 2 -3pm singalong to the popular hits of the 50s onwards, chat and laugh.  $\pounds$ 3 donation to attend, no need to book.

**Games Club Every Tuesday** 1:30 - 3:30 pm. at Glusburn Institute. £2.50 per session.

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Silsden Methodist Church Thursday Club 2.30pm - 4pm weekly Music, Games, Quizes, friendly chatter & refreshments.

#### Sunday Club at St Stephen's Church, Steeton, at 10.00am every second and fourth Sunday. Ist Feb A New Exhibition at the Bronte Parsonage Museum "The

#### Brontes Web of Childhood" 4th Feb "Lob wood & the river

Wharfe" 5.5 miles, moderate. Meet 10.30 Bark Lane, Addingham. www.ramblers.org.uk/keighley Sat 10th - 17th Feb Aladdin by

Glusburn Youth Theatre at Glusburn Institute

#### Sat 10th - 18th Feb Keighley & Worth Valley Railway Half Term Happiness Daily Steam Trains www. kwwr.co.uk

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-Ins at Keighley Library (no cost or booking required) discuss Advice, Guidance, Recruitment, Training, Funding, Premises, Marketing, Digitalisation. Sat 2nd & Sun 3rd March 10am -

#### 4.30pm Keighley Model Railway

Exhibition at Woodbank Nurseries, Harden Road, Harden, Bingley, BD16 IBE Sun 10th March Keighley 5K & 10K run Victoria Park, Keighley.

#### Sudoku Solutions

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