





Welcome to the summer edition of the Aire Valley Mag.

There is no shortage of things to do in and around the Aire Valley... Walks, talks, exhibitions, fundraisers, and a free entry day at East Riddlesden Hall are just some of the opportunities featured in our pages. The long anticipated release of film 'The Railway Children Return' has sparked renewed interest and enthusiasm from visitors to the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway as well as the wider region. You can share in the joy by taking part in a specially themed event August Bank holiday. See page I I for details.

Also, save the date, September 3rd, for the Keighley Agriculural Show.

Have a super summer!

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Liz Barker, Editor





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Shane Green is an international Chainsaw Carver and has represented England at major competitions over the last ten years. He will be doing a number of demonstrations / speed carves during the day.

Other attractions include the return of the ever popular **Terrier Racing, Ferret Racing, and Fun Dog Show.** A wide

range of **Equestrian classes** will also be running throughout the day. There will be a range of **Vintage Cars** courtesy of the Craven Old Wheels Society and a display of **Vintage Tractors.** Children from a local dance school, **ShowKids**, will be showcasing their talents.

As well as traditional agricultural classes on show through the day - Cattle, Sheep, Pygmy Goats, Large Fowl, Bantams, Waterfowl & Eggs,

- there are around 60 classes in the

Handicraft, Flower Arranging, Art, Photography and Baking sections, including some for children, and over 100 classes in the Horticulture section for novices and experienced gardeners alike. And last but not least, classes for Guinea Pigs.

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Free Entry Day:

Kick start the summer holidays and visit us for free on Monday 25 July.

Summer fun at East Riddlesden Hall

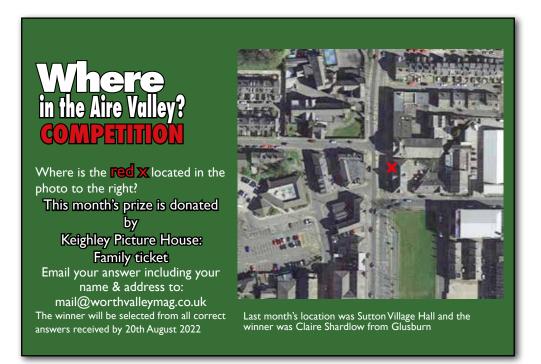
Free Entry Day: Monday 25 July

Come out and play at East Riddlesden Hall this summer, with something to enjoy every day during the holidays*.

Hear about the exciting summer programme and join in with special Free Entry Day events, including seed planting with the gardeners, cross stitching and wildlife discovery. Pick up your "come out and play" challenge card, with a range of activities you can come back and enjoy all summer. Have a game of hide and seek, build a den or join a regular Tuesday family yoga session. There will be different craft activities to enjoy each week too. On sunny days, deck chairs and lawn games will be out in the gardens. There's also a new trim trail to discover, with a climbing wall, balancing logs and a bridge to clamber across.

*East Riddlesden Hall is open Saturday – Wednesday. Normal admission charges apply for entry. National Trust members and under 5's go free. There is no charge to visit on the Free Entry Day on Monday 25 July.









The Railway Children film was my childhood favourite. I'm old enough to remember when you had to wait for the TV companies to decide to air a movie rather than being able to download it at will, so every Christmas I would scour the Radio Times until I found when it was on over the festive period and then would be glued to the film from start to the very finish of the credits. The film is what drew me to the Railway and I've been hooked ever since. Now there's a new chapter starting, with a sequel to the iconic family film being released in July. It's been a long time in the making, and it's over a year ago that the cast - which includes Jenny Agutter and Sheridan Smith - were on the line during the period of filming. We are very excited to see the Railway as one of the stars of the film, not least because we know how important the location was to the producer. Indeed, she checked that Jenny and we would be involved in a new film before launching the project.

We will be celebrating the release of the new film during the summer and running our usual programme of special events. The website has all the details, including our regular services when you can make use of a local residents' railcard. Looking slightly further ahead, we are releasing advance tickets for the Beer and Music Festival, so do book if you want to guarantee a place at this very popular event.

Running and maintaining the 150+ year old line using increasingly elderly locomotives and carriages is a real challenge, and it will be very rewarding for our 700 volunteers to see what we have achieved when 'The Railway Children Return' film is released. As ever, we are always keen to welcome new members to our band of volunteers, so please do get in touch if you would like to join the Railway's volunteering family.

~ Matt Stroh

Keighley & Worth Valley Railway Chair



RAILWAY CHILDREN WEEKEND

RE-ENACTMENTS - LOCOS FROM THE FILMS Saturday 27th to Monday 29th August

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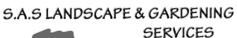


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Wellbeing Café at Glusburn Institute Every Monday 10 am to 12 noon.. Contact 01535 630223 for more details.

Keighley Tea Dance Every Monday1 - 3pm at the Civic Hall.

Games Club Every Tuesday 1:30 - 3:30 pm. at Glusburn Institute. £2.50 per session. A social group playing table tennis, board games and cards.

Gentle Seated Exercise to Music

Every Wednesday 10:30am to 11:30am at Glusburn Institute. £4 per session. Contact Janet 07787 180202.

Luncheon Club Every Wednesday

12 noon. at Glusburn Institute. £5 for a hot 2-course meal. Contact Pauline 07436 113748.

Steeton Bobbins WI 7pm meet on the **first Tuesday of a month** at St Stephen's Church Hall www.steetonbobbinswi.com.

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May to 25th Sept Family Cycle
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10th & 17th July KWVR Vintage
Steam Trains Ride in Victorian and Edwardian Rail Carriages.

Sat 16th July Silsden Proms on the Farm 6.30pm Jackson's Field,
Silsden Tickets from Eventbrite and Twiggs
Newsagent www.promsonthefarm.co.uk.

I7th July Keighley Ramblers "To Addingham & back" Moderate 9 miles.
Meet 10.30am Belton Road, Silsden.
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Sun 17th July. Train rides for all the family. Miniature trains running at Marley sports field approx.13:30 until approx.17:00. Sun 17th July 11am - 3pm Cliffe Castle Park & Museum Fairy & Dragon Trail. Dress up and join in with outdoor arts & crafts, dancing, face painting, stalls etc

Sat 23rd July until Sun 4th Sept 10-4pm East Riddlesden Hall Summer Holiday Fun including free craft activities. Www.national trust.org.uk/East-Riddlesden-Hall

Mon 25th July Free Entry Day at East Riddlesden Hall (see page 8 for full info)

Sun 31st July Silsden Gala and parade. Ipm field opens. Live music & entertainment for all the family.

Sun 31st July Yorkshire Day, Artisan Market, Live Music children's entertainment in Keighley.

Sat 13th Aug Quarryfest 2022 (see page 17) at The New Quarry House, Bingley Road, Cross Roads BD21 5QE All day music event In support of Airedale Neo Natal Clinic £10 adults under 15's free Outside bar, bbq, bouncy castle, stalls, face painting and more.

Fri 27th until Mon 29th Aug Keighley & Worth Valley Railway Railway Children Weekend (see page 11 for full info)

Sat 3rd Sept Keighley & District Agricultural Show (see page 4 for full information). Marley Playing fields, Keighley.













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Behind the Scenes at the Museum – July / August 2022

It's warm, it's sunny, so where better to spend the summer other than in Haworth? Here at the Parsonage we can't wait to welcome you to the museum to celebrate summer in style.

On **Friday July 29** we have a special Parsonage Unwrapped, 'To Hollywood and Back Again', taking a look at some of the iconic moments in film and television in which the Brontë family and legacy are bought to life.

Fancy making a weekend of it?
Join us at the Parsonage the next day to celebrate the birth of Emily Brontë. Between

I I am and 4 pm on Saturday 30 July, we'll be hosting our second Big Brontë Clothes Swap. Following the success of our first Clothes Swap in March, the Clothes Swap will take place

the success of our first Clothes Swap in March, the Clothes Swap will take place in the Old School Room, where there will be tables, rails and hangers ready for you to bring your unwanted clothes and accessories. Throughout the afternoon you will be able to swap, trade and donate clothes, finding treasures in another person's 'trash'. This event is free, just pop along with a smile and some clothes to swap! On the same day between 12pm and 2pm, we're hosting a lino carving and printing workshop where you can carve and create your very own linocut design inspired by the work of Emily Brontë and print onto pages of 'Wuthering Heights'. (The workshop costs £10 – please book in

advance online!) You can also catch a **free** talk on Emily Brontë at 2.30pm. It will be a full day of birthday fun to celebrate our wild Brontë sister, we hope to see you there.

Whether you're swapping clothes at our Clothes Swap, or visiting our **Defying Expectations exhibition**, it's clear that garments and accessories are important to both the Brontës' and our own lives. Artist Hannah Lamb has been working with the Parsonage to create a piece of art inspired by the memories that people have about clothes. For her artwork titled 'Fragment'

of a Dress',
Hannah has
collected visitors'
stories about clothes
that hold
significance to
them. These handwritten responses
have been carefully
embroidered onto
a specially created

transparent silk dress, and will

be exhibited in the Servants Room from the end of July to December.

August is just around the corner, and we're excited to spend it outside. Join our brilliant band of volunteers gardeners on **Sunday 7 August for a plant sale,**

and on Saturday 27 August SISATA theatre company are performing their new adaptation of Wuthering Heights in Parson's Field.

To book tickets or find out more about any these events, have a look at our website, www.bronte.org.uk/whats-on. And if you are interested in joining our team of volunteers to help deliver some of these events, we'd love to hear from you! Visit our website or email Sassy Holmes at sassy.holmes@bronte.org.uk.

Summer at the Brontë Parsonage Museum

SATURDAY 30 JULY, 11-4pm Emily Brontë's Summer Birthday Bash

SATURDAY 27 AUGUST, 2.30-4pm

Wuthering Heights —

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