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The Aire Valley is gearing up for the inaugural Tour de Yorkshire race next month. We've published the approximate race times so you can plan ahead and see where you might want to situate yourself along the route in the district. (Page 20)

If you fancy a change of scenery, there is a walk around Saint lves Estate that is worthy of attention. Download the detailed route description to ensure you find your way! (Page 16,17)

The Stitch Society is running workshops in Haworth this month. You can get crafty and learn how to felt, weave, spin, knit, crochet and more. They are also offering a 25% discount for Aire Valley Mag readers.

(see page 5 for full details) We're supporting the Let's Grow Airedale appeal... will you join us? Page 11 explains more. Have a great April!



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The Stitch Society* is a piece of crafting heaven based in the old textile mill that is Keighley Business Centre. For sometime now The Stitch Society* has been inspiring stitchers, makers and menders to share their knowledge and skills with each other in their airy studio.

Continuing their mission to share their combined knowledge, Fiona Drake and Charlotte Meek, the founding members of The Stitch Society*, will be appearing at 74 Main Street, Haworth for two weeks only, from the 17th until 30th April.

With their lighthearted and informative approach to teaching, Fiona and Charlotte ensure that The Stitch Society* workshops include all materials, instructions and tools often served with a slice of cake and lashings of tea. The Spring programme includes workshops as diverse as Felted Flowers, Weaving and Learning to Spin. There will be an opportunity to sample a range of mini workshops, which will be running over the two weekends, including needle felting, knitting, crochet and sewing.

Gaining notoriety for their expertise, both locally and

nationally, their work includes being featured on the Radio 4 website with their guirky interpretation of The Shipping Forecast, as part of the Radio 4 Loves Knitting Day; this now famous piece will be on display in the shop.

Part of The Stitch Society* philosophy is to provide simple, effective tools and kits to enhance the crafting experience; such as The Stylish Tin of Sewing Tools and The Helpful Tin of Knitting Tools; all this loveliness and more will be available in the shop.

Encouraging others to share their skills and become part of The Stitch Society* community of Friends has lead to a devoted following, who regularly attend the Friday morning Knit & Stitch* group, which will be happening in the shop on the 17th and 24th April, from 10 until 12, everyone is welcome to join us.

Full details of all the mini workshops are available on our website at www.thestitchsociety.com.

Call in or email hello@thestitchsociety.com to reserve your place.

For readers of this magazine, Fiona and Charlotte are offering a 25% discount on any two workshops booked together. Just bring this magazine with you to claim the discount.

Behind the Scenes at the Museum

The Brontë Parsonage Museum has just launched its new contemporary arts programme highlighting some of the events and exhibitions taking place at the Parsonage between now and the autumn. In the next instalment of People at the Parsonage, we meet Arts Officer Jenna Holmes to tell us more.



Tell us a little about yourself: Well, I've always loved history, literature and art so the

art so the contemporary arts programme is a dream job for me! I live in llkley and have

recently come back to work part-time after having my little boy in 2013.

How long have you worked at the Museum?

I've been here since late 2007 and the time has flown by, I love working at the Museum and the wide variety of things that entails. Because we are a small team we work closely and get involved in lots of different areas. I'm also very privileged to meet an amazing mix of writers and artists who visit Haworth as part of our programme.

Tell us about a typical day:

A lot of my job is desk based - so I am contacting publishers or agents and arranging events, from booking the speaker and all of their arrangements to printing flyers and selling tickets. But the most intriguing work for me is the projects with contemporary artists, as they allow me to delve into the collection and discover new things. I'm often to be found pestering our Collections team with strange queries, such as "Do we know how much rainfall there was in Haworth in 1848?", "Would it be OK if I hung some paper moths from Mr Brontë's bed?" or "What is the circumference of the tree in the garden?" I'm sure they often hide when they see me coming.

What's your favourite piece in the collection?

That's a difficult question as there are many fascinating items. I'm really drawn to the clothes and textiles and although there are some very charming delicate things, I also can't help loving the Brontës' stockings - they are thick, woolly and pretty gruesome. The Brontës would have been horrified that we have them on display I am sure. They are all heavily darned, Charlotte's very neatly and Emily's very messily - she obviously had better things to do!

And your favourite Brontë novel?

That is tricky, but if I could only take one to a desert island, I probably would choose 'Wuthering Heights' over 'Jane Eyre', though of course I love them both.

Anything else you'd like to tell us?

I'm really pleased our new programme has been released and I hope local audiences will be interested in our event with Will Atkins on 17 April. Will stayed in Stanbury when he was writing part of his book 'The Moor' and discusses the importance that places such as Top Withens hold in our literary imagination. Anyone interested in the history and romance of the moors and the local landscape should definitely come along to hear more!

The Museum is open daily. Adult admission is \$7.50, with concessions available.

William Atkins The Moor: Lives, Landscape, Literature

FRIDAY 17 APRIL 7.30pm WEST LANE BAPTIST CENTRE, HAWORTH

Join author Will Atkins as he talks about his journey on foot through Britain's moorlands and explores their captivating position in our literature, history and psyche. The book features Haworth moor and the literary connections with places such as Top Withens, influencing Emily Bronté through to Sylvia Plath. Tickets £6 and should be booked in advance at www.bronte.org.uk/whats-on or 01535 640188



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I wanted to share with you a nice little recipe; my onion gravy.

What is useful about this gravy is that it doesn't need a Sunday roast in order to get a rich, meaty tasting sauce; in fact it is vegetarian! This means that you can make it easily, whenever you like. I am not keen on granular gravy; if you like it, fine. But if you don't then here is a good alternative. You can add any herbs, wine or other bits once you have the basics so it can be made to pair with any dish. Recently in my 'Cook Clubs' that I run (see community page for details of the free weekly Keighley group) we have made the wonderful 'Mince Wellington' Jamie Oliver recipe. This onion gravy is a great accompaniment for that. One of the things we aim to do at the club is to learn about cooking on a tight budget, so for example with the Mince Wellington recipe we try and make a treat meal stretch further by adding more cost effective ingredients. The gravy also is an economical option and certainly beats buying the liquid shop bought ones. You can make it as runny or thick as you like, and if you prefer I'll show you how in Keighley!

Cath Bromwich, a Silsden resident, is a cookery teacher and forager. Her livelihood includes foraging and cookery courses, such as cooking on a budget and outdoor foraging and cooking experiences. She trained at Ballymaloe Cookery School, Ireland. For more information, or to pass on your stories and recipes, contact Cath at www.facebook.com/foragercathyorkshire

ONION GRAVY



Chop the onion into thin slices, pour some oil or butter into a pan (a little of both adds flavour), 'sweat' these on a gentle heat until soft. Make up to a pint of vegetable stock. I also add a teaspoon or 2 of yeast extract (marmite) or you can use stock cubes.

Add 1-3 tablespoons of plain flour & stir this into the onion juices, let this cook for a few minutes to cook the flour, keep stirring to stop burning. Add salt and pepper (if using marmite you won't need the salt, but lots of pepper in this is tasty). You can add a spoon or 2 of grainy mustard, herbs like rosemary or a splash of red wine.

Slowly add the stock, stirring all the time. You may want to turn up the heat to medium. Keep stirring to make a smooth gravy. When you have the consistency & amount you want let it simmer for a couple of minutes. Taste. Add any more seasoning you want, serve.

Top Tip: Try growing fresh herbs at home!





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Donate now to support hospital gardens project



Steeton couple Andrew & Pippa Chapman are leading a funding campaign to establish a new volunteer gardening project at Airedale hospital.

Professional horticulturalists known as Those Plant People, Andrew and Pippa are working in partnership with Friends of Airedale to set up the scheme which needs to raise a minimum of £3000 by 27th April in order to start the project to revamp the many garden areas at the hospital. Because of the decreased NHS funds available to maintain them. the outdoor areas at the hospital gardens are currently no longer developed by the groundsmen. During a stay at the hospital Pippa noticed the former borders had been gravelled over and wanting to make a difference came up with an idea to transform them to colourful gardens.

She explains "We want to plant the

courtyards overlooked by the corridors of the hospital and create flower filled meadows, mini orchards, year round colour, fun outdoor sculptures and herb garden beds around the grounds. There are so many possibilities. We want to raise as much as possible as we have big plans to ensure the success of the project and its long term sustainability."

The idea of restoring and developing the hospital grounds to become 'healing gardens' is based on scientific research which has shown that viewing scenes of nature reduces anger, fear, and stress and increases pleasant feelings. Exposure to nature not only makes you feel better emotionally, it contributes to your physical wellbeing, reducing blood pressure, heart rate, muscle tension, and the production of stress hormones. Some findings indicate it may even reduce mortality.



Can you help Let's Grow Airedale meet its launch target by 27th April? Please give online at www. crowdfunder.co.uk/lets-grow-airedale or in an envelope marked 'Let's Grow Airedale project' handed in to the Friends of Airedale cafe at the hospital. If you would like to volunteer to help with gardening, with no experience necessary, please call Pippa Chapman on 07704 178585 or email thatplantgirl@hotmail.co.uk

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The Importance of making Lasting Powers of Attorney

I often have clients say to me that they do not need a Power of Attorney as they are not old enough to need one yet, and when the time comes they will make one. I find that clients are increasingly aware of the importance of making a Will, but there is still a feeling that Powers of Attorney are for "old people" and that there is no need to consider making one until later on in life.

The problem with this view is that at the time you or your family need you to have a

Power of Attorney, it may be too late for you to make one, as you can only make a Power of Attorney if you have the mental capacity to understand the implications of the document.

Powers of Attorney are not only for people in later life with illnesses like dementia, they are invaluable in circumstances such as accidents where someone suffers brain damage, or a stroke or other sudden illness, and is unable to deal with their day to day affairs.

A Lasting Power of Attorney is a document which remains valid even if you lose mental capacity after it has been made. There are two types of Lasting Powers of Attorney, one to deal with your property and financial affairs and one to deal with your health and welfare.

If you lose mental capacity and do not have a Lasting Power of Attorney

then your family may need to make an application to the Court of Protection in order to be able to deal with your affairs on your behalf. This can be a long and costly process at an upsetting time. With a Lasting Power of Attorney you chose who you wish to be your attorneys. You are in full control of what happens in the

event you lose mental capacity, but without one, anyone can make an application to the Court of Protection on your behalf and you do not have any say in this.

We advise our clients to consider making a Lasting Power of Attorney at the same time as they are making their Will to give peace of mind and

ensure that their families do not face any difficulties in the future.

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Whilst we continue to look for ways to realise our longer-term ambitions, we - quite literally - continue to keep the wheels turning. Our operational locomotive fleet, covering such a wide range of historic periods, is very sought after, to the extent that last weekend three steam locomotives normally resident on the KWVR have been variously to Llangollen in Wales and to the Severn Valley Railway in the West Midlands. We recently enjoyed a very successful 'home fleet' Steam Spectacular weekend at which we enjoyed showcasing our resident locomotives, with double-headed and demonstration freight trains, drawing many compliments from and some great photographs by our visitors.

We have been working hard to appeal to our wide range of visitors. For example, if you can't wait until the weekend or school holidays to travel, this year we have been trialling running our Diesel Rail Bus every Wednesday, which has helped us accommodate school parties, but also a number of other passengers who get to enjoy the view of the line afforded by the windows right at the front and back of the vehicle. For those that prefer to wait until the weekend (or the school holidays), we have started detailing which real ales should be available on the on-train buffet, so do check the website for the 'Real Ale Roster.' If diesel traction is your preference. we plan to operate a diesel service on the second Saturday of each month from April to October (a steam service will also be operating). Details of trains and times can be found on the website, and all planned services are subject to the vagaries and challenges of operating heritage trains, so do please check the site for the latest news.

Please do consider joining our volunteer team by contacting us via the website or me directly, and, as ever, do please get in touch if you have any comments or suggestions. Matthew Stroh, Tel: 01535 645214, email: admin@kwvr.co.uk, web: www.kwvr.co.uk

Where in the Aire Valley? COMPENDION

Where is the red x located in the photo to the right? ? This months prize is generously donated by Keighley & Worth Valley Railway

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Last month's location was The Balti House, Keighley. The winner was Roger Baxandall from Cross Hills. Google Earth ©



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Tour de Yorkshire



The first Tour de Yorkshire Cycletta will feature the daughter of Beryl Burton OBE after Denise Burton-Cole, herself a toplevel cyclist, confirmed her participation.

Burton, a member of the British Cycling Hall of Fame, won around 100 national championships, as well as racing alongside her daughter at the 1972 world championships.

The family tradition in the sport does not end there either, with Burton-Cole's own daughter Anna joining her at the Cycletta.

"I am absolutely delighted to be taking part in this event," said Burton-Cole.

"It is fantastic for Yorkshire to have an international cycle race and for a mass participation women's event to run alongside it on the last day is terrific. I can't wait to be part of it."

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The sportive, held along the route of the Tour de Yorkshire and organised by sports event company Human Race, has already attracted nearly 300 entrants. "It is great to have Denise in the Tour de Yorkshire Cycletta Ride. Denise was inspired by her mother to take up cycling and went on to become a medal winner and now Denise is inspiring other women to take up the sport."

- Gary Verity, Chief Executive of Welcome to Yorkshire.

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Apologies for our error in the March edition. The 40th Annual Keighley Model Railway Club Exhibition was not free entry.

Over 50s Rug making group - 1st Wednesday morning every month in Keighley Shared Church Hall. £2 per session. Men & women equally welcome. For more info phone Amy Baldwin & Michael Trott on 01535 669605.

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Mon 13th April KEIGHLEY THWAITES BROW WOMEN'S

GUILD. Meetings are held in Long Lee Chapel, Long Lee Lane at 7.15 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Monday in the month. We have speakers on various topics. Guests will be most welcome. Guest speaker Councillor Doreen Lee.

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Mon 30th March - Sun 12th April Eggtastic Easter Egg Hunt at Keighley & Worth Valley Railway. Easter egg hunt - can you find all the Easter Eggs?Activity sheets, Prize for completed sheets. www.kwvr.co.uk. Fri 3rd - Mon 6th April 10.30am -4pm Mrs Flutterby's Easter Trail and Crafts at East Riddlesden Hall. Bring Cadbury magic to your family by joining in with our Easter Egg Trail! Follow the clues, answer the questions and complete the challenges to find your way to a prize just for you! Come and join Mrs Flutterby on our butterfly trail around the garden and help her to find all our hidden flowers Fri 3rd until Mon 6th April Easter Egg Hunt at Bolton Abbey. Meet the Easter Bunny and hunt for all the enormous hidden eggs in Strid Wood. Free Event, estate admission applies. Fri 3rd - Mon 6th April 10.30am - Sat 4th April until Sun19th April 10.30am - 4pm Half Term Outdoor Fun. at East Riddlesden Hall Show off your den and mud pie making skills in the Discovery Garden. Look for the Riddlesden Hob in his Hobbit House and spot birds from the Bird Hide. Still want more? Try our family nature trails and seasonal craft activities. 01535 607075 weatherall@ nationaltrust.org.uk Tues 14th April Exley Head LADIES CIRCLE is holding a 'New to you Fashion Show and Sale at 7pm.

£1 entry. Goods to include clothes, handbags, shoes, jewellry and much more. All welcome. Pay on the door. For more information and donations please ring Glenis 01535 640346. **Sat 18th April Exley Head CHAPEL is holding it's annual Spring Fare on 10.30 to 12 noon**. Lots of stalls and refreshments available. All welcome. For information please ring Glenis 01535 640346.

Sat 18th April Benefit Gig at Haworth Community Centre. In aid of Haworth Fire Station and Community Centre. Doors open 4.30pm. Bands include Justin Sullivan & Dean White from New Model Army, Skeletal Family, Foxesfaux & Rosa Sargent. Tickets £20 and purchased from Firths Boutique or online at www. newmodelarmy.org

Sun 19th April 10am - 1pm Saltaire CC Table Top Sale at Victoria Hall, Saltaire 70 tables selling a variety of goods including collectable, antique and contemporary jewellery, watches, books, records, guality second hand clothes, vintage toy cars, vintage postcards, badges and stamps and items looking for a new home. Sun 19th April The Unlikely Dads Presented by Badapple Theatre Companyat 7pm East Morton Village **Institute.** Two friends become fathers late in life. Their usual weekly meetings at the club to discuss The Beatles and the Likely Lads are now re-located

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It has become a commarcial success for local tendes - where the whole vilage is turned over to the event, as the clock is turned back 75 years in celebration. But the annual event was days away from concellation as the spiraling costs made it impossible for the committee to meaningfully run the popular weekand.

It was a local based business, The Green Dual Factory Ltd and its sister company Glover Energy Boiless that stepped into the breach at literally the 11th hour to help out and save the day with much needed funds and a sponsorship deal.

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Niki Canoli, one of the organising committee members, said: "We're absolutely delighted that this year's 1940s meakend has been saved. It's brilliant that Poul Calvert and Green Deal Factory agreed to do this. We maily appreciate that his company has come forward".

What a fabulous event, to sponsor' said Green Deal Factory's Paul Calvert. 'I live in the village and have always gone to sample the atmosphere, so this is a chance to really get involved and provide support for what is a local showcase with a national reputation'. Not only that we have significantly contributed to the local according as the 3 days brings in a considerable amount of much needed revenue to local businesses.



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