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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 January edition.

Liz Borker, 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! Warm regards from the whole team at Aire Valley Mag.



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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 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 civil engineering project as we replace 'Bridge 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 Ownership Fund, which helps us ensure that 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, overhaul. As well beyond 2024, I'm very excited 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.

After the last train departs Keighley on 1st lanuary, we will be closing the line to passenger trains between Keighley and Ingrow as we hand the site over to Network Rail, who are undertaking significant refurbishment work across the station. During the period of our part of the station being closed, we will be due to the periods of lockdown, but seeing the running trains between Ingrow and Oxenhope happy, smiling faces of our passengers makes and providing a shuttle 'bus service from the hard work worthwhile. Keighley. Do check the National Rail website for full details, but there are currently no plans for the work to affect the main line between Leeds and Skipton.

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

> 2024 sees us undertaking our largest ever outside Haworth Yard. We are very grateful we continue with our routine - but increasingly help us secure the Railway for generations to come as it means we can provide undercover accommodation and servicing facilities for our heritage diesel fleet.

> Thank you all for your support and patronage this year. It's been challenging as we are still catching up on the work that had to be deferred

> > ~ Matt Stroh Keighley & Worth Valley Railway Chairman

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Matthew Varley is the partner and Managing Director of My Denture

Clinics, here he works as a Clinical Dental Technician (Dip CDT RCS).

Matt was born and raised in Pudsey, where he met his wife Angela Varley at school. They have 2 sons; Ray and Austin, he hopes one day they will follow him into the dental profession and share in his passion for dentistry.

Within his 23 years of experience, Matt has changed the lives and smiles of many, some of which are during one day implant immediate loading cases, and same day smiles, which he specialises in. The regular accolades received from clients and patients alike are testament to his passion for his work. Matt has a keen eye for detail and endeavours to provide the best care possible. Matthew completed his dental technology qualification at Leeds Dental institute, he finished first in his class achieving distinctions throughout and was awarded overall best student and the acclaimed technical achievement award.

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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Weds 6th Dec 6pm East

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Thurs 7th & 21st Dec Late Night Shopping in Haworth until 8pm Sat 9th, 16th 23rd Dec & Sun 10th 17th & 24th Dec Santas Grotto at Airedale Shopping Centre.

Sat 9th Dec 12 - 3pm Christmas **Bandstand Concert** at Roberts Park Saltaire

Sat 9th Dec 2pm Christmas

Concert with The Haworth Brass Band at Riddlesden United Reformed Church $\pounds 8$ tickts (Repair our Roof Appeal).

Sun 17th Dec "Christmas is

coming" 7.5 miles, moderate. Meet 10.30, Ball Grove Nature Reserve, Lakeside cafe car park off A6068. www.ramblers.org.uk/keighley

Weds 20th Dec I lam Guided Walk

Winter Solstice at Druids Alter, Meet outside Keighley Railway Station. Linear

Walk up to Druids Alter then to Bingley via St Ives. 6 miles ★ Approx 3 hours (difficult walk) bring a packed lunch.



Sat 23rd & Sun 24 Dec Ipm Haworth's Nativity **Parade** on the Main Street.

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Sharing Platters with a Mutabal Dip Martin Lingard

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
- l tablespoon of lemon juice
- 4 fat cloves of garlic, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons of Greek yoghurt

2 tablespoons of extra virgin olive oil 1 teaspoon of sea salt flakes Method

Preheat your oven to 200C, when up to temperature, pierce the skin of your aubergine(s) with a small sharp knife several times, place on a baking tray and stick in the oven for 45 minutes or so, until the aubergines are very soft when pierced with a knife or skewer. The skin should be darkened and burnt in places. Remove from the oven and set aside to cool.

When cool enough to handle safely, slice off the stalk end, peel the skin and bin it, then place the remaining softened flesh into a large bowl. Chuck all your other ingredients into the bowl. Use a hand blender to process until it has a smooth, creamy consistency, transfer into a serving bowl and pour over a little more olive oil and serve. Happy Christmas everyone! ~ Martin



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BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM

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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