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This month we feature Summer Adventures across Bradford District, Craven, Bolton Abbey Estate and beyond. There are activities, events and festivals to enjoy, including a vast array of fun in the sun.

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Liz Barker, Editor





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Take advantage of the long summer days and enjoy a summer adventure in the Bradford district.

Whether you enjoy exploring museums, taking part in events or heading out into the great outdoors, you're sure to find lots to do in Bradford come rain or shine.

This summer, as Bradford continues its countdown to becoming UK City of Culture 2025, you will find events across the district. In Bradford **BRICKLIVE : Fantasy Kingdom (22 July-6 August)** will feature dragons, castles and princesses as you follow the magical brick trail around the city centre. Across two spectacular days, **BD:Festival (28-29 July)** will transform the city centre with street theatre, music and more, with an imaginative cultural explosion for the whole family to enjoy.



Plus, coming up in September, City Hall is celebrating its 150th anniversary with a very special Open Weekend (9-10 September).

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Bradford Museums and Galleries are hosting family-friendly events across all its sites this summer - look out for the **Festival of Archaeology (25-26 July)** where you can join in and learn some of the skills archaeologists use to find objects. While the National Science and Media Museum is closed for refurbishment, the team will be Tinkering with Toys at Bradford Museums and Galleries on Wednesdays and Thursdays over the summer. Join the fun family drop in sessions to find out more about how toys are made, and even make your own.

Over in Ilkley the Manor House hosts a bee and honey family fun afternoon (12 August) and continues its programme of talks, workshops and performances, with everything from flamenco guitar to herbal tea tasting. The popular Bard in the Yard will return in August opening at Ilkley Playhouse (26 August). The production will then present two outdoor performances in the Manor House Courtyard (27-28 August). This popular format features half hour versions of Hamlet and A Midsummer Night's Dream.



For more outdoor performances look out for A Midsummer Night's Dream at Bradford Cathedral (27-29 July) and Romeo and Juliet at East Riddlesden Hall (16 August). For those seeking a top-notch live music experience, check out the line-up for the Bingley Weekender (4-6 August), for a great festival vibe.

Spend a day at one of your local museums, many of which are free and have lots of activities planned over the summer holidays. Discover more about Bradford's heritage at the Industrial Museum, with regular machinery demonstrations, period homes and motor vehicle collection to explore. Or head over to Cliffe Castle Museum, which showcases the splendour of the former home of Victorian millionaire and textile manufacturer Henry Isaac Butterfield, as well as bringing together local collections and a wonderful display of Morris & Co stained glass.

If art is more your thing, explore the latest exhibitions at the Impressions Gallery in Bradford, situated next to the iconic fountains of City Park, or stroll around Cartwright Hall and visit the Asia exhibition, which brings together objects from China, Japan, Pakistan and India providing a glimpse into the cultures of these countries. For even more stunning art, Salts Mill in Saltaire is the perfect location to while away the day admiring the works of Hockney in a beautiful setting.

Take advantage of local bus and rail connections, leave the car at home and choose a new route for local adventures. Why not hop on the B3 Bronte Bus from Keighley to Hebden Bridge and experience one of Britain's most scenic routes as it crosses the epic moorland above Haworth. Jump off in Haworth village to explore the independent shops, cafes and bars that line the historic Main Street.



Haworth is a great place to start your outdoor adventures, especially in summer as the heather turns the moorland its distinctive purple shade. The wild Pennine countryside provides glorious views and the opportunity to get out into nature. Alternatively take the Dales Way link from Saltaire to llkley across Baildon Moor, or discover more accessible routes along the canal towpath or even around your local park, look out for family fun days out and bandstand concerts across the summer.

Start planning your summer adventure today, find out more www.visitbradford.com





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Other features include the return of

National Trust the ever popular Terrier Racing, Ferret Racing, and Fun Dog Show. A wide range of Equestrian classes will also be running throughout the day, including magnificent Heavy Horses. There will be a range of Vintage Cars courtesy of the Craven Old Wheels Society and a display of Vintage Tractors.

There will also be Children's Amusements, a wide range of Trade Stands, a licensed bar and Catering Stands offering a variety of things to eat and drink during the day. If you want to pick up some bargains at the end of the day, the Horticulture section auction off the exhibited produce at knock down prices about 4.30 pm. There is also the chance to bid for some beautiful flower arrangements about 4.45 pm in the Hospitality Area. For further details: www.keighleyshow.co.uk email: secretary@keighleyshow.co.uk

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After a challenging - but brilliant - start to the year with the visit of Flying Scotsman during May, it would be lovely to sit back and relax, but that's not how we do things. It's the start of our summer season, which means it's time for us to run trains up to seven days per week whilst continuing our programme of special events. We have vintage trains, diesel-hauled specials, cream teas and fish & chip supper services, so there's plenty to see and do over the summer.

To run trains so frequently requires months of planning and preparation. Ensuring that the steam locomotive fleet is ready and prepared for the peak season starts at the end of last summer when we withdraw some locomotives for a programme of 'winter maintenance'. This means our volunteers in the Haworth loco yard are at full stretch through the cold and dark months of the year readying the fleet for the summer services. At the same time, they keep working away on the longer-term restoration and overhaul projects that we need to ensure we have a fleet of loco's for next year's season and beyond. Steam locomotives can operate for a maximum of around ten years between major boiler overhauls, and an overhaul of one of our larger steam loco's takes several years and many hundreds of thousands of pounds to complete, so advance planning is vital to keeping the increasingly elderly wheels turning both for this year and for the years to come.

Whilst our carriage fleet is a lot cheaper to maintain, it requires no less skill and dedication than is needed to look after the locomotive fleet. Whilst typically we have one locomotive hauling each service, every train will have between three and eight carriages, and we often run two trains, thus doubling the demand on our rolling stock. This means that the team of volunteers at Oxenhope that maintains the carriages work year-round to make sure our passengers can travel in comfort and style.

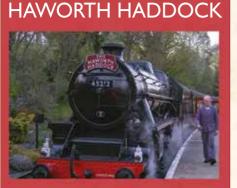
Of course we need good track work as well all the other elements necessary to run trains. All our departments of volunteers pull together to ready the Railway for our most intensive period of operation, typically having to work in the less hospitable, colder and wetter periods of the year to get us ready for the period of summer running.

With all this behind-the-scenes work, I do hope that you will consider applying to join our team of 700+ volunteers who work tirelessly to keep the Railway running. If that's not your cup of tea, then we look forward to welcoming you on board as a passenger to support the Railway. Don't forget that if you live in BD20/21/22 then you can apply for a Local Residents' railcard and enjoy discounted travel on our regular, timetabled services. Full details of the railcard, as well as timetables and fare information, are available on the Railway's website.

~ 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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The June competition location was Marquis of Granby, Riddlesden and the winner was Andrea Janetta from Keighley.





Every Monday to Friday Dementia Friendly Keighley 10am – 4 pm Open for drop-in anytime for coffee and chat for people living with dementia and their 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. Call Helen on 01535 602529 Every Wednesday Dementia Friendly Keighley 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm Peer Support Coffee Club for

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Every Thursday Dementia Friendly Keighley 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm Crafty

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Every first Friday of the month Dementia Friendly Keighley 2

pm – 3.30 pm The Singing Teapot, a singing group for people/carers living with dementia, Airedale Shopping Centre, Keighley.

Every second Saturday of a month 10 - Ipm Riddlesden Green

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The Shed Cliffe Castle every Tues, Weds & Thurs 10am - 4pm.

Morton WI every second Tuesday evening each month. Social evening with refreshments at the Institute in **East**

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Mondays I - 3pm Keighley Tea Dance at the Civic Hall

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July to 28th September Family Cycle Zone at Bolton Abbey A safe area for children to cycle.

June to 5th Nov Changing Shapes of Fashion at Cliffe Castle Museum Keighley.

Sun 16th July "Laycock & Goose Eye" 8 miles, moderate. Meet 10.30, Outside Laycock village hall. www.ramblers. org.uk/keighley

Sun 16th, 30th July & 6th, 27th



Aug Bingley Summer Bandstand Concerts 2- 4pm at Myrtle Park, Bingley

Sun 16th July & Sun 20th Aug Train rides for all the

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Sun 23rd, 30th July & Sun 6th, I 3th, 20th, 27th Aug Roberts Park Summer Bandstand Concerts 2 -4pm

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miles, moderate. Meet 10.30, Beckfoot Lane. www.ramblers.org.uk/keighley

Sat 29th July 10am - 4pm

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Sat 12th Aug Riddlesden Green Connection Community Cafe 2nd Birthday BBQ 10am - 1pm.

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OUR NEW AIREDALE HOSPITAL Keighley and Ilkley MP Robbie Moore updates readers on the government's announcement that a new Airedale Hospital has been secured.

As you may have heard, on Thursday, 25th May the government announced a new Airedale Hospital in what was a landmark day for our area and one of the most significant investments announced for our community in decades.

After more than three years of tireless campaigning on behalf of residents across Keighley, Ilkley, Silsden, the Worth Valley and our wider area, getting the news of a new Airedale Hospital was one of my proudest moments to date as Keighley & Ilkley's Member of Parliament.

From the moment I was elected, I made it clear to the government that our area would never settle for the sticking plaster solutions of the past and that only a new hospital would do.

Whether that meant holding numerous on-site visits and meetings at Airedale, assisting the Trust in their proposals for a new hospital, organising parliamentary debates on the rebuild, personally lobbying the Prime Minister, the Chancellor, Health Ministers, and the Health Secretary for the new hospital, or even taking some of Airedale's crumbling concrete into a key meeting at Downing Street— in politics, persistence pays off.

And a new Airedale Hospital wouldn't have been possible without the incredible support of each and every resident who supported this campaign, demanding that our voices be heard.



But now that the funding has been secured, the real work begins. The government's announcement states that our new hospital must be completed by no later than 2030 on the same site, and so time is of the essence.

I am therefore committed to working hand in hand with the government and our fantastic Airedale NHS Foundation Trust to ensure the delivery of this landmark new hospital is a success.

Because this is about so much more than just bricks and mortar. It is about the health and wellbeing of every person in our community. It is about guaranteeing that each and every one of us can access the care we need, when we need it, in a modern hospital that is fit for the future.

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BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM

Collection updates and opportunities to get involved this summer.



The big news this month is that the Brontë Parsonage Museum collection has been designated as Outstanding by Arts Council England. There are only 155 collections in England to hold this status, so the news has been met with much excitement by the Museum team. The collection includes over 8.000 items and is furnished with much of the family's original furniture; including the dining table where they wrote their famous novels. We are pleased beyond measure by Arts Council England's decision to designate our collection as Outstanding, and believe our founders of 130 years ago would have felt just as proud of this achievement as we do today.

As mentioned in last month's article, Charlotte's famous 'little book' has now been safely transferred to Leeds, where it will be on display as part of Becoming the Brontës until October. This is a free exhibition within the Treasures of the Brotherton Gallery, co-curated by the University of Leeds, the British Library and the Brontë Parsonage Museum, which tells the story of the Brontë's development as writers. If you find yourself in Leeds, we highly recommend planning in an hour to visit the exhibition. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see some extraordinary Brontë treasures together on public display. In its place, there are two exciting new acquisitions on display; a 'little book' of poems and an early watercolour painting by Charlotte Brontë, both donated to the Museum by the Friends of the National Libraries in 2022 (pictured). If you've visited in the last 12 months your ticket will still be valid, so do stop by and spend some time with the items.

Local to the Museum? Residents living in BD20, BD21 are 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 visitors can continue to return and enjoy the Museum as exhibits change throughout the year. We want to hear your stories! On Saturday 29th July, we will be hosting an open mic storytelling event in Haworth. Local residents are invited to take to the stage to share their supernatural tales. If you would like to know more, visit www.bronte.org/what-on and look for 'By Candlelight' or email obscuratheatre@outlook.com

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Dementia Friendly Keighley (DFK) are an independent local charity for people affected by, or concerned about dementia in Keighley and surrounding villages. DFK was formed in 2014 by a group of local people with lived experience of dementia. Having supported a loved one through a dementia journey they felt that they had gained a lot of insight and experience that could help others going through the same journey.

DFK now has dedicated staff and a team of 20 volunteers, most of whom have first-hand experience and understand the challenges faced by someone affected by dementia.

Helen Charters, who runs DFK's town centre information and support centre, said 'people don't always know where to turn, we see all sorts of people from someone concerned about their



Helen Charters, from Dementia Friendly Keighley

memory, to others with a dementia diagnosis, as well as people caring for someone with dementia wanting to know what local support is available. We know a lot of family members become carers for someone with dementia without any preparation or training. That's why it's vital for them to have access to the right information, advice and support locally.'

'We have come a long way since those early days' added Alison Barker, Trustee, 'we now get referrals from GPs and other health care professionals

and community organisations and we work with existing providers such as the Alzheimer's Society and Carers Resource. DFK's Information and Support Centre is there for people to drop in for a coffee and a chat at any time or to simply 'off-load' when they need to – and we are all very proud of that'.

The message from the DFK team to anyone concerned about themselves or anyone else, is never be afraid to ask for help; it is not a sign of weakness and many people find that they can cope better after seeking help. Peer support groups are immensely valuable. Being able to say just how difficult things can be and what you are feeling to people who understand can really help with

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