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This summer brings a number of significant Anniversaries in the Worth Valley. The Bronte Parsonage celebrates the 200th Anniversary of the birth of Emily Bronte, the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway celebrates its 50th year in operation and Scar Top Chapel is putting on a special service to celebrate its 200th Anniversary, Bunting and buns galore!

Haworth resident, Beth Cunningham is our guest writer for the next six months. Beth brings us her unique observations about life and living locally; her column is called 'Maybe it's just me.'

Read about Haworth Church heritage guides on page 8 and book yourself a quided tour.

Enjoy June,

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MAYBE IT'S JUST ME by Beth Cunningham

If aliens ever land here - and, judging by some of my conversations - this has already happened - they are bound to notice how well off we are for hair salons. Heading back to Planet Splogg, they will record in the spaceship log: 'Mentality of Yorkshire people impossible to fathom, but Keighley clearly the capital of glamour.'

Faced with so much choice, we should all be going about in a state of gorgeousness not normally seen

outside Hollywood. Speaking for myself, as always, this is not happening. Despite the skills of my hairdresser - take a bow, Deborah, and thanks too for the listening ear, glossy magazines and nice cup of tea - I stick to my extreme, if blonde, crop. The KISS principle - Keep It Simple, Stupid - is paramount.

Emerging from Keighley pool, I am hardly Ursula Andress in the Dr No beach scene. But she never knew the convenience of hair that dries itself before you hit the changing rooms.

It was just as easy in the Sixties and Seventies when I had long, straight hair, ignoring my mother's hints to 'do something with it'. Most of the young guys I knew looked the same. Now teenage boys spend an unnatural amount of time at the barbers getting

cuts so neat that they are goig to have to find new ways in which to annoy their parents.

If I attract unwanted male attention, I am not able to fall back on the timehonoured excuse of: 'Sorry, I'm staying in tonight to do my hair'. As I never get asked out, this is hardly a problem.

But I do occasionally get approached by strange men who take it as a personal affront that I prefer to wear

my hair so short. They seem nervous that they are failing to understand a silent but aggressive feminist statement. If so, I wish I knew what I was trying to say. And anyway, I don't rush up to blokes with comb-overs or toupees shouting: 'You're fooling nobody, mate!'

I also get comments from timid women in grey anoraks, such as: 'Aren't you brave to wear your hair like that?' Is this a compliment? I don't think so. And, ladies, a low-maintenance hairstyle is hardly an act of heroism. Try setting off across the Kalahari Desert on a solitary sponsored walk.

I must go now. I have to wash my hair in case the aliens come back. Perhaps they'll be more impressed if I dye it green.

Beth Cunningham is a Haworth resident.







Scar Top 200th Anniversary



Pou are invited to join us for a special celebration service followed by Afternoon Tea June 10th at 2:30pm



Scar Top Chapel has historically held a popular social aspect within the community, when all its members, sometimes numbering up to 300 individuals, would gather at various times in the summer. Concerts, Lantern Shows, Sports Days, Sales, and Parties were all part of the local social activities in the area. As well as the Festivals and Annual prize giving concert there were numerous other concerts. Entertainment was provided by the choir, scholars and friends. Many romances between young couples from the surrounding area started at these occasions, known locally as 'copping on',* and consequently Scar Top holds a special affection in the hearts of many far & near.

This year we are inviting the whole community to come and join us as we celebrate our 200th Anniversary. We can't guarantee you'll meet the love of your life but it will be a 'reet good time' filled with music, song, and stories reminiscing about our history and times gone-by. All welcome! (For more details contact: Kathleen Snowdon 642915)

*Source: David Riley 'The Rise & Fall of Methodism in the Upper Worth Valley Yorkshire 1740-2013'



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For nearly 18 months now, most Wednesday's and Saturdays (other church commitments permitting) there have been volunteers leading these tours, usually from mid-day until around 3p.m.

Each volunteer has developed their own individual tour, so you can go at different times and get an alternative perspective and focus of interest. The tours usually take 35 to 40 minutes and cover the

history of the church going back about a thousand years (!) and will inevitably involve references to the Bronte presence (Patrick, the father of the literary sisters being the Priest in Haworth from 1820 till 1861).

St Michaels gets visitors from every corner of the globe and is often on the itinerary for student groups.

This short article is aimed at you, dear reader, as most likely a resident or perhaps a visitor to the Worth Valley: come and enjoy a tour and learn more about our local heritage; and also, perhaps, share your knowledge and local folklore with the guides - we are keen to learn more about Haworth and its history.

The tours are free, you don't have to book and details of when there is a volunteer available can be obtained from the Haworth **V**isitor Information **C**entre (01535 642329) or the church website:

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You will hopefully be intrigued and inspired by what you learn! - Chris Tordoff





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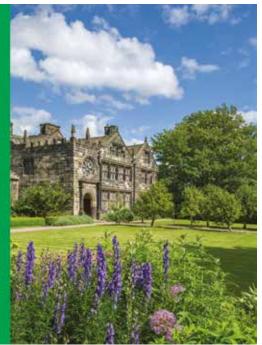
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Brontë Parsonage Museum at 90

A History of the Museum in 10 Objects



The rose is my favourite flower. I think some of my earliest memories are of summer holidays spent with my grandmother, helping her tend to the rosebushes in her garden. Images of roses also decorated her house; paintings, tablecloths, tea sets and delicate china ornaments, which - since her passing - have made their way to my own home.

Maybe this is why I've been so drawn to the small watercolour Wild Roses from Nature, painted by Charlotte Brontë when aged just 14. Dated 13th July 1830 in pencil, I assumed that Charlotte had stumbled across the subject matter whilst out walking on a sunny summer day. I pictured her sat on a small rock, a sketchbook perched on her knee, mixing colours with her small watercolour set, trying to capture the beauty of the deep pink flower. The work certainly brings to mind The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady - Charlotte, like Edith Holden,

illuminating her journals with the magical flora and fauna encountered throughout the seasons of the English countryside.

It was only when I read The Art of the Brontës that my initial assumptions were somewhat disrupted; authors Christine Alexander and Jane Sellars suggest that it was perhaps more likely that Charlotte had copied the wild roses from an illustration in one of the many flower and nature painting manuals published in the early 19th century. We know from the watercolours currently on display in Charlotte's bedroom that she did indeed copy from the works of other artists, but we also know that her own paintings were never exact replicas of the originals, adding her own special details and embellishments. Whilst Wild Roses from Nature may have been inspired by another artist's work. I like to think that Charlotte's watercolour contains flourishes unique to her own style. Before becoming the writer we know and cherish. Charlotte had initially held ambitions of becoming a painter. It is clearly evident in this work, painted at such a young age, that she had a precocious artistic talent.

My grandmother taught me how to select the perfect roses for each occasion - red for romance, white for spiritual reflection, yellow to celebrate friendship and pink to extend gratitude and admiration. When I look at this watercolour I cannot help but feel the romance of Charlotte's imagination, the incredible strength of her spirit, the wistful desire to have known her as my friend, and the gratitude and admiration for the timeless body of work she left behind.

Alice Measom - Museum Assistant



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please email us at enquiries@ keighleyclld.org.uk to register your interest in attending this event.

The event will provide details of the CLLD activities, how to access the Specifications, and the support available for the Application Process.

Local residents and business owners interested in learning more about the CLLD programme and how it might be able to support their needs are welcome to attend the Launch but are urged to consider coming to see us at the local **Drop In events** instead which are specifically designed for that purpose.

So please come along to one of our Drop In events and find out what CLLD is all about and how the funding might benefit:

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The Community Led Local Development area includes Keighley East, West and Central Wards, the map above shows where we will be holding these events.

- Laycock Village Hall, Laycock Lane, Keighley on 13th June, Ipm 3pm
- **Proster Gardens Community Centre**, Broster Ave, Keighley on 14th
 June, 9.30am 11.30am
- **3 Highfield Community Centre**, 21 Drewry Road, Keighley on 19th June, 1pm 3pm
- **4** Sue Belcher Community Centre, Bracken Bank Ave, Keighley on 21st June, Ipm 3pm
- **S** Bangladeshi Centre, Surma Building, Kensington Street, Keighley on 27th June, Ipm-3pm
- **6** Sangat Community Centre, Malborough Street, Keighley on 4th July, 9.30am – 11.30am
- Thainworth Wood Community
 Centre, Hainworth Wood Road, Keighley
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And June 29th will see us recreate that opening train, as we celebrate the achievements of the Railway's founding volunteers. Full details of all the events planned for the celebration week between June 24th and July 1st, as well as prebooking for the Royal Scot specials, is on on the website.

As well as the Anniversary event, we also have the inaugural Food & Drink festival June 9th – 10th, Vintage Train Sunday's starting in July and plenty more events throughout the year.

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To solve a sudoku puzzle, each row of nine squares must contain the numbers 1 through 9. Each column must also contain the numbers 1 through 9, and each box must contain the numbers 1 through 9. See page 30 for answers.



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at West Lane Baptist Church.
Sat 9th June 1pm Showtime 1960's
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Sat 9th & Sun 10th June Summer Food & Drink Festival on the KWVR. Sun 10th June 11am - 4pm Crafts at the Castle Garden Party in the Park at Cliffe Castle Museum & Park. Sun 10th June 2 - 4pm Music in the Park at Central Park, Haworth. Come along and enjoy Haworth Band - free concert.

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Friday 29th June, intended to have
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locomotives at its head, Ivatt 2-6-2T 41241 resplendent in LMS Maroon livery, just as it carried in 1968. The 8 days of celebration will finish with a "mixed traffic" style event, a week long Gala to please all audiences. Sat 30th & Sun 1st July Haworth 1960's weekend - stalls, music, fun fair, food, bar & gin stalls, classic cars & scooters.

Sun 1st July Oxenhope Straw Race to register and for more information visit www.strawrace.com.

Sun 1st July Keighley Model Railway Club Summer Open Day 1pm - 4.30pm at Club Room, Knowle Mills, South Street, Keighley.
Sat 7th July Oakworth Village Gala 2pm Procession from Windsor Road. Sat 7th & Sun 8th July A Weekend of Wool in Haworth at Cobbles & Clay. Sun 8th July 2pm - 4pm Bandstand Concert - GMC Jazz at Central Park, Haworth. Music in the Park. Come along to the Haworth Bandstand

in Central Park for free concerts performed by a number of talents musicians. Bring your friends, a blanket and some nibbles and lose yourself in big beats from the bandstand.



Keeping our strength: Fighting the clock

There's no doubt about it; as you get older you naturally begin to lose your strength and your fitness. Climbing the stairs becomes a little bit more difficult; that walk in the countryside is now becoming more challenging; your legs and knees start to remind you of the previous day's exertions! This is all normal and is something that you'll accept if you want to continue to exercise and to enjoy the benefits derived from leading an active lifestyle.

"People who claim that they are too busy to find time to exercise now, will need to prepare to find time for poor health later in life!"

Exercise doesn't just have physical benefits; it boosts our endorphin levels and this in turn improves our mood and mental health. There are also many social benefits that

are linked with getting out of the house to meet up with friends at a class or to go for a walk.

As' time ticks on', we start to lose muscle strength and with it our functional strength i.e. the ability to carry out our activities of daily living. The condition sarcopenia, which is associated with muscle loss, is a common condition that can affect around 10% of adults over the age of 50. After middle age, adults with sarcopenia lose on average 3% of their muscle strength every year and as a result sarcopenia can decrease both life expectancy and quality of life. However, the good news is that there are actions that

you can take to prevent and even to reverse the condition.

Having a **healthy diet** and taking **regular exercise** can reverse sarcopenia. Furthermore, combining aerobic exercise and resistance training gives the fight a real boost. Below are 3 things that you can do that are simple to achieve and relatively cost-free.

Resistance Training

You don't have to buy expensive equipment or pay expensive gym



membership fees to perform resistance training. Using your body weight against gravity (e.g. doing squats or press ups) or using a resistance band to pull or push against will strengthen muscles and improve function.

Fitness Training

Sustained exercise that raises your heart rate can also control sarcopenia. Combining fitness training with resistance and flexibility training is really effective and will further boost the fight against agerelated muscle loss.

Walking

Walking can also prevent and even reverse sarcopenia and is an activity that most people can do for free wherever they live.

Summary

Sarcopenia, the loss of muscle mass and strength, becomes more common with age and can decrease lifespan and quality of life. Exercise is the most effective way to prevent and reverse sarcopenia.

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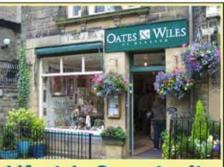
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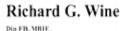
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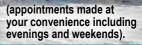
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