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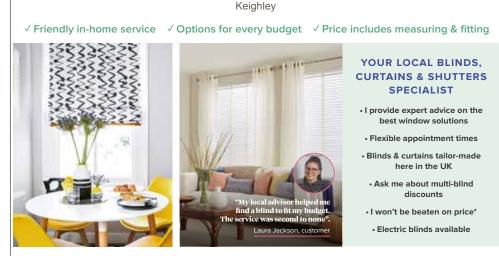
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This November edition is crammed with possibilities for your time and attention. There is a fair bit of ramping up for the holidays and excitement is in the air. Enjoy the preparations, take advantage of what is on offer, join in community gatherings, but mainly, go at your own pace. They say, "little things can bring joy," and it is true! Call in on a friend for a cuppa and a natter. Plant some bulbs in your garden. Get cosy in front of the fire with a good book. Try a new recipe. Listen to your favourite podcast or radio station. If you are feeling overwhelmed there is nothing more grounding than spending time in nature. Fresh air, movement, and daylight will do the trick to reset your orientation.

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Dear Community,

The Trustees of Haworth Village Hall are thrilled to share some fantastic updates with you.We're making great strides in our journey to transform our community village hall into something extraordinary and exemplary in the region.

After rigorous negotiations with Bradford Council, we've secured a lease that guarantees this space remains a community hub for years to come. This means our hall will be available for everything from weekly community clubs and classes to unforgettable concerts, seasonal parties and one-off events like weddings and special occasions; a place for both leisure and STEaM Learning (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Maths)...singing, dancing, moving, celebrating, playing, experimenting, researching, socialising and gathering.

We have detailed working plans for our much-needed upgrade and extension, and they've been given the green light by Bradford Council Planning Department. Our gratitude goes out to Roost Architects in Ilkley, whose expertise has been invaluable in realising our vision.

We couldn't have taken these steps without the support of the Keighley Towns Fund, which has helped us raise the initial capital for our extension.

In collaboration with Space to Inspire, one of our permanent hall users, we're hosting an **Open Day on the 18th of November from 10am to 3pm.** We'll be showcasing our ambitious plans for the future of Haworth Village Hall. It's a day for all, whether you're a long-time resident or a newbie to the community, you are most welcome. Expect a wide array of activities that will captivate both young and old. Confirmed participants for the day include Space to Inspire, the Scouts, the Guides, Roost Architects, and the Trustees of Haworth Village Hall.

Now, here's where you come in. We're on the lookout for enthusiastic volunteers to join our team and help us maintain this forward momentum. If you have experience in construction project management, bid writing, web technology, administration or general fundraising, these skills could be put to good use. We're bursting with ideas, but what we need most is the support of dedicated volunteers to turn these dreams into reality. We need you!

This is an exciting time for our community, and your involvement can make all the difference. Together, we can create a village hall that we can be proud of; a facility that benefits residents and visitors alike. Join us on November 18th, and let's shape the future of our beloved Haworth Village Hall together.

With warm regards,

The Haworth Village Hall Trustees www.haworthvillagehall.org.uk





Hake with potatoes, tomatoes, chickpeas, garlic and onion.



This simple dish can be served using cod or haddock, but I prefer it with hake steaks. For a fish dish it is quite hearty and warming, perfect for these autumnal evenings.

Ingredients (serves 4)

4 hake steaks

Sea salt

Olive oil

- 8 fat garlic cloves, skinned and finely sliced
- I Spanish onion, peeled, halved and finely
- I teaspoon of smoked sweet paprika
- I x 400g tin of plum tomatoes
- I x 400g tin of chickpeas, drained
- 400ml chicken stock

I kg main crop potatoes, peeled and roughly sliced

A handful of chopped fresh parsley

Method

Sprinkle your fish steaks with sea salt and set aside.

Warm a few good glugs of olive oil in a large, over a low heat in a heavy flameproof casserole pot, tip in your onion and garlic and soften for ten minutes or so, adding the sweet paprika towards the end of this time if using. Now chuck in your tomatoes, increase the heat and stir to soften and mash the tomatoes against the sides with a wooden spoon for a couple of minutes. Now add your chickpeas, stock and potatoes. Bring to a simmer, reduce the heat and cook for 20 minutes or until your potatoes are tender.

Preheat your oven, 200C (180C if it's a fan oven).

Take a large frying pan and heat another good couple of glugs of olive oil

over a medium heat. Wipe your fish dry before adding to the frying pan and cooking for a minute or two on each side until seared a nice golden colour, do this in two batches if necessary to avoid overcrowding your pan.

Once your potatoes are tender, check your tomato sauce for seasoning, adding more sea salt and freshly ground black pepper if you think it's needed. Place your fish on top of the tomato, potato and chickpea mixture and put your casserole in the oven to bake for approximately 10 minutes, though this does depend on how thick your fish is. When your fish is cooked, remove from the oven, chuck your freshly chopped parsley over it and serve. ~ Martin Lingard (PS I forgot to photograph it with the parsley!)



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Oakworth's Christmas lights are once again illuminating the village, thanks to the unwavering dedication of the Oakworth Christmas Lights Group. Just three years ago, the absence of festive lights cast a shadow over the holiday season, prompting the community to take action. Under the leadership of Mags Dearden, the group embarked on a mission to bring the magic of Christmas to the village.

The group secured grants, rallied local support,

and organized fundraising events, including a Black and White Ball and a Gala stall. Their endeavors have been generously supported by Keighley Town Council, Bradford Council, Oakworth Cricket Club, the Social Club, Pure Lettings, and numerous other community members. All funds raised are

directed towards the maintenance and expansion of the Christmas lights

display. The centerpiece of these efforts is the highly anticipated annual lights switch-on event, set for **December 2, at Holden Park.** This year, the honor of illuminating the lights will be bestowed upon Oakworth's own Champion Shepherdess, Carol Melling.

To ensure the longevity of this cherished tradition, the community invites contributions from those who share their vision. Support can be extended through www.paypal.me/makingoakworthgreat.





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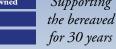
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The Railway is just drawing breath at the end There are other developments across the of a very busy season, rounded off by the annual Beer and Music Festival, which was a work to refurbish the inside of the water sell-out event on Saturday. I'd like to say that tower building is underway, into which we we get to take a break now, but we now turn hope to welcome passengers next year, our attention to readying for you-know-what opening a space that has hitherto been at the end of November. We've been asked closed to visitors. We are grateful for funding about tickets for our Elf Explorer services from the Railway Heritage Trust and Keighley since early January, and they've now been on Town Deal to support the development of sale for several weeks and we already have a number of dates with full trains, so please continue elsewhere too, as we finalise head to the website and book soon if you plan to join us for a special Christmas journey. accommodation and tour groups facilities

Railway continues. It is an expensive and timeconsuming process, with our larger projects taking years of planning. One such is the for 2024 and continuing to restore and replacement of a bridge vital to the Railway's maintain our fleet of historic carriages and operation because without it our loco fleet locomotives." would be trapped in the yard at Haworth, and the main line would be severed between there I do hope that we can welcome you on board and Oxenhope. It's a project that is projected soon because you have the benefit of a great to cost nearly £1.5m and we are very pleased historic attraction nearly on your doorstep. to report that we have been successful in our Don't forget to make use of your Local application to the government's 'Community Ownership Fund', and have been awarded a full details of which, including conditions and £1m grant to help with the immense cost how to apply, are on the website. of the project. We are very grateful, not least because it means that we continue to As ever, we are always on the lookout for invest in locomotive overhauls, with each of these now running into several hundreds of 750, so please do check the website for thousands of pounds, as well as the many opportunities, as well as information on our other infrastructure projects that we had put services and events. on hold pending the completion of the bridge replacement.

Railway, most noticeably at Keighley, where the water tower building. Developments plans for improvements to the volunteer at Haworth, and - again - this work is partly Aside from events, work to maintain the funded by a contribution from the Town Deal. If that wasn't enough, we are preparing ourselves for a busy programme of events

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~ Matt Stroh

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Friendly Keighley 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm Peer Support Coffee Club for people/carers living with dementia Airedale Shopping Centre, Keighley.

Every Thursday Dementia Friendly Keighley 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm Crafty

Friends, creative session, Airedale Shopping Centre, Keighley. Call Helen on 01535 602529

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 first Monday of a month 1.30 - 3.30pm The Welcome Drop-In at

Oakworth Methodist Church Share refreshments and chat. Supported by Carers' Resource and Dementia Friendly Keighley. Everyone welcome.

Every Tuesday 7 - 9pm Men's Peer Support Group Free Safe & Friendly environment for men to share, chat & laugh. Airedale Enterprise Services, Sunderland Street, Keighley, BD21 5LE

Every Tuesday I-3pm Coffee Afternoon at Hall Green Chapel, Haworth (downstairs) Free refreshments and friendly chat. Hall Green BookPoint (excluding November 14th).

Every Weds I - 2.30pm Ladies Dance Exercise at the Civic Centre, Keighley. Meet friends, socialise & keep fit. Every 3rd Wednesday 7.30pm of the month Oxenhope Climate Action meet at the Bay Horse Pub Oxenhope New Members always welcome. Further info www.oxenhopeclimateaction.org.uk Every Wednesday Haworth Senior Citizens Group. 2 pm - 3.30pm at West Lane Baptist Chapel, Haworth. New Members Welcome. Call Doreen 01535 648928

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Keighley 3rd Age Group

Meet at Action Point (formerly Temple Row Centre) at 10am. Free Refreshments. Further details contact the Chairman David Boddy 07976799527 email:d.r.boddy@btinternet.com Fri 3rd Nov 2pm at St James' Church, Cross Roads, BD22 9DL. **Cross Roads and Lees Church and** Chapel Ladies Group: Liz Birch will lead a Christmas Rag Wreath workshop. Sat 4th Nov 10am - 11.30 am Lees Methodist Church Coffee Morning Sat 4th Nov Yorkshire Health & Wellbeing Festival 10 am - 4pm Victoria Hall, Keighley Explore complementary health practitioners and stalls, many offering taster sessions and delightful samples available for purchase on the day.

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opportunity to get into the Christmas spirit.

Sat 2nd Dec & Sun 3rd 12noon -**3pm Santas Grotto at the Bowling** Club, Haworth Central Park. Santa and his little helpers will be dropping into the grotto at the bowling club pavilion to share lots of Christmas cheer. Children aged 2-7 with their adults will be able to say hello to Santa and receive a gift.

Sat 2nd Dec & Sun 3rd Dec Light **Up Haworth** The village will be illuminated with a hundred Christmas Trees with thousands of sparkling lights and shop windows will be decorated, marking the official start of the Christmas season. Choirs and bands will perform on Main Street Christmas plus an Artisan Market on both days in Central Park.

Sat 2nd Dec 2.30pm - 4.30 pm **Oakworth Village Society Christmas Fair** Fun for all the family at

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Sat 2nd Dec Oakworth's **Christmas Light Switch on 5pm** outside Holden Hall. Sun 3rd Dec I lam Haworth Santa

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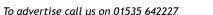
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The run-up to Christmas is packed with events and experiences in the Bradford district. To help you make the most of every moment, here are some of the highlights coming up this festive season.

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First on lots of people's list is a visit to Santa and you'll find him popping up at many places across the district and booking your visit in advance is advised. Look out for him aboard the Elf Explorer on the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway, a brilliant Christmas adventure with Father Christmas and his helpers, while at Shipley Glen Tramway the popular Santa Specials will be running on December weekends. In Thornton, Santa will be visiting the Christmas Tree Festival (25 November – 2 December), at St James' Church, where you'll also find a wonderful selection of decorated trees creating a magical display. Santa will be in attendance



In Bradford

at the Victorian Christmas Market at the Bradford Industrial Museum (25-26 November), along with a variety of stalls, roasted chestnuts, brass band and even an appearance from Scrooge, it will be a truly traditional way to start the Christmas season. For something completely different, pull on your trainers and sign up for the Haworth Santa Fun Run (3 December) for a unique race around the village.

Throughout November and into December festive lights will be switched on, with events across the Bradford district. The Festive Launch at The Broadway, Bradford (11 **November**) will be a full day of festivities including music, guest appearances and competitions. On 25 November, Shipley will be enjoying a day of free, family entertainment in the town before the lights are switched on, while in Ilkley there will be live music and entertainment on The Grove. In Keighley there will be live music and a performance by Gareth Gates before he switches on the town's lights on 26 **November**. The following week will see the light up weekend in Haworth on 2-3 December; Bingley will host an event with outdoor market, Santa's grotto, and DJ for the switch on (2 December), and in Baildon there will be live music and festive food and drink at various venues as they switch on the lights on 3 December.

Create magical Christmas memories at events with family and friends. In Bradford, a spectacular Ice Carnival will take over the city, 18-19 November with sparkling ice sculptures, street performers and live music. From 1 December, Saltaire Living Calendar will once again return to the UNESCO World Heritage Site, with new windows revealed daily to create a wonderful, illuminated trail around the village (until 1 January 2024). In Haworth, the historic village will host events every weekend in the run up to Christmas. The much-loved Torchlight Weekend will light up the Main Street 9-10 December, Christmas Music Weekend 16-17 December and the delightful Nativity Weekend 23 - 24 December. These wonderful events provide the ideal opportunity to explore the atmospheric village, be charmed by the beautiful window displays and find the perfect Christmas gifts.

Christmas shopping in the Bradford district is a shopper's delight, choose from popup events to high street favourites. Craft markets showcasing the very best of local artists and makers are often found in quirky and interesting locations. Look out for the weekend Artisan market in Haworth Park, the Christmas Makers' Fair at Ilkley Manor House (2-3 December) and the Christmas Market at East Riddlesden Hall, Keighley (2-3 December). Support your local high street, check for late night shopping events and festive offers. **Haworth village is open for late night shopping on 7 and 21 December**. While in Ilkley, the popular Real Food Market will have an **extra helping on 3 and 17 December**, for you to stock up on the finest local produce.

Make a date in your diary for festive experiences and activities. Get creative and make your own wreath, there are events around the district, including in the lovely surroundings of East Riddlesden Hall (25 Nov & 9 Dec), Brontë Parsonage Museum (9 Dec) and Cartwright Hall (2 Dec).



Alternatively, why not try your hand at printing your own cards or wrapping paper, with workshops at Cobbles and Clay in Haworth and People Powered Press in Saltaire. At the end of the day settle down to a festive concert or show from choirs to brass bands, crooners to comedians there's plenty to choose from and for the ultimate Christmas treat, book your seats for the panto, and this year it's the turn of Cinderella, oh yes, it is! to bring audiences together at the Bradford Alhambra for an unmissable feel-good show.



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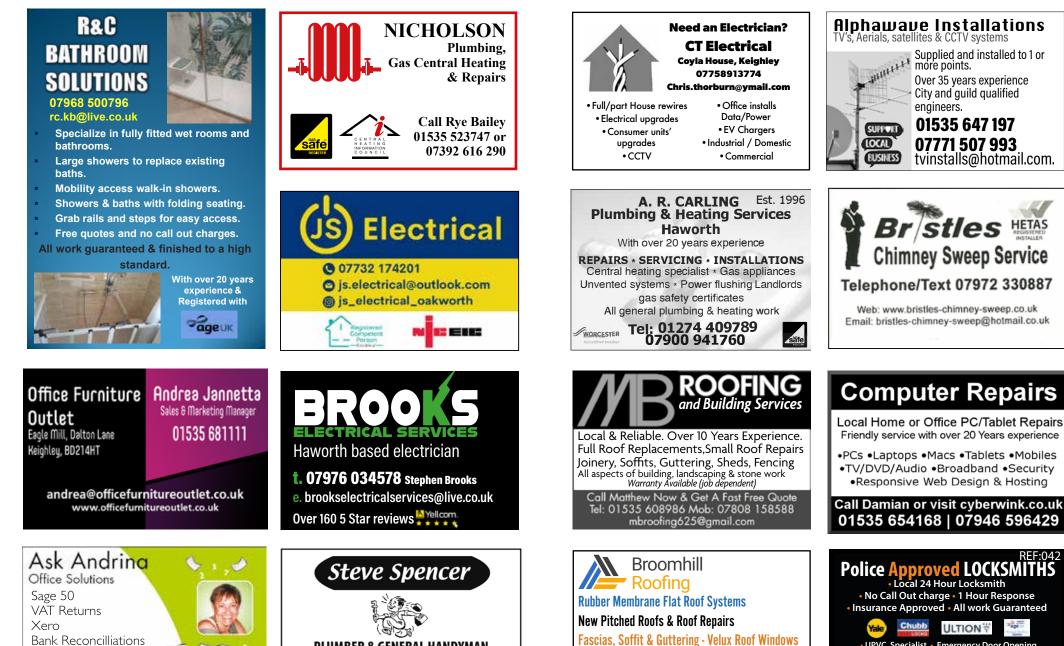
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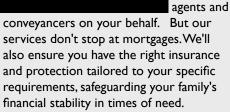
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passion for the craft of music has set her on an extraordinary course. Alyssa's early involvement in the Oakworth Methodist Pantomime team and KYDZ youth drama groups, developed a love for performing and singing before live audiences.

Alyssa's commitment to her art is unwavering, as seen in her impressive skillset. She nurtured her singing and guitar-playing abilities through a mix of formal lessons and self-guided practice. Equipped with a basic home studio setup, Alyssa has ventured into composing her own music. Her musical influences are as diverse as her talent, ranging from iconic acts like Queen and Freddie Mercury to contemporary sensations like

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Harry Styles and Beabadoobee.

A pivotal moment in Alyssa's journey was the creation and release of her debut single, "A Girl From San Fransisco." Collaborating with Jamie, a local studio owner in Haworth, they meticulously crafted the track. Their hard work garnered attention, leading to an interview and the first radio play of her song on Drystone Radio—a milestone for the young artist.

Alyssa's aspirations include continued music promotion, active involvement in open mic sessions, and membership in the Salts Hub music group. Her future plans encompass pursuing a Music and Production education at 6th form, with an eye on further studies at the university level.

While Alyssa shines as a solo performer,

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Behind the scenes at the Museum

From the collection

As the frost settles in for the winter, we highlight an item from the collection that served a useful practical purpose for Patrick Brontë in the harsher months, and the friend who gave it to him.

In 1854 Patrick Brontë was gifted a pair of

crampons by his friend the Reverend William Cartman, who was prompted to send the crampons during a particularly harsh winter. Mr.William Cartman was the former headmaster at Ermysted's Grammar School in Skipton, and a longstanding friend of the Brontë family, dating from the time when Patrick was perpetual curate at Haworth and William had become curate at Bingley. He frequently attended dinners at Haworth Parsonage and would occasionally be invited to preach at Haworth and Stanbury. This pair of heel spikes, or 'ice apparatus' as Patrick referred to them, would have been buckled under formal shoes to prevent slipping on

the icy cobbles -

a risk local residents will be all too familiar with! This item can be seen on display in the Museum's 'The Brontës and the Wild' exhibition, which runs until 1st January 2024.

Christmas at the Museum

The festive period is just around the corner, and the Museum team are busy preparing to 'deck the halls' for another Christmas by Candlelight at Haworth Parsonage. Here's what we've got coming up:

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Christmas by Candlelight: Late Night Opening (Thurs 7 Dec, 5pm-7pm. FREE to local residents.)

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Christmas by Candlelight: Brontë

Treasures (Fri 8 Dec, 6.30pm. £50 per person.) Join curator Sarah Laycock for an evening exploring some of the Museum's most precious treasures. Includes a glass of sherry and the opportunity to enjoy Haworth Parsonage dressed for the Christmas season.

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