







On the cover this month you will see that the flags are flying on Haworth Main Street, and you will recognise the Yorkshire rose, a familiar symbol of our great county. The other is the Peruvian flag. Why? Because Haworth is celebrating its Twinning link with Machu Picchu. Peru and welcomes a number of special guests including the Peruvian Ambassador Juan Carlos Gamarra and others in the community who will take part in the renewal of this friendship. By the time you receive this magazine the fanfare may be over but the invitation to get involved in the Haworth Machu Picchu Twinning Group still stands. It is all part of exploring our culturally rich

of exploring our culturally ric world and participating in a global community.

¡Bienvenidos! All WELCOME!

(See page 4) Liz



Editor Liz Barker





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## BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM

Brontë Festival of Women's Writing

Every September, the Brontë Parsonage Museum hosts the Brontë Festival of Women's Writing, and this year, the ninth festival will take place from Friday 20 – Sunday 22 September. We realised many years ago just how many writers working today list the Brontës as major inspirations, and call out Jane Eyre or Wuthering Heights as THE book that made them want to become an author. With this in mind, we created a festival that could highlight just how remarkable the work of Charlotte, Emily and Anne truly is, and that would also showcase the amazing writing being done by women today.

This year, we've worked with the novelist Kit de Waal to put together a festival weekend that celebrates and explores working-class writing and writers. The Brontës came from a world in which you very often needed social or family connections to break into the world of literature, which was based almost completely in London. 170 years later, things haven't really changed all that much, so Kit has put together a weekend of events that celebrate the amazing voices that don't always get heard.

Whether you're a budding writer, a keen reader or just looking for a fun way to spend a weekend, we've got something going on for you. If you've ever wondered what goes into taking a book From Page to Publication, our morning-long myth-busting session from 10am on Saturday 21st September features authors, publishers, booksellers and editors sharing information and tips and answering your questions. For



anyone with little ones, bestselling children's author and illustrator Nadia Shireen (Billy & the Dragon) will be hosting a storytime draw-along workshop from 2pm. Hotlytipped debut author Sara Collins will be discussing her Jane Eyre-inspired novel The Confessions of Frannie Langton at the West Lane Baptist Centre from 3.30pm, and from 6pm we'll be hearing from some of the writers behind Common People, a new anthology of working-class writing. For a great Saturday night out, join us from 8pm for Words and Stories, a warm and funny evening of women's stories and poetry presented by Zena Barrie and Jo Howard, formerly of Verbose in Manchester.

Our Festival writer-in-residence Clare Shaw will be around all weekend, and is leading a poetry workshop on Sunday at 10.30am, which will centre on drawing inspiration from the churchyard and the world around you! Also on Sunday 22nd, Amy Liptrot will be talking about her stunning nature memoir The Outrun, from 2pm at West Lane Baptist Centre.

More information and tickets for all events can be found at www.bronte.org. uk/whats-on, or by calling 01535 640192.





The ninteenth century schoolroom built by the Revd Patrick Bronte and now used as the small church for the village, containing the eighteenth century pulpit from Haworth Parish Church used by the Revd William Grimshaw and the Revd Patrick Bronte.

This is where Charlotte Bronte (author of Jane Eyre) taught at the Sunday School. A simple building recently put back into beautiful order. Normally only open for worship at 9.30 a.m. each Sunday. Simple refreshments, Bronte information and informal guides around all day.



# Opening Times Saturday 21 September: 10.00-16.30 No booking required Directions

Best to park on left as you enter the village (or on the right as you leave the village) and walk along the narrow main street to the church in the middle of the village. Bronte Bus BI from Keighley and Haworth hourly on a Saturday (arrives ten to the hour, leaves seven minutes to the hour).



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# back to 'Rock You' 27th - 29th Sept 2019

Fallfest 2019 is set to break all records for footfall this year. Not only will they 'Rock You' with their Queen tribute headline act The Bohemians – BUT Fallfest is offering a unique first this year. Their regular troupe of performers, The Falling Stars Theatre Company, will deliver an immersive and gripping take on Shakespeare's Hamlet. Fresh from the Fringe

Performed at the Edinburgh Fringe, 'To Be or Not To Be? – Purgatory is the Question', explores the parallels



of betrayal and power we all experience in our own families with the modern world around us. Inspired by the timeless themes of family dynamics Falling Stars examines them through the familiar and archaic



Shakespearian characters. The first performance following their debut at the Edinburgh Fringe, this is definitely not one to be missed. Falling Stars have performed together

as a company for a number of years and established themselves within Yorkshire as a company that provides an immersive theatrical experience. Each year the company performs its debut production at FallFest in Glusburn, with a follow on subsequent tour which has grown year

on year - bringing high quality theatre into rural communities and helping to keep theatre alive and accessible for local communities.

Festival Vibe

Another first for Fallfest this year will be a change of venue. Major works at Glusburn Institute has meant the festival will take place in and around a super Festival Marquee



kindly hosted by Glusburn Cricket Club. Festivities will commence on the Friday with choirs from five of our local primary schools involved in a themed Sing Off. Held in the Festival Marquee this is a free event and one not to be missed.

Saturday, sees the recurrence of Fallfest's every popular Family Fun Day, featuring a bigger and better Dog Show, with fun Agility Course; the Fallfest 5 Trail Race; Interschools Cross Country; Teddy Tombola; Bouncy Castles; Street Food; Treasure Hunt, cakes stalls and much more.

With The Bohemians, lighting up Saturday evening and with Music in the Marquee on Sunday...the festival goer will undoubtedly have worked up a thirst. What better way to slake it than call in to the Fallfest Beer & Gin Fest (Fri – Sun) run by Bridgehouse Brewery and hosted courtesy of Crosshills Social Club.

For Full Festival Details and Timings see www.facebook.com/thefallfest For Tickets & Info www.ticketsource.

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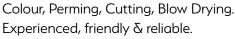
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# To Russia with love

As our most intense period of operation draws to close at the end of the summer holidays, you might think that we would stop for a breather, but this is when the hard work really begins. We take the opportunity of the trains reverting to running only at weekends to focus on the 150+ year old infrastructure and so in September we hold our annual "Civil Week". During the week, a dedicated team of volunteers take time off work to undertake major projects that can't be undertaken when the trains are running. They have previously relaid lengths of track or replaced pointwork, and this year are tackling a stretch of the banking that has

challenged engineers since the days of the Midland Railway at the beginning of the 20th Century. We are also preparing for the first of several bridge replacements, which next year will see one of the original structures being replaced to allow trains to continue operating for another 150 years on the branch line. The work this year means that we will have a special timetable operating for the weekends of 14/15 and 21/22 September, so please visit the website for the latest information. We will plan to operate steam-hauled services, at least on part of the line, with the rest served by a heritage diesel unit and an inter-connecting 'bus service.

After the work is complete, we will be getting ready to welcome visitors to the **Beer & Music Festival (17th – 20th October),** with live music at both Oxenhope and Ingrow (on the Friday to Sunday), and well over 100 different real ales, plus ciders and gins, to sample during

the event. After that, our Halloween Special 'Wizard Express' and 'Gatsby Murder Mystery' services take the Railway to a scary place (full times and booking details are on the website), and then we look forward to welcoming Father Christmas and his Pixies aboard the Santa Specials. We opened for festive reservations in July and have already had a record number of bookings, so please visit the website soon if you wish to travel on a particular date and time, because places will soon get very limited on some Santa Specials!

As well as so much going on, we continue to run every weekend, as I spent a long

time explaining to a visitor from Moscow recently. Alexey struggled to grasp that what has become a tourist line would be able to operate steam trains – primarily by volunteers – all through the depths of winter. Now I appreciate that the winters in the Valley are a bit less extreme that in Moscow,

but nonetheless, we are often the only safe means of transport to and from Oxenhope and sometimes Haworth. Seeing Alexey marvel at the Railway's operation was a fantastic reminder of what 50+ years of effort and determination can achieved, and he has taken back to Russia our enthusiasm, quality and heritage as he strives to establish a steam-hauled operation just outside Moscow. What is great for you is that you don't need to travel much beyond your doorstep to enjoy what Alexey was willing to journey half way round the world to experience, so I do hope that we can welcome you on board soon!

KWVR Chairman Matt Stroh















#### **Textile Appeal**

Grab your cotton spools and thimbles, sewing is back in fashion! Retailers have been reporting a big leap in sales of dressmaking patterns and sewing machines, as a new generation battles with bobbins, pins and pinking shears.

More than I million people have taken up sewing in the last three years, according to research by the Craft & Hobby Trade Association (CHA-UK), and 7.7m now count making their own clothes as a hobby. Textiles have always been a massive part of Keighley's heritage, with its factories humming with the sounds of sewing machines. While many women used to learn how to sew from their mothers or grandmothers, more recently that transfer of knowledge has broken down. Keighley College has stepped in to provide a range of courses to help bridge that gap and create opportunities for students to

learn a new trade.

After a period in the doldrums, the textile industry in the UK and in Keighley has been growing. In the last 10 years, this growth has led to a skills gap in the industry locally. This is why Keighley College's Textile Academy was set up, with a range of courses targeting those missing skills. The academy's latest offering is a Level I qualification designed for young

people aged 16-19 who are looking for a career in fashion or textiles. It provides students with the basic skills, knowledge and understanding to start in the industry with the opportunity to progress to a Level 2 apprenticeship.

Charlotte Meek, Course Leader for the Textile Academy, said: "Manufacturing in the UK is growing and textiles is no exception. The Textile Academy has strong links with local manufacturers, a growing reputation for excellence and a range of courses to suit all tastes.

"Whether you are a complete beginner just wanting to make yourself a skirt and give dressmaking a try or looking to start a career in fashion and textiles, we will have a course to suit you. Our highly skilled teachers are passionate about textiles and the industry they work in."

As well as the Level I full-time course, the college offers a number of Level 2 and 3 apprenticeships in fashion and textiles with local manufacturers and short courses to train unemployed students into work. Those looking for a more relaxed introduction to textiles can try dressmaking which is open to all levels on Tuesday evenings.

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Every Monday 10.30am to 12 noon at Oxenhope Bowling Club Learn to play crown green bowls. Help given to get you started, or just come along for a cup of tea and chat.. Free of charge.No booking required - just turn up at the Bowling Green in Oxenhope park anytime between the hours stated.

Oakworth Young at Heart meet every Thursday I-3pm at Oakworth Village Hall

Haworth Senior Citizens meet every Wednesday 2-3pm at West Lane Methodist Church. Friendship, activities, speakers, outings.

Every Tuesday 12.15pm Oakworth Senior Citizens Luncheon Club at Oakworth Methodist Church.

Family Cycle Zone at Bolton Abbey until 29th Sept. Situated adjacent to the village car park, the space offers a safe area for children to learn and practise their cycling skills.

Sat 7th until Sun 22nd Sept Walk & Ride Festival Various locations

including Keighley & Haworth More info www.walkandridefestival.co.uk Sat 7th Sept 9am - 5.30pm Keighley & District Agricultural & Horticultural Show at Marley Fields.

Sat 7th Sept (with Keighley Show). Train rides for all the family. Miniature trains running at Marley sports field approx. I 1:30 until approx. I 7:00. Steam and electric trains providing trips for all ages. Great family afternoon out. Refreshments available.

Thurs 12th Sept 10am Ipm Make a Mark - Landscape Sketch Crawl at Bronte Parsonage Museum. Start: Shop entrance, Bronte Parsonage Museum, 2 miles A sketch crawl! A fun walk, including landscape drawing challenge with spectacular views from Penistone Hill. Refreshments at 'Cobbles and Clay' after. All levels welcome. Materials provided. Please email Jess to book and discuss any accessibility issues.jess.kidd.art@gmail.com.

Fri 13th Sept 7.30pm Haworth Cinema Film Rocketman (15) West Lane Baptist Church. Sat 14th - Sun 3rd Nov More than

Sat 14th - Sun 3rd Nov More than Mats - Rugmaking Past, Present & Future at Cliffe Castle Museum & Park. Fri 13/20th Sat 14th/21st & Sun 15th/22nd Sept 10am - 4pm Railstory Ingrow, Keighley & Worth Valley Railway Visitors will be able to gain free access to both the Engine shed and the Carriages Trust Museums as well as being able to visit the learning coach in the dock of Ingrow Station and can also look around the Ingrow Railway Station. Sat 21st Sept Haworth 9am Car Boot Sale filed adjacent to the 3 Acres Pub, Bingley Road, Lees Moor, BD21 5QE

Sun 15th Sept Train rides for all the family. Miniature trains running at Marley sports field approx. I 3:30 until approx. I 7:00. Steam and electric trains providing trips for all ages. Great family afternoon out. Refreshments available. Details at www.kdmes.org.uk/trains.htm Thurs I 9th Sept Oxenhope Gardening Club will be at 7.30 pm at the Oxenhope Community Centre, Shaw Lane, Oxenhope. The speaker will be Bridget Marshall, a long-standing member of the National Garden Scheme(NGS).

Sat 21st Sept 2 - 4pm Haworth
Central Park Bandstand Concert
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Sat 21st Sept 10am - 4.30pm St Gabriel's Church, Stanbury where Charlotte Bronte taught at the Sunday School. A simple building recently put back into beautiful order. Refreshments, Bronte information and informal guides around all day.

Sat 21st & Sun 22nd Sept 10.30am Heritage Open Day at East Riddlesden Hall Enjoy free entry all day to this friendly 17th-century home. Inside or out this little gem of a property has many surprises. Sunday 22nd Sept Worth Valley **Horticultural Society 7th Annual** Show at West Lane Methodist Church West Lane Haworth BD22 8EL opposite The Sun Hotel Please contact Show Secretary Mike Cunningham Tel 01535 215141 Mob 07977051236 Website mhlc@blueyonder.co.uk Sun 22nd Sept 8.30am Bronte Mountain Bike Challenge at Oxenhope Village. Contact Andrew: manorlands.fundraising@sueryder.org T:

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Fri 27th Sept 7.30pm Haworth Cinema Film Red Joan (12A) West Lane Baptist Church.

Sat 28th & Sun 29th Sept 10am - 4pm Haworth Craft Fairs at Haworth Old School Rooms.

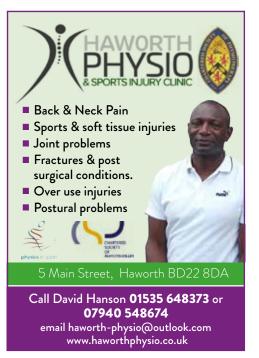
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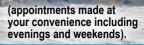
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