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If you are in need of transportation, don't be stuck, call your local Driving Miss Daisy; It's much more than a taxi. Read page 5 to see the range of services that they offer.

This is the last month to take advantage of the Digital Garage (p7) which includes free training for businesses via Airedale Enterprise.

If you're looking to take up a relaxing new hobby, Claire Kettleman is running a contemporary stitch group which is worth a look (see p6).

Have a great month, Liz Barker editor

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## BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM



reality of the situation, and that his boyish enthusiasm couldn't be converted into genuine talent, either as a writer or artist. It's from then onward that he begins his slow downward spiral.

### What is your favourite item in the Museum's collection?

Branwell's wallet. It's a big chunky, meaty thing, like a piece removed from his torso. It's empty, of course – he was never one for saving!

### And your favourite piece of Brontë writing?

I'm going to betray Branwell here, but all three sisters were, in the end, far better writers. It's hard to see past Wuthering Heights, if you have a heart and a soul. Some of Emily's poems as well – she had a natural gift. This poem, for example, which reveals mischievously in the darker aspects of life :

*Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers,  
away;*

*Lengthen night and shorten day;*

*Every leaf speaks bliss to me*

*Fluttering from the autumn tree.*

*I shall smile when wreaths of snow*

*Blossom where the rose should grow;*

*I shall sing when night's decay*

*Ushers in a drearier day.*

### Anything else you'd like to tell us?

Come and see the exhibition at the Museum. I think many people have a neat and tidy image of the Brontës and their world, but this will be like walking into Branwell's head – not a pretty place.

February sees the opening of **Mansions in the Sky**, a brand new exhibition curated by poet **Simon Armitage**, our 2017 Creative Partner. Simon is working with the museum team on a number of projects to mark **Branwell Brontë's bicentenary**. Here he is to tell us more.

### Tell us a little about yourself:

I'm a poet and writer, born and living in West Yorkshire.

### What most interests you about Branwell?

He's usually depicted as the bad boy of the Brontë clan, a sort of black sheep among the angelic sisters. And certainly his behaviour was pretty erratic at times, and some of his decision-making a bit wayward. But more than anything I sense his disappointment. He was the great hope of the family initially, singled out by his father for special treatment as the son and heir. It seems as if over time Branwell's great ambitions, and the ambitions other people had for him, were overtaken by the

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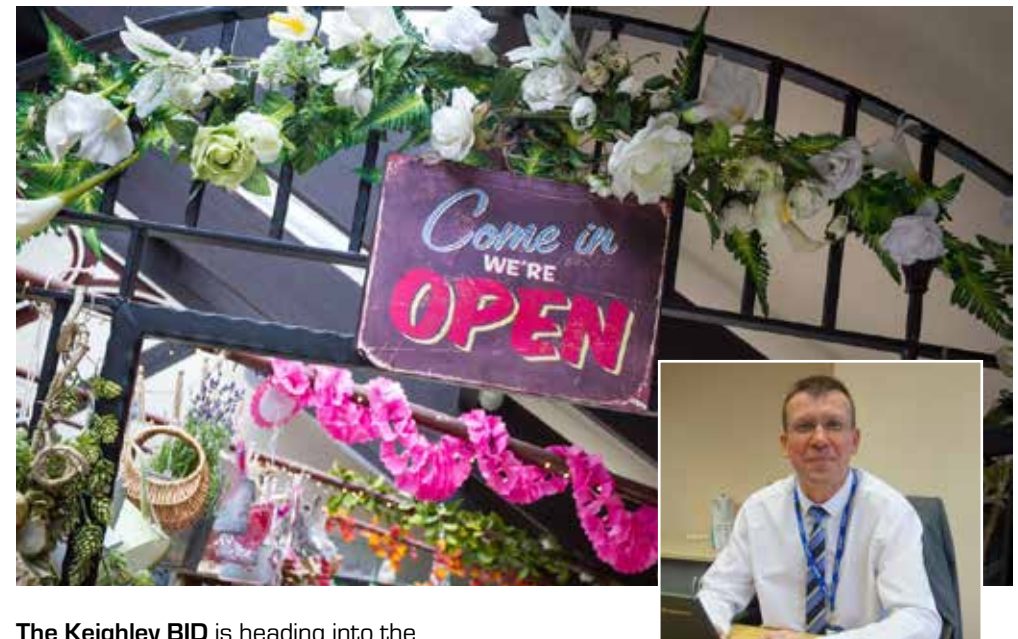
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The Keighley BID is heading into the second year of its first term with a full team of staff, after the recruitment of former KTCA member Phil Walker in December. Phil joins BID manager Paul Howard, and Communications Officer Hannah McIntyre; and the team are working to build on their success from 2016 and launch new projects.



Phil Walker is the latest addition to the BID Team promotional videos, to training schemes and cost reduction services. We'll also be looking to build on our Independent's Campaign from December 2016, where shoppers can win cash prizes by supporting local independent businesses.

The first event of the year will be a theatre-themed Kids' Fun Day on Saturday 28th January. Regional leading performing arts school Stage 84 will be holding free drop-in singing and dancing workshops all day in the Airedale Shopping Centre, 11am to 4pm. To include street dance, contemporary dance, musical theatre and pop music.

We have a full programme of events in the works for the rest of the year, with town centre events at least once a month, and quarterly events for the recently formed Keighley Business Club with guest speakers and a chance to network with local and regional businesses. The town itself has an exciting year ahead, with the Flying Scotsman arriving on the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway on April 1st, and the Tour de Yorkshire passing through on Sunday 30th April.

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the business forward to help support the younger generation. With an award-winning and very popular burger recipe, using the meat from their own Longhorn cattle, they have decided to diversify and invest in an artisan burger bar; helping their local area and creating four new jobs in the process. This is an excellent example of how South Pennines Leader funding can be used to benefit the local area and the people living here.

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Autumn Hitchen (left, aged eight) and Norman Kitchen (right, aged five) in the Old Crib Farm

**Farming, tourism and job creation targeted by new £1.2 million fund The South Pennines Leader programme has a budget of £1,286,000 available to help support a range of business enterprises in the South Pennines area.** Applications are now being accepted for the programme, which runs until 2019 and is managed by rural regeneration company Pennine Prospects.

"The new Leader programme is designed to support projects that create jobs and promote economic growth," explained Candy Squire-Watt, Leader Programme Coordinator. "We are keen to hear from farmers and business owners who may have an idea for diversification or expansion. This is capital funding for the purchase of specialist equipment or for buildings and unlike some other regions with Leader funding we haven't put a cap on individual funding applications."

The funding is already making a difference at the Garsides' farm, in Slaithwaite. Farmed by the Garsides for a century, the family is now looking for ways to take

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"There are so many different businesses in the South Pennines that could benefit from this funding," explained Candy. "For example, we'd like to hear from you if you have a farm or forestry business delivering visitor services, developing new local products or contributing to the landscape. Maybe you run a visitor-facing business

that provides distinctive visitor services such as accommodation or local food and drink. If so, you may be eligible for this funding.

"If you have an idea please call and we can discuss it. We can offer advice and guidance and check for eligibility to ensure you get the best chance of success."

Candy also wanted to reassure potential applicants that the funding was secure. "There has been a recent announcement by the UK Government's Treasury guaranteeing this funding up to the point that we leave the EU. This is European funding but it is secure."

**For more information please contact Candy Squire-Watt at 01422 264685 or email [Candy.Squire-Watt@pennineprospects.co.uk](mailto:Candy.Squire-Watt@pennineprospects.co.uk)**

# Sudoku Puzzles

1	2			6				
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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.

## COUNTRY COOKING by Cath Bromwich



### SWEET & SOUR STIR-FRY

Most of us enjoy treats, however often people have food allergies and have to find different ways of enjoying foods. This recipe meets many of these needs...and also achieves the standards for 'treat' for me! I serve it with egg-fried rice. You will have some sympathy for me I'm sure, because I would happily make this recipe without thinking until I tried to write it down...and then I struggled to get the balance of flavours right each time I did it! You need the right balance of sweet pineapple and sour vinegar for it to taste delicious. I like crunchy vegetables, but cook them longer if you like.



Cath Bromwich, a Silsden resident, is a cookery teacher and forager. Her livelihood includes foraging and cookery courses, such as cooking on a budget

and outdoor foraging and cooking experiences. She trained at Ballymaloe Cookery School, Ireland. For more information, or to pass on your stories and recipes, contact Cath at [www.facebook.com/foragercathyorkshire](http://www.facebook.com/foragercathyorkshire)

### Ingredients:

Recipe for a generous 2

1-2 Tablespoons oil for frying or about a heaped teaspoon coconut oil

Salt and pepper

1 Onion, sliced thinly

2-3 Cloves of garlic, grated or cut small

2-3 Carrots peeled and cut thinly (I do diagonal cuts)

1 Green pepper, de-seeded and sliced thinly

Pineapple chunks or slices from a small tin, cut into chunks (227g Can)

Optional: Approximately 200g stir-fry meat (Chicken, turkey or pork) cut into small chunks or slices

### For the sauce:

1 Desertspoon corn flour (10ml)

1 Tablespoon honey (15ml)

1 Tablespoon soya sauce or Tamari sauce (which is gluten-free) (15ml)

1 ½ Tablespoons Rice vinegar

100ml approximately Pineapple juice from a carton or from the can of pineapple chunks

2 Big pinches salt, a good pinch of pepper

### Method:

Put the sauce ingredients in a mug, cornflour first, add all the liquid ingredients, mix well, add the salt and pepper

In a big pan or wok add the oil and heat until hot (hob on HOT)

Add the onion and stir a minute, add the carrots and meat, if having, continually stir

When the meat is almost cooked (break a piece open to check) then add the green peppers, continually stir.

Add the pineapple chunks and the sauce in the mug. Keep stirring as it thickens, season and add any more soya sauce, vinegar etc. according to your taste.

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## Keighley & Worth Valley Railway Events 2017



The alarm goes off just after 6:30 and it's not even a working day. By 8:15 I'm taken back to 1910 (that's the year, not the time!) and am unlocking the gates at Oakworth station. It's foggy, so I put the signal and gate lights on, and then make sure the fires are lit in the booking office and waiting room. There's no electric lighting at the station, so I illuminate some of the gas lamps to help me see the train register that I need to complete during the day to record the passing of trains.

Pushing the station barrows on to the



platform brings the place to life. I ring the telegraph bell down to the signal

box at Damems Junction to let them know that I'm on duty and ready to operate the crossing gates and signals when the first train arrives just after 9. At 9:05 the 'tredle' just past Haworth station is depressed, ringing the bell at Oakworth to alert me to the imminent arrival of the heritage diesel. I put the gates across the road, having my first Mr Perks moment of the day, and operate the levers to raise the signal and the train arrives, dropping off and collecting the first passengers of the day. The train leaves and I ring down to the signal box to let them know

the train is en route.

Then peace returns, giving me time to put the kettle on and wait for the train to return from Keighley. The peace is short-lived, however, because the train approach bell sounds again and a work train arrives from Haworth, and shunts the yard to take the ballast wagon down to Ingrow later in the day.

And so begins the routine of the day... half an hour between trains to fettle the station, polishing the brass and stoking the fires (and keep the kettle boiling for the benefit of fellow volunteers!), operating the gates and signals, and welcoming passengers. The last train passes in the twilight of a winter late afternoon, just after the gas lights on the platform have lit, which brings a fantastic glow to the station.

I started many years ago as a volunteer trainee booking clerk and received full training and examination to achieve the crossing keeper qualification, which permits me to run Oakworth and Damems stations, and you can do the same by applying via the website for this or the variety of roles that we have on offer.

If you prefer to visit as a passenger, there's a whole variety of events planned for 2017, with the visit of **Flying Scotsman in early April**, seats for which are selling very fast with many trains already full, so please do book soon to avoid disappointment. We also continue to run trains every weekend and daily in half term, with our **Steam Gala in early March**, and a visit from **Sid and Scrat from Ice Age 21/22 February**.

Do please get in touch if you would like to volunteer, and see the website for details of forthcoming events and train times.

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# Cleansing Detox Electric Green Juice



Haworth Wholefoods &  
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OK so it is February and time for a check in. Did you make a commitment to get healthy, eat your greens, detox, and get fit this year? Pat yourself on the back if you managed to make some headway on any of these fronts. But don't beat yourself up if you are still making your way through the last of the Christmas cake. Life is for living, and anyway, we think February is the perfect month to turn up the volume on a new regime.

Juicing is a great way to ease into healthy habits and add energy to your days. This Electric Green juice recipe is a winner and so satisfying in the mornings, especially as green means go!

It is sweet enough to satisfy a child's palate and grown up enough to make you feel smug about drinking your vegetables. Bottom line is, you are providing your body with a plant based, nutrient rich drink that also has an alkalising effect on your digestive system. Enjoy!

## Electric Green Juice

### Ingredients:

- 1 cucumber
- 1 cup\* parsley
- 1 cup spinach
- 2-3 green apples
- Super Detox:
- 2cm fresh turmeric
- 1/2 lime
- 2 beets (optional)

Worth Valley Mag and Haworth Wholefoods bring you fresh juice recipes every month. If you are dieting, detoxing or just eating healthily, Haworth Wholefoods has everything you need! Contact Sally at Haworth Wholefoods to find out more. 01535 649217.

\*The cup measurement is equivalent to a standard mug.

**Method:** Place all ingredients through a juicer, extracting only the juice and leaving the pulp. Best consumed right away but can be stored in airtight glass jar for two days if required. Yield: 2 servings.

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**Coffee Stop Every Friday 10.30am - noon at Trinity Church, Fell Lane, Keighley**, Serving Fairtrade coffee & tea. Call in for a friendly chat.  
**Weds 1st Feb until Jan 2018 Bronte Parsonage, Haworth - To Walk Invisible from Parsonage to Production.** An exclusive opportunity to see the costumes from Sally Wainwright's acclaimed Brontë drama, in the historic setting of the Parsonage. Designer Tom Pye worked



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closely with academics and experts to create costumes which are authentic to the period and which evoke the separate personalities of each member of the Brontë family. Also on display in this arresting exhibition are props made especially for the drama and a selection of stills from photographer.

**Mon 6th Feb 2pm Meeting Point** at Trinity Church, Fell Lane, Keighley. Mr Maurice Baren "My Life without Flowers"  
**Fri 10th Feb 10.30am Cliffe Castle Museum, Keighley** Join us for the first season of free events  
**A Story To Tell.** Using objects from the museum collections, staff will introduce you to some of the fascinating histories and tales which they reveal. We want to hear your stories too! Participants are invited to bring along a small object or photograph with a story that they would like to share with the group.

Each session has a theme which acts as a starting point. This session's theme is School Life. Please contact Cliffe Castle on 01535 618231 to confirm attendance.  
**Sat 11th & Sun 12th Feb 10am - 4pm Haworth Craft Fairs** at Haworth Old School Rooms. Entry is £1 which includes free cup of tea or coffee.



**Sun 12th, 19th Feb & Sun 5th March North Street closed in Keighley** between High Street roundabout and Alice Street. Top of Cavendish Street closed. Due to demolition of former Keighley College Building.

**Weds 15th & 22nd Feb, Lunch time Tree Walks in Devonshire Park** meet at 12.15pm at the main gates of Devonshire Park. All welcome. Wheelchair friendly routes available, although there are some steep sections.

**Weds 15th Feb 10.45am Towards Eldwick at Shipley Glen 4 miles (6.4km) • Circular walk •** Packed lunch Meet Gillian Dale at Bracken Hall Centre, Glen Road, Shipley Glen for a walk through the woods to Eldwick Village.

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**Tues 21st & Weds 22nd Feb Meet Sid & Scrat Ice Age at the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway.** The beloved duo will meet and greet visitors at intervals throughout the day and there will be opportunities to take photos of the character, don't forget to bring your camera!

**Sat 25th Feb 8pm Central Hall, Alice Street, Keighley Dementia Friendly Keighley's Making Memories Auction.** Tickets available from [info@dementiafriendlykeighley.org.uk](mailto:info@dementiafriendlykeighley.org.uk) or call 07452773788

**Sun 26th Feb Lucienne de Ville** at Cliff Castle Museum FREE performance Lucienne De Ville will be performing

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**Mon 6th - Sat 11th March One Man, Two Guvnors** at Keighley Playhouse. [www.keighleyplayhouse.co.uk](http://www.keighleyplayhouse.co.uk)  
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**Art Exhibition at Haworth Visitor Information Centre (Gallery located above the VIC on Main Street)**

Some readers might remember the work of Rosie Clarke. Rosie created a regular cartoon series for Worth Valley Publishing seven years ago called Crazy Maisey. She went on to Wimbledon College of Art where she completed a painting degree. You can view Rosie's work Feb 13th - 25th in the exhibition space above the VIC in Haworth.



Rosie Clarke and her recent paintings, and the Crazy Maisey cartoon from her school days.



**Sudoku Solutions**

(see page 18)

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**West Lane Baptist Church...where all are welcome and none are turned away!**



On the 15th January 2017, churches across the world celebrated the civil rights activist Rev'd Martin Luther King, who gave his life for his dream of a world where people are not judged by the colour of their

skin but by the content of their character. At West Lane Baptist Church (WLBC), this day marked a significant point in a similar vein – as it was the day we voted in favour of registering our building for the 'solemnization of marriages of same sex couples' (SSM).

I'm Nick, and I've been the Minister in Training at WLBC for over a year, and during this time we have all been on quite a journey as a church. In July 2016, a meeting took place at WLBC to discuss a statement from the Baptist Union of Great Britain (our governing body) regarding SSM. At this meeting we talked about our principles as Baptists, and what we stood for as a church.

Although a relatively small congregation, WLBC have formed their identity around serving the community in every way possible. The church, along with the minister Rev. Chris Upton, is always eager to establish that all are welcome to come and take part in all that we do. We also believe that God's love makes no exceptions and so it was these values that played a key role in our thinking as a church. A question that we asked ourselves was, "What obstacles may be preventing us from living out God's message of welcome and love in our community?"

After a further two church meetings and sensing we had dedicated a healthy amount of time and space for everyone to consider the matter, we agreed that a vote would take place in January, and the outcome was overwhelmingly in favour of the church registering for SSM. At the morning service before the vote took place, we focussed on Martin Luther King's words; "How often the church has been an echo rather than a voice, a tail-light rather than a headlight..." We are acutely aware that the church is still all too often a tail-light to society, following where it should be leading, however I feel genuinely privileged to be a part of a church that is seeking to be proactive in being a light in our community.

We look forward to holding same sex marriages in the near future. All are welcome, none are turned away!

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Girl: Yes, February 14th.

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