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We've turned the corner; spring is here and not a minute too soon. By the time this publication lands on your doorstep the Flying Scotsman will be on display and moving in the Worth Valley. What a fabulous opportunity to view this iconic locomotive.

The Brontë Society links with Fairtrade Bradford to host a special walk between Thornton (Brontë birth place) and Haworth, (Brontë home) on the 21st. See page 16/17 for more details.

It is encouraging to hear that business activity is picking up. Please support local trade by using the many services provided in this directory. The listings on the back page will help you find what you are looking for and the community pages highlight what's on in the Worth Valley this month.

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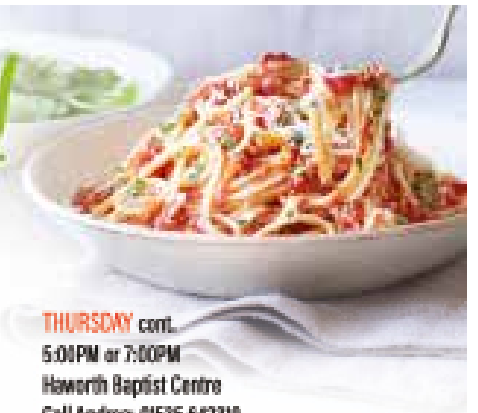
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Over the new few weeks we are marking some very important occasions in the railway's history, with the visit of Flying Scotsman from the National Railway Museum and the 150th Anniversary of the railway's opening in April 1867.



Even on that opening day, the hill out of Keighley nearly proved too much for the opening special, and to this day it continues to be a challenge, making steam locomotives work very hard to haul their trains up the curved bank to Ingrow and beyond. The railway is so much part of the fabric of the valley, it's difficult to imagine it wasn't always here, but up until 150 years ago, travel (at that time especially for raw materials and finished goods being transported) along the valley would have been very different. Similarly, if the Preservation Society had not been founded in 1962 and the line fully reopened in 1968, the fortunes, especially of the tourist industry in the area, would have been very different. If the line had closed then a very

important part of history would have been lost, with the railway being such a fine exemplar of branch line railways built to serve local industry.

We hosted our Steam Gala weekend at the beginning of March, welcome three visiting locomotives to the line to join our home fleet, with one of the visitors being our own Black 5 locomotive number 45212, which has been overhauled by Ian Riley and his team who will be taking the locomotive on to the mainline over the coming years under a groundbreaking partnership agreement. Ian's team were also involved in the overhaul of Flying Scotsman, which is due to run from Oxenhope down to Keighley and then on to Carlisle on 31st March to mark the reopening of the Settle to Carlisle route, which has been closed for some time following a major landslip. The iconic locomotive is with us for the following week and weekend, when fully-booked trains will be hauled by Flying Scotsman, as well as a chance to get up close to and even on the footplate on 1st and 2nd April. Full details are available on the railway's website along with final opportunities to book. Bookings are still available for the Flying Scotsman experience on 1st and 2nd April.

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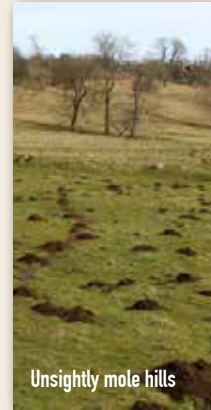


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# Bradford Fairtrade Zone & the Brontë Society: “Walk the Talk – the Brontë Way”



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As part of the International Festival of Fair Trade Walks, this year having a literary theme, Bradford Fairtrade Zone, & The Brontë Society have linked up to host a special walk open to the public on **Friday 21st April 2017.**

(Other Festival Fair Trade walks are taking place in Scotland, Lebanon and India, and closer to home a Wordsworth-themed walk is taking place on 15th April in the Lake District. visit: [www.fairtradeway.org.uk](http://www.fairtradeway.org.uk))

Entitled, “Walk the Talk – the Brontë Way” the local event aims to raise awareness of the injustices in the international trading system and encourage people to join the campaign for better wages and safer working conditions for the people who grow our food and make our products in developing countries..

The distance is approximately 8 miles, following what local historians surmise

was the route taken by the Brontës in 1820 from Thornton (Brontë birthplace) to Haworth (Brontë home). Victorian dress is welcome.

**Thornton Start time:** 9.30am for 10am Start at St. James Church, 300 Thornton Road, Thornton, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD13 3AB [www.james4u.org](http://www.james4u.org)

Come early to view the Brontë information display in St. James Church, and the font, formerly in the nearby Bell Chapel, in which Charlotte, Branwell, Emily and Ann were baptised. [www.brontebellchapel.co.uk](http://www.brontebellchapel.co.uk) Fairtrade refreshments will be available from the “He Brews Cafe” in the church.

**Lunch stop in Denholme, Foster Park:** Around mid day. (Bring a packed lunch or you can purchase something at the local Coop in Denholme.)

**Final destination Haworth, Old School Rooms:** 2.30pm, with a further Fairtrade

and Brontë reception planned.

The walk will be accompanied by local Brontë and history experts, and go via the house on Thornton’s Market Street where Charlotte, Branwell, Emily and Ann Brontë were born. The route will cross open moorland and may be rough and muddy underfoot, (ie suitable clothing and footwear is essential, and come prepared for all weathers! Note that walkers are responsible for their own health and safety).

Walking across the exposed moorland familiar to the Brontës, will hopefully provide inspiration for some creative writing on the theme of gender equality and social reform. The Brontë sisters initially wrote under male pseudonyms to be accepted in the literary world of their day, and today Fairtrade standards help ensure that women producers and workers in developing countries can have equal rights and opportunities. [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

On arrival in Haworth there will be Fairtrade refreshments in the Old School Room near the Brontë Parsonage Museum, and a talk on Patrick Brontë and his campaigns for social justice and overcoming poverty.

For those who prefer not to join the walk, there will be a range of informal talks during the day at the Brontë Parsonage Museum (free with admission) about Charlotte Brontë to mark 201 years since her birth on 21st April 1816, and a writing workshop with local author Glynis Charlton exploring the richness of the theme of journeys.

Thornton and Haworth are Fairtrade Villages, with Haworth being the world’s first Fairtrade Village. Both are part of the Bradford Fairtrade Zone which has a further six Fairtrade towns in the district. For a taster of the walk’s scenery and Haworth’s famous cobbled Main Street, watch Fairtrade Yorkshire’s cycling Fairtrade bananas video “Fairtrade Yorkshire: on the road to a fairer future” on

[www.fairtradeyorkshire.org.uk](http://www.fairtradeyorkshire.org.uk) 50% discount on Museum entry for Fair Trade walkers. [www.bronte.org.uk](http://www.bronte.org.uk)

## ALL WELCOME

It would be helpful to know if you plan to join the event so that appropriate catering arrangements can be made at the Old School Rooms.

For further information, call 01535 647776 or 07703 778261



## BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM



Here's Chloe, one of our Brontë Parsonage Museum managers, to tell us what's in store for April...

Spring has got off to a flying start at the Museum! Our January events, new for 2017, were a great success and will be a regular part of our programme from now on. February and March have been really busy too and thousands of people have already enjoyed seeing the display of costumes from *To Walk Invisible* and the new exhibition about Branwell curated by Simon Armitage. It's been lovely to meet so many local residents at the museum, many of whom have not visited us before. Now April is here and we've got lots going on for everyone. We're really excited about Flying Scotsman coming to the valley from 1-9 April. Holders of Flying Scotsman tickets can enjoy discounted Museum admission, and we're putting on some free talks to keep the rail enthusiasts happy. On Saturday 1, Sunday 2, Tuesday 4, Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 April at 11.30am and 2pm, visitors to the museum can listen to the cheekily titled talk, 'Branwell Brontë: Off the Rails?' Hear

about Branwell's brief career as railway clerk in Calderdale and find out why his career came to such an abrupt end. Did he really go 'off the rails'?! Also new for April is an opportunity to create a handwritten copy of *Wuthering Heights*. The original manuscript no longer survives, and so artist Clare Twomey is inviting visitors to copy one sentence of the novel into a handmade book which will be exhibited in 2018. Come along from April 6 if you want to contribute and literally make your mark!

The Easter holidays will soon be here and there will be plenty going on at the museum. The first of our Wild Wednesday workshops is on 12 April. Why not come along between 11am and 4pm to try your hand at creating a miniature garden? Full details are on our website at [www.bronte.org.uk/whats-on](http://www.bronte.org.uk/whats-on).

Finally, our late night Thursdays are back and will run 5.30pm - 8pm on the third Thursday of the month from April to October. These special evenings are free to residents with BD20, BD21, BD22 postcodes and so provide a fantastic opportunity for the local community to see what we have to offer. The first one on 20 April will offer the chance to meet Hebden Bridge artist Hannah Nunn, who has recently designed a new range of homeware for the museum shop. Come along and say hello!

Chloe Simm

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### All aboard for April at the Brontë Parsonage Museum!

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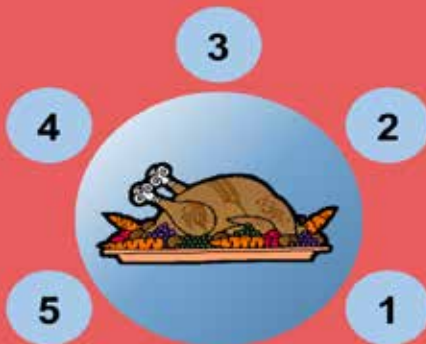
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**Weds 12th & 19th April Wild Wednesday at the Bronte Parsonage.** Family Friendly drop in artist led workshops.

**Tues 18th April 7pm Juniors & 7.30pm Seniors Haworth Oxenhope & District Bridalway Group** the speaker is Caroline Birkett coming to advise us what the judge is looking for in riding dressage trests. Monthly meeting at the Old White Lion,

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**Fri 21st April The Bronte Society Spring Walk - with Bradford Fair Trade Zone .** To celebrate Charlotte's Birthday the walk will follow route from the Bronte Birthplace at Thornton to Haworth. Free to all. Victorian dress welcome! 50% discount on Museum entry for Fair Trade walkers.

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**Sun 23rd April Haworth Oxenhope & District Bridalway Group** Dressage lessons with Caroline and the opportunity to ride a test if you want Any further information ring Pat Greenwood 07703597151

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The Practice currently runs a Foot Health Care Clinic which operates on a Tuesday and a Thursday from 33, Sun Street, Haworth. Home visits are also available Monday to Friday with flexible appointment times available to suit customer's needs; Christine also visits several Care Homes across the district.

To support this growth and increase in requests for appointments Christine is very proud to announce that Paul Shuttleworth and Rachael Somers have now joined the Practice.

Paul qualified as a Foot Health Practitioner in November 2013, he is married and has a young family and lives in Oakworth, Rachael also qualified as a Foot Health

Practitioner in 2013 and she too is married with a young family and lives in East Morton.

Christine says, "Future plans for the Practice are to increase availability of Biomechanical Assessments to provide Orthotics and also Hot Oil Therapy sessions for the Rheumatic hand and foot" **Christine, Paul and Rachael are always happy to give talks to local groups, anyone who feels that education in the Diabetic Foot, the High Risk Foot and Basic Foot Care would be beneficial please contact Christine Harker. Tel No 07504714072**



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