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June arrives in all its glory, and after some record-breaking temperatures across England, it's definitely feeling like summer has well and truly landed.

There's plenty happening locally: see page 11 for Keighley Council sponsored Free events, including Eid celebrations and a World Cup Fun Day.

Father's Day falls on June 21st this year, and we've cooked up a dad-worthy, delightfully cringy, quiz for you to enjoy with your Pops. If you're in the mood to relax, head to Industry Barista in Haworth for a frosty lager or a good coffee and conversation, with live music and laid-back summer vibes (see page 11 for summer opening hours).

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Usually when I talk about the summer, it is as we are all sheltering from the wind and rain with it feeling more like winter and making it difficult to imagine that the sunshine is on its way... well this year has turned everything on its head. We enjoyed a fabulous second year of our 1940s Weekend in a good amount of sunshine, with thousands travelling along the Worth Valley to enjoy steam trains, music, dancing and a real taste of wartime Britain.

We were also delighted to welcome a flypast from the RAF Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, which proved a real highlight of the weekend and a fitting tribute to the spirit of the era.

As we head further into the summer, we are also looking forward to introducing another brand-new event to the calendar with our first ever 1980s Weekender in July. Expect colourful costumes, live music, themed entertainment and plenty of nostalgia as the Railway turns the clock forward from the 1940s to the era of neon, cassette tapes and synth-pop. It promises to be a fantastic addition to our growing calendar of themed events and another opportunity to bring new visitors to the Railway and the Worth Valley.

Whilst the lovely weather is always welcome, it does make operating steam locomotives particularly challenging, so you may have noticed some of our heritage diesel fleet assisting services during the warmer days. With a couple of Bank Holiday weekends during May and plenty of people dusting off the BBQs at home, experience tells us that the likelihood of rain increases significantly, so perhaps normal Yorkshire weather will soon resume.

As ever, keeping the Railway running takes an incredible amount of work behind the scenes. We have teams restoring and maintaining our locomotives, carriages, stations and infrastructure, alongside the many volunteers and staff planning events, operating trains and supporting the countless administrative tasks required to keep the Railway moving forward.

We are always keen to welcome new volunteers to the team, whether your interests are engineering, operations, customer service, catering, events or administration.

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~ **Matt Stroh**

Keighley & Worth Valley Railway Chairman

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- **Day Clubbers Party** - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July
- Get ready for a neon-soaked afternoon of singalong classics and proper retro party vibes, featuring one of the UK's top 80s tribute acts — **That 80's Thing**.
- **Full-Blown Ska Party** - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July
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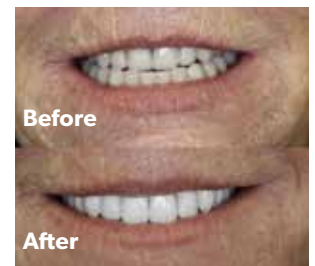


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and activities day at Ponden Mill. The Festival is also incorporating the **Bronte Balboa Dance** and **Haworth 'Home of the Gothic'** weekends, giving literature events a place in the programme and several new sing along events at the church. We hope we have included something for all ages. The festival is not just about entertainment, it is about bringing people together. Everyone is invited to take part, come with friends, get involved, and help make this year's festival even more successful. Many events are free, just turn up; see our programme flyer for details. For more information and ticket links go to:  
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~ Julia Lindsey, Haworth Festival 2026

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mementoes of her wedding day, her wedding dress was destroyed by Arthur Bell Nicholl's niece, who was bequeathed the dress upon Arthur's death on the condition that she would burn it before she herself died. While Charlotte's wedding dress was relatively plain, made from muslin and with very few of the fashionable frills and flounces, her bonnet was very much in-keeping with Victorian tastes for heavy adornment.

Purchased from a millinery shop named Hunt and Hall in Leeds, the bonnet was constructed on a wire frame covered with cream satin and sheets of machine-made lace, and lavishly decorated with hand crafted silk flowers. The bonnet is now somewhat faded after so many years, but it's still clear to see how striking it must have been when it was newly bought. On the bonnet, Charlotte also wore a short, embroidered tulle and lace bonnet veil, which also survives. Lace, as it does for so many brides today, played a large role in Charlotte's bridal outfit.

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In my opinion, one of the most poignant items in the Brontë Parsonage Museum collection is Charlotte's wedding bonnet. It's a lasting symbol of a happy and hopeful time in Charlotte's life which came after so much grief. It's also one of the only personal

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## Tabbouleh

by Martin Lingard

Now that barbecue season is upon us, this salad makes a great accompaniment to grilled chicken, lamb, pork or fish. I find it's best made a few hours ahead, or even the day before, to allow the flavours to harmonise. Try to buy your herbs from a local market, greengrocer or farm shop; they're usually far cheaper and better quality than the overpriced little plastic sachets most of the national supermarket chains try to fob us off with. I've given many of the measurements in cups, which I don't really like using, but in this instance it works best. I once gave this recipe to a friend using "bunches" as a measure, only to discover her greengrocer's idea of a bunch was a lot smaller than mine! Finally, the secret to this dish is to chop the parsley and mint as finely as possible, and to use a good quality olive oil.

### Ingredients

½ cup dried coarse bulgur wheat  
 1 cup boiling water  
 250ml extra virgin olive oil  
 50ml lemon juice  
 1 large garlic clove, minced  
 1 teaspoon sea salt (if using table salt, use ½ teaspoon)  
 ½ teaspoon ground coriander  
 ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon  
 3 cups finely chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley (approximately 3 bunches)  
 ½ cup finely chopped fresh mint  
 2 spring onions, finely sliced  
 ½ large cucumber, peeled, deseeded and cut into a small dice  
 2 large tomatoes, finely diced  
 Freshly ground black pepper

### Method

Firstly, bring the water to the boil in a small pan. Once boiling, remove from the heat, add the bulgur wheat, stir once or twice, cover and set aside for 20 minutes. Meanwhile, take a large mixing bowl and add the olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, salt, coriander and cinnamon. Whisk together well, then add the parsley, mint, spring onions, cucumber and tomatoes. Using a wooden spoon, stir everything together thoroughly. Finally, stir in about a cup of the cooked bulgur wheat. Personal taste plays a part here: some people prefer to add more bulgur wheat, while I prefer it herbier, so use your own judgement.



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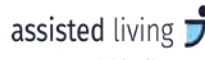
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# From Promise to Progress: Ensuring Towns Fund Investment Reaches Local Projects

by Robbie Moore, MP

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People across Keighley and the Worth Valley were rightly delighted when the previous Government awarded our area £33.6 million through the Towns Fund back in 2022, one of the largest regeneration investments in decades. It was a major vote of confidence in Keighley, Haworth and the Worth Valley, designed to support transformational projects across our community. For once, our area was not overlooked. Local organisations and community leaders made a strong case for regeneration, and the Government backed that ambition with real funding.

But funding is only useful if it reaches its intended projects in a timely manner and doesn't get snared up and held back. That is why I will keep pressing until all our Towns Fund money is released in full to great local projects such as the regeneration of Haworth Village Hall and the building of the new stand at Keighley Cougars.

Haworth Village Hall has stood at the heart of village life for years, hosting scouts, performances, and community groups. Yet despite £1.1 million being allocated back in 2022, the project is still yet to receive all the funds it was promised, with our money being held back by Bradford Council.

I can't praise enough our excellent team of local community champions led by Ben Ogden, who form the Trust of Haworth Village Hall. They have been working relentlessly to save our community asset and ensure the regeneration funds



Haworth Village Hall is among a number of regeneration projects frustrated by slow progress and bureaucratic hurdles.

promised, are received. We are finally getting there, and progress is slowly being made. The next tranche of £75,000 has now been released by Bradford Council, but there is still a long way to go. It shouldn't take this long, and I will be ensuring all the funds are rightly released as soon as possible.

The same applies to Keighley Cougars who were awarded £2.25 million in 2022 to modernise the Danny Jones Stand. The Cougars have been at the heart of Keighley's community for over 150 years standing as a genuine source of local pride. This investment was designed to deliver benefits far beyond just rugby: with updated



Ben Ogden from Haworth Village Hall Trust with Robbie Moore, MP.

seating, classrooms, meeting areas, and a community gym for residents. Yet despite all this, with plans being well and truly in place, Bradford Council still cite "deliverability issues" regarding the funding. Four years on and the funds still have not been released.

This is not good enough. The longer projects are delayed, the greater the risk that public confidence in regeneration itself - erodes. And these are just two of many delayed Towns Fund Projects I have cited.

I will continue pushing Bradford Council, government Ministers, and all relevant bodies to ensure our funding is released. The money was secured for our communities. Local people were promised investment. They deserve to see it delivered.

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