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I quite fancy open air cinema. I grew up going to Drive-in movies at the beaches of New England. We would 'drive in' to a sandy lot with the designated bays and hang the speakers on the car door. The screen looked colossal and the sound was ropey. Sometimes we'd bring a picnic and chairs but mostly we'd arrive in our pyjamas and sleeping bags and stay in the car. Invariably my siblings and I would fall asleep before the end of the film. It didn't matter, we'd been to the

Drive-in! Good times. Get yourself off to Bolton Abbey and let me know how the Open Air Cinema goes. Of course, there is lots more to do and see this summer. Take a peek inside.



Enjoy & see you in September. Liz Editor Liz Barker



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letting agent awards in the UK The Keighley based agency received the 'Best in County' title for Yorkshire at the

2019 scooping the gold award nominated by their tenants and the silver award nominated by their landlords. The award was announced by Phil Spencer, the TV property expert at a lavish luncheon & ceremony at the Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London attended by 1,000 of the UK's top property professionals.

prestigious ESTAS

The awards, celebrating their 16th year determine the best estate and letting agents in the UK based purely on feedback from customers who are asked a series of questions about the service they have received from their agent. Over 45,000 surveys were completed by customers during the competition.

Phil Spencer, who has hosted the ESTAS every year since their inception in 2003 said "The ESTAS encapsulates what your typical agent is trying to do, which is to provide honest, transparent service for their clients. These awards are special because shortlisted and winning firms are selected purely on the service they deliver. Real feedback from real customers experiencing real service, I don't think there can be a greater honour in the industry than to receive an award based on that mantra."

Estate and letting agents were recognised in counties around the UK.

Jason Davies director of Davies Lettings said "We are absolutely thrilled to be recognised at this year's ESTAS. It means so



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much to us, as we know it's our customers who have judged our performance. Our company motto is, "Big enough to cope, small enough to care!" We take our levels of customer service very seriously, because we know clients have a choice. We have always been very proud of providing a personal service and this proves we are delivering what we promise." If you are thinking of letting a property call

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The winning team from Bronte Bars & Events celebrate with Harry Gration at the Keighley & Airedale Business Awards.

When it comes to putting on a bar for a special event, Kath Thornton is a local lass with a strong network and a flair

for pulling out all the stops. Beer festivals, gin experiences, hand crafted cocktail bars. wedding receptions, they all come under Kath's scrutiny. And it is Kath's eye for detail in the hospitality sector that has landed her business. Bronte Bars & Events, a prestigious accolade at the recent Keighley & Airedale Business Awards.

"My team and I have worked very hard to build a trusted and unique service; it is all about relationships, listening to the client, nurturing solid supplier links, and not being frightened to think differently. We want everyone to be delighted with the outcome and we'll go to great lengths to make occasions special and memorable," Kath emphasised after winning the Hospitality Business of the Year Award 2019 in Victoria Hall in Keighley, where Bronte Bars & Events was responsible for creating the reception cocktail menu. Kath started putting on events back in

2012 with an acorn of an idea. Kath noticed very few women were operating in the sector and she could see that there was an opportunity to add certain creative touches and an attention to detail that others were not providing.

"I found my niche and began crafting experiences like the Gin Express, utilising the unique features and assets of the Worth Valley by partnering with the local steam railway."

The Haworth Beer Festival is a firm favourite in the calendar for both corporate and individual enthusiasts. Kath was one of the first to recognise that not everyone is a beer drinker; she added gin, prosecco, and rum cocktail options to broaden the appeal of the event. The Sausage & Cider Festival is another annual event that doesn't disappoint.

> Over 20 ciders to choose from and handmade sausages from Marsh Top Farm, Oxenhope.

> With Kath's mobile license and flexible kit, she is really hard pressed to find a location where she can't set up her mobile bar. "I have yet to be stumped by a request. We recently set up our bar in a grand teepee in the wilds of Stanbury. It was a lovely wedding."

When asked, after all this success, what is next for Bronte Bars & Events? Kath replied, "More of the same really, and we are now the Bronte Liqueur global brand ambassador." Watch this space!

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Last month's location was Shimla Spice and the winner was Linda Royston from Eastburn.

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BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM **Our Contemporary Arts Programme**

As someone who loves poetry and art, I'm excited to work on the contemporary arts programme at a museum that holds so much inspiration. We have some excellent writers and artists working with us in 2019 to contribute to an amazing year for the Parsonage.

When I first stepped into Brontë Parsonage Museum I got the feeling that this was somewhere where special things happen. In the last 200 years, since the Brontës moved here, some of the greatest literature in the English language has been written in the Parsonage. It's here that Patrick Brontë campaigned for social justice and better living standards for the people of Haworth, and where the Brontë children imagined amazing worlds. This museum is a place to remember the creativity and ambition of an incredible Yorkshire family, and to inspire the artists and writers of today.

The Parsonage is the perfect place for poetry. Zaffar Kunial, our writer-inresidence, is interested in the Irishness of the Brontës and has invited two of the most exciting contemporary Irish writers to read at our 'Crossings' event on 20 July. Nicole Flattery's short story collection Show Them a Good Time was published this year and she has been celebrated for her darkly funny, award-winning work. We're also excited to welcome Colette Bryce, a poet whose work has been described as 'sensuous, smart and snappy'.

Frank Cottrell-Boyce, writer of Goodbye Christopher Robin and other Hollywood films, is our creative partner for 2019. Frank



is working with us to create an enchanting experience that explores Patrick Brontë's memories and thoughts as he spent weeks in darkness, recovering from a cataract operation. Look out for that in August.

I'm also thrilled with our lineup for our Brontë Festival of Women's Writing, which has been guest programmed by Kit de Waal. I'm particularly looking forward to working with Clare Shaw, our festival writer-in-residence. She will be writing new work inspired by the festival and thinking of exciting ways for the audience to give their own creative responses.

It seems to me that the perfect way to celebrate such a great literary and artistic family is to work with the most imaginative artists and writers today. Using the power of poetry and art to ask questions, to prompt reflection, and to inspire, we can find new ways that the Brontës' lives work can be relevant and impactful in 2019 and beyond.

> Harry Jelly Audience Development Officer, **Contemporary Arts Commissions**

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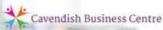
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What makes the Railway's operation sustainable is the 700+ volunteers who devote their time so willingly and freely to operate, maintain and manage the Railway's activities. We also need to make sure that



maximise revenue-generating opportunities for the Charity, and so have enhanced our carriage hire options, as well as operating the luxury services during the summer and on the Vintage Train Sundays. We are also working to make sure that we make the most of grant-funding opportunities, not least because we need support both to maintain the historic infrastructure and vehicles on the line, but also to maintain the skills and knowledge that our volunteers have built over our five decades of operation, and I am very encouraged that we have been able to continue work in partnership with the Boiler and Engineering Skills Training Trust to welcome several apprentices to the Railway. As you will appreciate, we are always keen to welcome new support, whether financial through tickets purchase or donations, as well as offers of time as a volunteer, so if you are able to help, please do visit the website for further details. As ever, I look forward to welcoming you on board, whether as a passenger or volunteer.

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FORGOTTEN WONDERS The Broken Chef by Antony Silson



Something is afoot with the old Last Orders building in Keighley! As the dreadful college building opposite is also gutted and becomes nothing more than an aesthetically challenged memory there is an expectant feeling in the air. More glorious countryside to look up at and the removal of the steel shutters that have given an oppressive atmosphere to North Street. For our younger readers the former Last Orders was once known as Champers Nite Scene. A name that says as much about it as anywhere called The Roxy or The Peppermint Palace. I never went in as I don't appreciate music pounding my skull so ferociously that I must resort to lip reading and so dark I can't see my own hand in front of my face. I do, however, remember the little robotic chef in the kitchen window.

No matter how hard I've searched I can't find a picture of that chef. It was always lit up in the window of the kitchen where nothing ever went on and was usually motionless or gently rocking backwards and forwards. It was probably a good idea at the planning stage, but quickly became

a symbol of a nightclub that wasn't quite selling the dream it had set out to. Anyway, I would like the help of my dear reader in putting together next months column all about the coffee bars and hip cafes of Keighley that have fallen off the radar. My friend Peter, who is older than I am, remembers either a Milk Bar or Coffee House that existed some time ago somewhere in the vicinity of where Speakes is now? Somewhere where all the hip young creatures of the day would congregate. I have also heard talk of a café called Parkers. and I am sure there much have been at least one called 'Future 77' or The Italiano Coffee Emporium for Beatniks and Hipsters? No squares allowed, obviously Daddio! Please email the mail@worthvalleymag. co.uk with your memories and pictures. Then I can go and investigate further.



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This fun-filled day has stalls and entertainment for the whole family to enjoy. This year the entertainment will include the Haworth Brass Band and the Voices of Yorkshire choir. Sat 20th July Bingley Show at Myrtle Park.

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I have a tense relationship with meringues. Stemming partly from the fact they're tricky to get right, but mostly from an embarrassing dinner party at a friend of a friends' house during which the host (who I didn't know well) proudly served a huge plate of what looked like Eton mess (one of my favourites!). Rather loudly I told her how much I loved Eton mess, only for her to politely point out it was a summer fruits pavlova. Oops.

So, when I heard about aquafaba (a vegan egg white substitute), I didn't rush to make it. I mean, what kind of crazy person would whip up chickpea brine and serve it as dessert? Weird, huh? But actually no weirder than egg whites when you really think about it.

Aquafaba was discovered in 2014 by a vegan French musician Joël Roessel who found that the proteins from the beans leach out into the water (brine) making it a similar consistence to egg whites. I was sceptical at first but, once whipped and worked, it's just like the real thing and

can be used for all sorts. There's a slight chickpea flavour while it's raw but this is broken down during the cooking process making it perfect for brownies, meringues, mousses, mayos, marshmallows, pavlovas/ Eton mess (do not confuse these two) and more.

Makes 60+ small meringues. Hand or electric mixer essential. Happy baking!

Ingredients

6 tbsp Aquafaba (liquid from a can of chickpeas) I/4 tsp cream of tartar 100g white sugar (granulated is best) 1/2 tsp vanilla extract

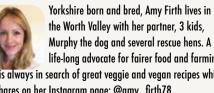
Method

To make these you just take some of the water from a can of chickpeas and place it in your electric mixer (hand mixer is fine) with the cream of tartar.

Begin to mix, slowly building speed up until it starts to get creamy and shiny. Slowly add the sugar, keep mixing. Once all the sugar has been incorporated, add the vanilla and whip until you have glossy stiff peaks.

Pipe (or spoon) out onto a parchmentlined tray and bake at 250°F (121°C) for 45 minutes. Then switch off the oven but don't open it for another hour while it finishes baking.

After the hour is up, remove from oven, and serve or save. Keep them in an airtight container and store them in the fridge for the most long-lasting results.



the Worth Valley with her partner, 3 kids, Murphy the dog and several rescue hens. A life-long advocate for fairer food and farming, Amy is always in search of great veggie and vegan recipes which she shares on her Instagram page: @amy_firth78

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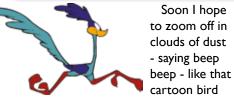
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To solve a sudoku puzzle, each row of nine squares must contain the numbers I through 9. Each column must also contain the numbers I through 9, and each box must contain the numbers 1 through 9.

$MAYBE \ IT'S \ JUST \ ME \ \ {\rm by \ Beth \ Cunningham}$



Road Runner. And on the day that I pick up my bus pass, my pension is due to be paid in. So there will be a couple of celebratory beep beeps from my bank manager too.

Have I a pearl of wisdom to pass on to the next generation? Yes. Never return from the pub late at night and start ironing in the nude. (This was years ago, but the scar remains.)

My mother tried to give me advice. But when she put on her Welsh bardic voicer I drifted off to lie on the bed wondering when Davy Jones of the Monkees was going to turn up at school, in the middle of a science lesson, to declare undying love for me in front of my classmates.

Talking of dying, when retirement beckons, so will the Grim Reaper at some point. So I have been to Crossroads to organise my funeral (date to be announced).

The first question I had to answer was did I want an open coffin? This took me back to Red Square, in the 1980s, when I waited my turn to enter Lenin's tomb.A workmate who had recently done the same trip warned me of a rumour that his ear had just dropped off. Lenin's, not my workmates.

It was dark in there. It was cold. There was a soldier at each corner, ready to shoot anybody who whispered - or who leaned too close, trying to see where parts had been glued back on.

Having seen the real thing, I need never

queue outside Madame Tussaud's again. But unless I seal myself inside a Keighley and Worth Valley Railway carriage - emerging in Haworth to start a revolution - I intend to keep the lid on when I go.

Next I was asked if embalming would be required. Why wait? I already look in the mirror of a morning and shout: 'Tutankhamun's granny!' Cheaper, though, to keep slapping on the budget moisturiser, a tip I must pass on to President Putin, if he is going along the Lenin route.

So it is more or less arranged. I keep forgetting I will not be there. Or will I?

I would trust the Reverend Chris Upton, of West Lane Baptist, Haworth, with my life. Had to, when he submerged me in nearfreezing water for my baptism a few winters ago. (To be fair, he did get in there with me, which says much about his ministry.) But will he slip in one of those newfangled, wishy-washy hymns nobody knows the tune to when I want something nice and oldfashioned and warlike?

I plan to float around for a while, ready to put a spectral hand on his dog collar and make whoo whoo noises. No. Beep beep.

Let us hope that he can say in his eulogy that when I went I was still holding on to my bus pass - with both ears firmly attached.



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She now lives in Haworth, is a life member of the Bronte Society and writes short stories.



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