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In the meantime, let's make the most of the last of the summer sun - soak it up, enjoy a barbecue, and linger in the long evenings while they last. September always brings a shift in pace: children head back to school, grandparents resume their supportive roles, and life begins to adjust to the rhythm of a new season.

I've already ordered my logs in anticipation of crisp nights ahead, and this is the perfect time of year to finish off weatherproofing or outdoor jobs.

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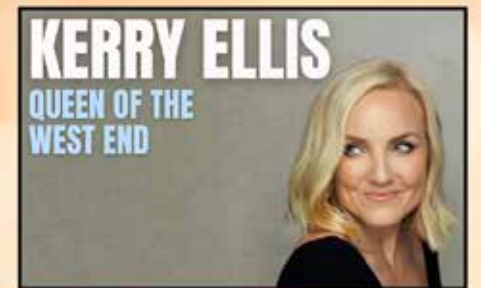
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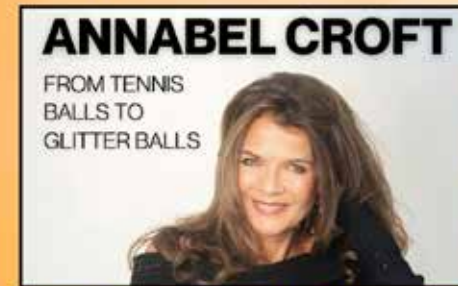
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Baked Marrow Spanish Style



by Martin Lingard

Marrows are cheap and plentiful this time of year but a lot of people don't know how to make the best of them. If you can't find a marrow, three large courgettes will also work. For a vegetarian alternative, omit the chorizo and add a tin of chickpeas. I like to serve this with thick slices of crusty bread to mop up the sauce. This will serve six people.

Ingredients

- 1 marrow (or 3 large courgettes)
- 2 tablespoons of olive oil
- 1 chorizo – your choice of hot or sweet-skinned and roughly chopped
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 2 teaspoons of smoked paprika (sweet or hot or a combination to your taste)
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano or marjoram
- 2 red peppers, de-seeded and chopped
- 2 x 400g tins of plum tomatoes
- 1 small bunch of parsley, chopped
- 75g panko breadcrumbs
- 75g Manchego cheese, grated
- Salt & Black pepper

Method

Slice the marrow in half lengthways and scoop out the seeds and stringy bits. Place side by side, cut side up in a large roasting tin, sprinkle the flesh with salt and set to one side. Preheat your oven to 200C. Warm the olive oil in a large saucepan over a medium heat for a few minutes then chuck

in your chorizo and stir for a minute or so until the oil starts to colour, now tip in your garlic, stir a couple of times before adding the onion. Lower the heat and cook until the onion is soft. Stirring occasionally. Now add your paprika, oregano and chopped peppers, stir for a couple of minutes then tip in the tomatoes. Bring to a gentle simmer and cook for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Finally, add the parsley, stir to mix and season to taste with salt and black pepper and remove from the heat. While you've been busy cooking your sauce, the salt on your marrow will have drawn out some liquid, wipe this away with a wad of kitchen paper. Tip your sauce into the marrow halves (or over the courgettes if that is what you are using), cover with tinfoil or baking parchment and place on a high shelf in the oven for 30- 40 minutes depending on the size of your marrow. Test to see if the flesh is tender with a pointed knife, there should be no resistance. Whilst your marrow is baking, mix the breadcrumbs with the grated cheese in a small bowl.

When your marrow is tender, discard the foil, sprinkle over the cheesy breadcrumbs, and return to the oven for 10 minutes until the topping is turning golden brown. If using marrows, you don't have to eat the skin; it is edible but I find it can be tough.



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Alongside them, we've added some more friendly faces to the farm family: three alpacas, five bunnies, two budgies, and a bunch of runner ducks now call our place home. We've also got chicken eggs under the heat lamp, so fingers crossed for some fluffy arrivals very soon. Our cattle have been loving the sunshine, happily grazing the fields of the Worth Valley. If you've been out walking nearby, you may have spotted them roaming contentedly – they're hard to miss. In the veg patch, we're growing courgettes, cucamelons, and pumpkins, all coming along nicely thanks to the good weather and a little bit of love. Whether you're stopping by the shop, visiting the animals, or just passing through, we're always glad to see you. Until next time ~ thank you for supporting your local farm.



Did you say, "What's a cucamelon?"

A **cucamelon** (also known as Mexican sour gherkin, mouse melon, or by its scientific name *Melothria scabra*) is a small, grape-sized fruit that looks like a tiny watermelon but tastes like a tangy cucumber.

Key Features:

Appearance: Looks like a miniature watermelon (about the size of a grape).

Taste: Crisp and refreshing, like a cucumber with a hint of citrus or sourness.

Texture: Crunchy skin with a juicy interior.

Growth: Grows on a vine similar to cucumbers and melons, and is native to Central America.

Botanical family: It's in the cucumber family (Cucurbitaceae), but it's not a hybrid; it's a distinct species.

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It was a joy to see Oxenhope Station and the railway alive with theatre, steam, and smiles. The response has been overwhelming, and we are so proud to have brought this much-loved story back to the valley where the classic 1970 film was made.

But there's no time to slow down — we're steaming ahead into an exciting calendar of autumn and winter events:

Beer & Music Festival — Our famous five-mile-long festival returns this October, bringing real ale, live music and a unique atmosphere across the line.

A Christmas Carol — Step into the festive season with a special theatre production of Dickens' timeless tale, performed in atmospheric surroundings.

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~ **Matt Stroh**

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Matt was born and raised in Pudsey, where he met his wife Angela Varley at school. They have 2 sons; Ray and Austin, he hopes one day they will follow him into the dental profession and share in his passion for dentistry.

Within his 23 years of experience, Matt has changed the lives and smiles of many, some of which are during one day implant immediate loading cases, and same day smiles, which he specialises in. The regular accolades received from clients and patients alike are testament to his passion for his work. Matt has a keen eye for detail and endeavours to provide the best care possible. Matthew completed his dental technology qualification at Leeds Dental Institute, he finished first in his class achieving distinctions throughout and was awarded overall best student and the acclaimed technical achievement award.

Matthew Varley started his journey as a Registered Dental Technician (RDT), however after 23 years experience working as a RDT in highly acclaimed laboratories, Matt made the decision in 2018 to set up his own business alongside fellow business partner Joseph O'Reilly.

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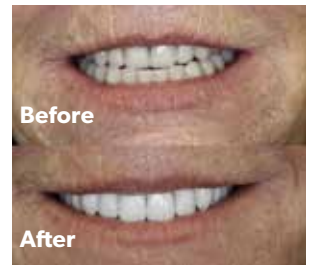
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August was an incredibly exciting month at the Brontë Parsonage Museum. We were delighted to partner with the National Portrait Gallery to temporarily bring home one of the only surviving likenesses of Emily Brontë, painted by her brother Branwell. The portrait was originally a part of Branwell's 'Gun Group' portrait, painted when the artist was around seventeen years old. Ann Dinsdale, Principal Curator of the Brontë Parsonage Museum, shares more about the portrait's history here: *'This fragment of a painting by Branwell Brontë is a significant work as it features a rare depiction of his sister Emily Brontë. The complete painting, which originally included Charlotte, Anne and Branwell himself, was inherited by Charlotte's widower, Arthur Bell Nicholls. Nicholls didn't believe the other three portraits were good likenesses, so he tore out this fragment, which is believed to be Emily Brontë, and destroyed the rest. The fragment was found on top of a cupboard years later, along with the famous Pillar Portrait, which is the only surviving*

artwork of the three sisters together.'

The portrait was unveiled to the public on Friday 1 August, and on Saturday 2 August we saw one of our busiest days of the year with visitors flocking to view the famous painting.

This very special loan will be on display at the Brontë Parsonage Museum until 31 October 2025.

The excitement continues on into September, as we host this year's **Brontë Women's Writing Festival**. We'll be hosting big names like Tracy Chevalier, Holly Ringland, Jennie Godfrey, and loads more as we celebrate northern writers and stories. We're also thrilled to welcome Oscar-winning writer and actress Emerald Fennell, who will be opening this year's festival at our sold-out launch event. Emerald will be discussing her hotly-anticipated *Wuthering Heights* adaptation, coming to cinemas next year!

Remember, local residents get discounted entry to the Brontë Parsonage Museum, and free entry to our monthly Thursday Talks!

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Glusburn and Crosshills WI meet at **7.30 pm on the first Tuesday of the month at Glusburn Community & Arts Centre.** A friendly group for local women.

Sutton in Craven WI meet 1.30pm **every second Monday of the month** Sutton in Craven Cricket Pavilion all local ladies welcome. See us on Facebook.

Wellbeing Café at Glusburn Institute

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Every Tuesdays Community Post Office Counter 12.30pm - 2.30pm at Steeton Hub

First Tuesday of a month Silsden

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Last Tuesday of a month is

Afternoon Coffee, chat & cake at Steeton Methodist Church 2.30pm - 4pm with The Salvation Army food bank collection point.

First Tuesday of a month **Crosshills Goldie's Sing & Smile** – St Peters Methodist Church 2-3pm singalong to the

popular hits of the 50s, chat and laugh. £3 donation to attend, no need to book.

Games Club Every Tuesday 1:30 - 3:30 pm. at Glusburn Institute. £2.50 per session.

Every Tuesday Rethinking Pain at The Hive, Elliott Street. Silsden **3pm - 4pm** A Group for people living in pain.

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Steeton Bobbins WI 7pm meet on the **first Tuesday of a month** at St Stephen's Church Hall

Every Weds Dementia Friendly 10am - 11.30am at Silsden Methodist Church

Every Weds Glusburn Lunch club at 11.45am Glusburn Institute for a two course, home cooked meal, for £6.00 and company. If you are a pensioner and interested, please contact Pauline on Pauline on 07436 113748.

Every Wednesday 1 - 2:30pm Dementia Hub at Glusburn Institute with Dementia Friendly Keighley. Activities and support for those with dementia and their carers.

Buzz Youth Club, The Hive Silsden 8-12 year old FREE Entry 10.30am - 12.30pm alternative Saturdays & every Wednesday 3.30pm - 6pm.

Every Wednesday 1.30pm Silsden Art Club meet at Silsden Methodist Church New members welcome.

1st Thursday of the Month at Steeton Methodist Church 7-15pm -8-15pm invites you to our **Prayer and Praise Service**

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Every Thurs at 12.00 - 2.30pm Craven Craft and Mosaic Social Group at Sutton Sutton Cricket Club (wheelchair access is good and there is plenty of parking space). The cost is £2 and covers two cuppas and biscuits.

Every Thursday 2-3pm Social Singalong at The Studio, Glusburn Community & Arts Centre. All welcome to this friendly and inclusive singing for fun and wellbeing group. **Free to attend.**

Fridays 10am - 12.30pm Warm Space Group at Steeton Hub.

Every Friday 10am-12pm Digital Drop-in at Glusburn Community & Arts Centre. Help and advice about getting online, using your device, navigating websites and staying safe. £4 including refreshments.

First Saturday of the Month is **Saturday Social 2 - 4pm** at **St James Community Hall Silsden.** Have a chat, play games & refreshments All Welcome.

Coffee morning every Saturday morning from 9.30am at the Village Centre, Crosshills. Everyone welcome for a drink & a chat.

Sat 6th & Sun 21st Sept & Train rides for all the family. Miniature trains running at Marley sports field during (and until slightly after) the Keighley show. Refreshments available.

Thurs 11th Sept 11.00am-1.00pm Lunch Club - Bingo, sandwiches & cake St Stephen's Church Hall, Steeton, **Sat 13th Sept 7.00pm (prompt start) Murder Mystery-** come & have fun solving the Sherlock Holmes's mystery Steeton Methodist Chapel, BD20 6PD. Tickets £10 include ploughman's supper, bring non-alcoholic drink Tel 01535 654422, booking essential

Sat 13th & Sun 14th Sept 11 am - 4pm Rail Story Open Day at Ingrow Railway Station with family activities in the learning coach Heritage Open Days Free event

Tues 16th Sep 11am -1pm FREE Community Drop in event - open to everyone. Glusburn Institute. **Sat 20th Sept 9.30am - 12 Silsden Repair Cafe** at Silsden Methodist Church

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