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March is a transitional time in the year. With spring in sight, our hopes are elevated; daylight increases and the occasional burst of sunlight brings much desired warmth. But we don't want to get too giddy, as so often winter whips its tail with a cold snap and a biting frost before it succumbs to spring. Patience must prevail.

So wrap up warm if you head to Cliffe Castle park. Antony Silson tells us more about this beautiful local setting and its recent renovation on page 6...

As Easter is April 1st this year we have included some poetry and a colouring page for the kids...but there is nothing stopping all ages from getting the gel pens out for a little art session.

Have a great month. Liz

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A Royal Welcome





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29th, 1968, with the Stationmaster on
the day, Bill Black, blowing the whistle

that let the Guard know that the Train was ready to depart. Fifty years later, Bill was able to recount his story to a very special visitor, Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall. In recognition of five decades of hard work by our volunteers, we were honoured to host a Royal visit, and were keen to show the Duchess as much of the operation as time permitted.

The Duchess arrived from her visit to our friends

at the Parsonage in a very impressive vintage 'bus, and we started her time with us in Haworth Yard. We gave the Duchess a tour of the workshops where she met members of our locomotive department, including several who were in the middle of workshop duties and had just been greasing parts to install on our latest overhaul project, but it was great that Camilla was keen to meet as many

volunteers as possible including those who had not had time to brush up for the occasion!

The Duchess was introduced to one of our most recently-qualified footplate crew members, Tom Kay, and to cross the generations, in the party she met at Oxenhope was his grandfather, David Kay, who has just stepped down after more than fifty years on the Board of Directors.

Before we boarded the special train at Haworth, The Duchess greeted many well-wishers outside Haworth station, and in the booking hall was introduced to our Young Person's volunteers group, who performed brilliantly on the day to make sure that the train was meticulously prepared and that the Duchess and her entourage made it safely on and off the train. The Duchess, having assured me that she was a fan of The Railway Children film, enjoyed a ride in the Old Gentleman's saloon that starred in the film. The Duchess made a point of meeting the crew of the 1899-vintage locomotive that hauled the Royal train from Haworth to Oxenhope, and despite the light coloured coat she was wearing, was keen to step on to the footplate.

It was on the journey from Haworth to Oxenhope that Bill was introduced to the Duchess and discussed the filming of The Railway Children and we presented her with Railway Children gifts for the Royal Family to enjoy. At Oxenhope we met a further group of volunteers, before having just a few minutes to tour the Exhibition Shed and see the very locomotive that







starred in The Railway Children film.

This has been a very special start to our year of celebration, which we continue with the steam gala 9th – 11th March and the special 50th Anniversary event 24th June – 1st July.

- Matt Stroh KWVR

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Inside Cliffe Castle Park by Antony Silson

For many years I lived near Cliffe Castle Park. It became both a very familiar place. and somewhere that was ever-changing. To go there so frequently meant I could watch the seasons change and feel part of the cycle of nature. I would take our dog for a walk across the vast field, collect conkers and leaves with my young sons, and marvel at the magnificent colours that were always changing. Is there anymore wonderful experience than standing in the tunnel of Cherry Blossom when it is in full bloom?



Sadly, as the years passed it became to feel a little down at heel, fewer people seemed to be there and where once it had been full of life it began to feel tired. It did seem at one point that the whole park was on a downward spiral and that it would become another unloved relic of a much more opulent past.

But now, thanks to the National Lottery and some smart thinking by local councillors, the park has been handed a completely new lease of life. There has been much talk of the restoration of the



glass cupola and the new café for which there is a lot of expectation, but I would commend the restoration of the park just as much. Parks can be both little havens of solitude, and somewhere you can go to blow off steam.

You don't need to travel far to be able to wander amongst marble fountains, a pond, ornamental Victorian rockwork, terraces and a very popular and much improved children's play area. Much is made of how Keighley isn't what it used to be, or how children are sitting at home instead of getting dirty and using their own imagination to invent adventures. Here we have a wonderful resource that can be enjoyed by everyone. Take a picnic or a football. Make a day of it by looking around Cliffe Castle itself (which I will be writing about next month), or just climb the hill by the playground and gaze at all the varieties of trees and how long they have been there watching the park and Keighley itself change and evolve. It's your park, go and enjoy it.

Cliffe Castle park is on the outskirts of Keighley off the A629 Skipton Road. Approximately 12-25 minutes walk from the railway station, 6-15 minutes walk from the bus station. Buses (for example Bradford to Skipton) pass the lower main gates. The 903 bus service operates from Keighlev Bus Station and serves Cliffe Castle on a limited basis

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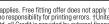
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4 oz. butter

6 oz. clear honey

Finely grated zest of 3 lemons

I/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

4 eggs, separated

150 g almond flour (or 150 grams almonds, blitzed into flour)

120 g , polenta

4-5 oz. ricotta

60 g flaked (slivered) almonds

PREPARATION

Preheat the oven to 325°F. Line the base of an 8-inch springform tin with baking parchment and set aside.

Place the butter, half of the honey, the lemon zest and vanilla in a bowl and use an electric mixer to beat everything until creamy.

Add the egg yolks and continue to beat for a further minute. Add the almond flour, polenta and ricotta and fold everything together.

Whisk the egg whites in a separate bowl until softly peaking in a separate bowl. Add the remaining honey and continue whisking until peaking again and well blended.

Slowly fold the egg whites into the cake mixture. Turn the mixture into the prepared cake tin and sprinkle the flaked almonds evenly over the top.

Bake for 40 to 50 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. The center of the cake might look slightly wobbly at first, but it will firm up when the cake cools down.

Leave to cool completely before removing it from the tin.

Rich, sweet, moist and yet completely free from flour and refined sugar, this Italian lemon and almond cake is a great way to end a meal. It is technically a cheesecake, but has very little in common with the heavy American versions. In Italy, most delis have their own version of ricotta. The most delicious one is made from sheep's milk-try it in this recipe, if you can find it. We often prepare the cake a day in advance. It makes it even creamier and enhances the flavors.

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Brontë Parsonage Museum at 90 A History of the Museum in 10 Objects



The importance of writers' tables to literary history is indisputable and in the Brontë Parsonage's collection is a table like no other. Without context, it is a normal looking, mahogany, drop-leaf table. But the well-loved, ink-stained table is not normal. Within the Parsonage, at the edge of the wild Yorkshire moorland. Charlotte. Emily, and Anne Brontë gathered at their dining table and wrote several of the most iconic novels in the world.

As a Museum Assistant at the Parsonage. I am a Brontë fan lucky enough to work in the home where they lived, and to regularly see and care for the table upon which Jane Eyre, Wuthering Heights, and Agnes Grev were written. To me, the table is a central item in the collection of Brontëana which has returned to the Parsonage since the 1861 auction, after Patrick Brontë's death. The dining room in which the table lives is amazingly curated to appear as though the Brontës have just stepped out. The table takes up most of the room's space and visitors often spend a while taking it in. With other personal collection items on display such as Anne's writing desk, Charlotte's shawl, and Brontë glasses, standing in the dining room is often a moving experience.

In the Parsonage, I often contemplate time and history, and the inexplicable feeling of standing in a place of historical value, considering past events and people. It is as if the present is layered over the past. That feeling is strongest for me when I see the table. To imagine the Brontë sisters there, sharing ideas, laughing, and engaging in private conversations now lost to time, is extremely special. At the table, they wrote because it was their passion, having no idea what their novels would become. The table was part of their home, as unremarkable to them as our dining tables are to us. But through determination, talent, genius, and persistence, the dining table in the Brontë Parsonage is not just a normal, mahogany, drop-leaf table. It is an iconic symbol of the imagination of women triumphing in a time of strict social conventions. The table brings closer the layers between the past and the present, and if you happen to locate the letter 'E' etched into the surface, the layers might melt away, and you'll feel the extraordinary presence in the dining room. A presence of what was and of what still means so much to us individually, and to literary history to this day.

Esther White, Museum Assistant

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By Liam Smith

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Factors that can hinder wireless coverage range from where the router is placed whereby the signal emitted is obstructed by a wall or another obstacle of sorts. interference from other electronic devices. the frequency in which the router operates on, the operating channel and so forth. The building material also plays a key role in obstructing a wireless signal, despite the antenna being omnidirectional, the signal travels much easier vertically than it does

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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. See page 29 for answers.







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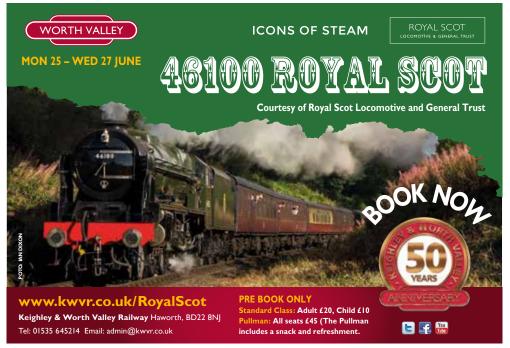
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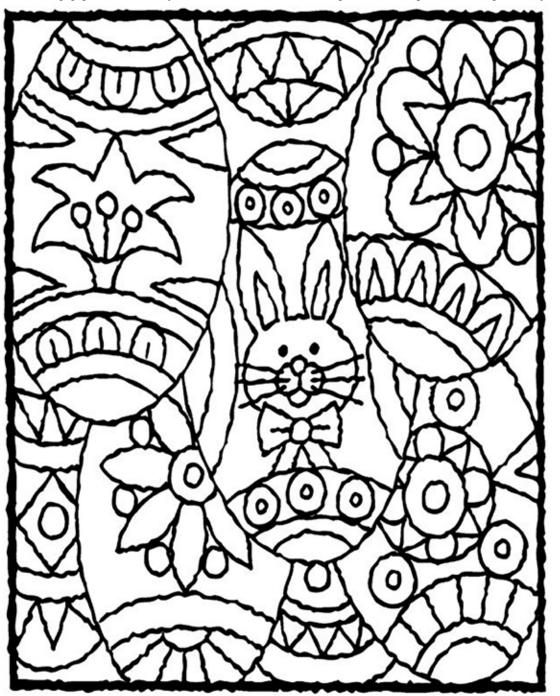
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Keighley Community Led Local
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stimulate economic growth and jobs.
Some of the most deprived areas of the
town will receive matched EU funding via
the Fund to support activity that addresses
local needs and opportunities over the next
five years.

This funding zone includes Braithwaite, Bracken Bank, Hainworth Wood, Highfield, Ingrow, Knowle Park, Lawkholme, Parkwood. Fell Lane and Showfield.

Keighley MP John Grogan said that small businesses, start-ups and the long-term unemployed would be among those to benefit when the delivery programme starts in the summer.

He hoped the programme would provide "significant opportunities" to people in the least well-off parts of Keighley.

He said: "There is a lot of entrepreneurial talent in these communities and often all that is needed is a hand up to make a fresh start either in a new job or in starting a new business.

"Ironically this important initiative may well be one of the last acts of the European Union in Keighley during our membership."

Airedale Enterprise Services, Keighley's local enterprise agency will deliver the project in Keighley & Bradford Council will



View of Keighley (Source: AES)

oversee the project.

The EU funding will lead to a Community Led Local Development (CLLD) programme being set up to cover Keighley East, Keighley West and Keighley Central wards.

The Keighley CLLD area has been granted £1.4 million European Regional Development Fund from the Department of Communities and Local Government, and European Social Fund cash of £1 million from the Department of Work and Pensions. When matched with local funding this has the potential to deliver a £4.8 million programme.

A Local Development Strategy has been developed for the Keighley zone, in partnership with local delivery partners, business and the local community.

Wendy Spencer, vice-chairman of Keighley CLLD, said she was "absolutely delighted" that Keighley had been awarded the funding.

She said: "Our aim is to make the area a better place to live, work, start new

business and help existing businesses to grow. Skills development and job creation is a priority."

"The Local Action Group together with the support team at Airedale Enterprise Services will be working hard over the next few weeks to get the plan into shape so that commissioning of projects can begin in the summer.

The project will be funded through the England European Regional Development Fund as part of the European Structural and Investment Funds Growth Programme 2014-2020.

Established by the European Union, the European Regional Development Fund helps local areas stimulate their economic development by investing in projects which will support innovation, businesses, create jobs and local community regenerations.

Residents & businesses within the 3 wards of Keighley East, West & Central will be invited to a launch event in April, so watch this space for details of how you can get involved.

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Every Wednesday 1pm to 2.30pm is Pick n Mix at Merlin Top Academy, Braithwaite Avenue, Keighley. A local club for the over 50's. Activities include trips out, relaxing over a cuppa, playing traditional gams, crafts, dancing, bingo. £1.50 per person (inc refreshments). For further info call 07587 210101 Every Thursday 1pm Time out Coffee Stop at Foster Gardens, Broster Avenue, Braithwaite. Friendship Group - Bingo, quiz, food & drinks. Every Wednesday 10.30am Rest a while drop in Coffee Morning at Exley Head Methodist Church, Keighley. First & third Wednesday of a month10.30am Coffee Morning & **Book Swap** at Laycock Village Hall more..... With an exclusively compiled soundtrack put together by Rose & Brown and special quests in this very original retro venue. Public bar open. www.roseandbrownvintage.co.uk Sat 10th March - Mother's Day popup shop at East Morton Community **Shop.** See shop window and Facebook for opening times.

Sat 10th & Sun 11th March Keighley Model Railway Club 42nd Annual Exhibition 10am - 4.30pm University Academy Keighley, Greenhead Road. Fun packed family weekend.

Sun 11th March 9am Victoria Park Keighley Big 10K & 5K Run The Keighley BigK is a challenging 10K or 5K at the start of the running season that follows a circular route through the paths, parks and roads of Keighley. This event is held in aid of Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice

Tues 13th March Hog Holes and Heather 6 miles (9.7km) Circular Walk Bring a packed lunch. Meet Colin Pitts at 10.30am near the junction of Long Lee Lane, Harden Road, Long Lee, Keighley. A scenic walk up some rough moorland footpaths www.bradford.gov.uk/countryside Tues 13th March Morton Women's Institute Speaker Chris Binns -Walking & Talking. 7.20pm at the Institute in East Morton. Sat 17th March - Pop-up shop with Art Sale by Rhona Emmott at East Morton Community Shop. See shop window and Facebook for opening times.

Sat 17th March 10am - 1pm
Shamrock Shuffle Fun Run at St Ives,
Harden, Bingley. A St Patrick's Day fun
run with the added presence of Liam
the Leprechaun. Chase after Liam
with his pot of Golden coins. See how
many you can collect. Raising money
for Manorlands, Yorkshire Cancer
Research and other Charities. www.
shamrockshuffle.co.uk.

Thurs 22nd March New Acts
Comedy Night 7.30pm at Cafe
Choux Choux, Keighley. Tickets £5
can be purchased at The Cricketers
Pub, Café Choux Choux or via the
Facebook page. We are looking for and
welcome any new acts, so if you're an

aspiring comedian interested in giving it a go and getting involved contact 07704560070. Raising money for Manorlands Hospice.

Sun 25th March Keighley Towpath Tootle at East Riddlesden Hall (circular). 10.30am Starting from - Bottom Car Park at East Riddlesden Hall, Bradford Road. This flat, gentle five mile route is sure to be a hit with first-time bike riders and families, following the traffic-free towpath of the Leeds Liverpool Canal.

Sun 25th March 2pm Cliffe Castle

Museum - Music at the Museum Two Rivers Concert Band. Open to all with free admission. The Concert Band plays a variety of musical styles from orchestral compositions, music from stage and screen as well as original compositions for wind ensemble. Fri 30th March - Mon 2nd April 9.30am - 4.30pm East Riddlesden Hall Join us over the Easter weekend for the popular Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt. This year you'll be following a nature trail and searching high and low for clues in the garden. Trail sheets £2 each. General admission prices apply (under 5's go free). Sat 14th & Sun 15th April Haworth Festival of Holistic Health at The Old School Room, Church Street, Haworth. Sat. 10.30am -4.30pm. Sun 11am-4.30pm. A weekend of holistic taster sessions Angelic Reiki, Atlantean Healing, crystal healing, Indian Head massage, reflexology, Thai hand and foot massage, Body/Emotion code. Stalls selling a variety of holistic goods. Refreshments and homemade healthy cakes. Proceeds of tombola is in aid of Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice.

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A Change in the Year

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There is blessing in the air, Which seems a sense of joy to yield To the bare trees, and mountains bare; And grass in the green field.

-William Wordsworth

Early Spring

Daffodils shiver. huddle away from the wind, like people waiting at a bus-stop.

- Adrian Henri











Sudoku Answers

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Shamrock Shuffle 5K Fun Run!

Sat 17th March 11am St Patrick's Day Bingley St Ives Estate

Liam the Leprechaun has been running through the St Ives Estate dropping golden coins as he goes! Follow him through this St route and see if you can collect any coins for yourself!

Dress Code: We will provide from the neck up, you provide from the neck down - the greener the better!
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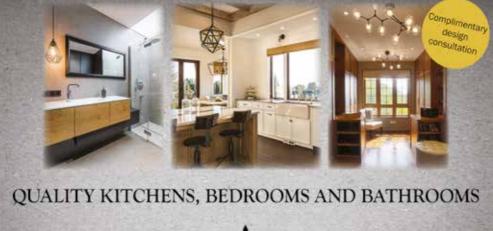
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