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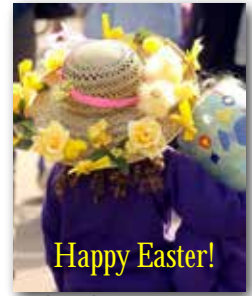
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Happy Easter!

Easter is one of my favourite holidays...so many lovely memories of painting eggs, filling baskets and decorating bonnets; the more flamboyant, the better!

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## World Curlew Day

A chance to save Britain's critically endangered curlews

The Eurasian curlew, one of Britain's best-loved and most recognisable birds, is facing an unprecedented population crisis as a result of modern farming practices, habitat loss, predation and climate change. The UK's breeding population has declined by over 60% since 1970.

However, there is plenty we can do to protect them if we act now, and new charity **Curlew Action** hopes that **World Curlew Day on the 21st of April** will help kickstart a coordinated effort to save the curlew.

With its long, downwards curving bill and distinctive call, the curlew is not just a cultural symbol of the British countryside: it is also a critical bioindicator for our grassland and wetland ecosystems. In the UK, which holds a quarter of the world's Eurasian curlews, the birds are now considered one of the highest priority bird species for conservation, as several factors have made it harder for them to breed. In particular, increasing numbers of predators like foxes and crows present a danger to curlew nests, and destruction of suitable breeding habitats, as a result of land-use changes and farming practices, has massively reduced breeding success rates.

We are running out of time to save these precious birds, with some scientists estimating that we could see regional or even country-level extinctions in the next 10 years.

Curlew Action is dedicated to comprehensive, coordinated and science-



based action to reverse the decline in Britain and Europe. **"We are working hard to fund the completion and distribution of a 'Fieldworker's Toolkit' in time for this year's breeding season"** says Mary Colwell, author of *Curlew Moon* and founder of Curlew Action. **"This can make a tangible difference to our curlew populations by giving access to advice on best practice and the law around working with birds."** The charity is entering several teams into the Kiltwalk fundraising event, as well as holding curlew art and poetry competitions, and much more. **"The Curlew is an iconic bird of British landscapes. Its haunting, evocative call was once heard from the coast to the mountains, but it is rapidly disappearing"**, says charity-founder Colwell, **"and World Curlew Day is a chance for us all to get behind the recovery of this beautiful bird, and bring magic and wonder back to our landscapes."**

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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.

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## BEHIND THE SCENES at the BRONTË PARSONAGE MUSEUM

Have you visited the **Brontë Lounge** yet? Last summer, we were missing our visitors very much, so we decided to open the Brontë Lounge, a friendly and informal Zoom space where we could talk Brontë with some of the many writers who have been inspired by them.

We were joined by fans from all over the world as well as many of our friends from Yorkshire. Students, academics, writers, all joined us for a special programme of fundraising events.

First up was writer **Samantha Ellis** whose impassioned quest to find out more about Anne was threaded with her own personal narrative.

Novelist **Tracy Chevalier** joined us from deep in Thomas Hardy country where she talked about her life-changing year as creative partner for Charlotte's bicentenary. She said, 'Books help me leave my daily life and enter the dream world.'

Anne Brontë's bicentenary year might have been a bit overshadowed but in the Brontë Lounge Anne totally stole the limelight!

**Samira Ahmed** – our creative partner for 2021 - told us that it was Anne Brontë who gave her the courage to fight her landmark gender pay gap battle.

**Patience Agbabi** was thoughtful as she read her from exquisite Emily inspired poems and ruminated on the possibility that Emily might have been autistic. Poetry was also part of the fare when UK Poet Laureate **Simon Armitage** joined us to reflect on Branwell and shared poems from his 2017 Mansions in the Sky collection accompanied by images from the collection that inspired them.

**Caryl Phillips** zoomed in from the US with a cohort of international post-grad students and talked of his love of Yorkshire and the moors, which for him are bound up with both the Brontës and the moors murderers which conjoined and swirled in *The Lost Child*.

**Sally Wainwright** took us on a rollicking gallop across Yorkshire with the Brontës and Anne Lister. She invited us to speculate on the possibility that Emily and Anne might possibly have met and hinted that the next strong woman ripe for the Wainwright treatment might be Charlotte's very own Shirley...!

Since then, we have also welcomed **Rowan Coleman** (aka Bella Ellis), **Sharon Wright** and **Andrew Michael Hurley**. What have we learned from all these events? How many people out there love Branwell, how many readers feel that Anne is the true trailblazer and how many readers and writers continue to be delighted and inspired by the Brontës. And despite the enforced closure of the Parsonage, the whole Brontë community – whether in Bradford or Buenos Aires - can come together in the Brontë Lounge. If you missed all those events, don't worry. The Brontë Lounge is here to stay and our April guest is **Moira Buffini**, writer, playwright and showrunner. Moira wrote the screenplay for the acclaimed 2011 film of *Jane Eyre* starring Mia Wasikowska and Michael Fassbender. She'll be joining us on 22 April, just a day after Charlotte's 205th birthday. Why not join us from the comfort of your sofa?

## April at the Brontë Parsonage Museum

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#### Ingredients

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140g tahini

1 tsp vanilla extract

optional: hand full of roasted pistachios

#### Method

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Place the maple syrup in a medium saucepan and heat over medium heat until it reaches 266°F (130°C). The maple syrup will bubble and some foam will form, this is normal. While the maple syrup is heating, place the tahini, vanilla extract, and

pistachios if using in another saucepan and warm over low heat. Tahini must be just warm, not hot.

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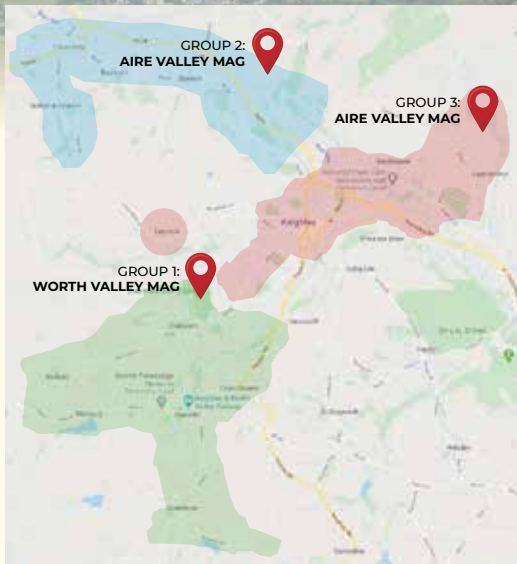
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