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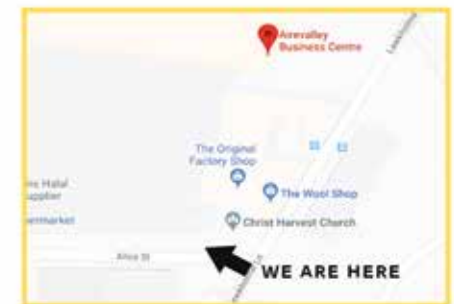
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only the lodge still remains. Sutton Hall was on the way up to the Clough.

Inside Sutton Park

by Antony Silson

was to get the contraption (think of a plank

of wood with handles on it that swung backwards and forwards) going as fast and as high as possible without falling and breaking a limb. I won't even go into detail about the roundabout and the strange rocking horse thing that wouldn't have looked out of place in a funfair. Ah, those were the days.

Sutton Park was opened in 1912 and was created from land bequeathed by John William Hartley of Sutton Hall and James Bairstow of Springfield. Both of them were owners of the large mills in Sutton of which only one still exists today, albeit as



apartments. Springfield was a large house at the Eastburn end of Sutton Lane, where

Anyway, back to Sutton Park which, in these days of largely indoor screen based entertainment, still commands an impressive pull for the good people of Sutton. During these long summer days the paddling pool is always impressively attended and still filled with water from Sutton Beck by means of magical gates and pulley systems. There is the Bowling Green, the Pitch and Putt, the Multi Sports Area and the shelters. Shelters which have witnessed generations of Suttoners passing the time of day, gossiping, complaining, sharing secrets and making plans for adventures. It is refreshing to find that some things remain constant from one generation to the next.

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Brontë Parsonage Museum at 90

A History of the Museum in 10 Objects

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also more eccentric pieces: a length of seashells and transparent glass beads, giving the appearance of a necklace but with no clasp or visible way of attaching the item around the neck. The questions that this collection prompt are: how did this family come to have these items? Who would have worn them and how? Where were they created? Although the Museum can be sure of the provenance of the majority of these collection items, some are very early acquisitions. The early curators do not appear to have dug deeply into provenance details (in one case, all we know about where the items came from is that they were given by 'an old lady from Hull' who was said to have nursed Charlotte Brontë prior to her death). However, the items themselves give clues as to lifestyles of the Brontë family and their relationships with jewellery and fashion, and as such, they are a highly important part of the collection.



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The Museum's Jewellery Collection



Amy Rowbottom
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As we continue our 50th Year of operation, there's plenty of ways to join in the celebrations. After the success of the special 8-day gala in June, we continue our period of seven days per week operation until the first week of September and then revert to weekends only for the Autumn. At the end of the summer running season our team of track maintenance volunteers

will be out in force during their regular "Civils' Week". During the week, the Civil Maintenance gang will be working on several carefully orchestrated and meticulously planned projects, which often involve lifting and replacing sections of track just after the last train passes



on then Sunday evening, and they will skilfully have everything back together in the nick of time for the first train to pass the following Saturday morning. It's an amazing operation and testimony to the commitment and dedication of our volunteers who will freely give up a week of their holiday for the benefit of the Railway as they take part in "Civils' Week".

There are many other examples of dozens of people volunteering both behind the scenes and front of house

to keep the increasingly elderly wheels turning. We have teams working on the restoration of the carriages as well as the steam locomotives, and we are looking forward to welcoming back into traffic shortly the result of the second overhaul to be completed this year, complementing our already-impressive operational fleet. The engineering skills required to maintain the fleet are in danger of being lost from one generation to the next, so we are very excited to be welcoming our first engineering apprentices, in conjunction with the Yorkshire Dales Railway, York College and the Boiler Engineering Skills and Training Trust. Passing on these skills is vital to securing the future of the Railway so this is a particularly important achievement for us as we enter our second half-century of operation.

As well as all the work going on behind the scenes, we continue to run our full programme of events, with tickets having just gone on sale for the **Beer & Music Festival** as well as for the ever-popular **Santa Special trains**. Some of Santa's trains are already selling out, so please do book soon to avoid any disappointment

and to give him and his Pixies plenty of time to wrap all the presents. As well as the special events, we continue to run every weekend and through the half-term holiday, so do please join us on board soon for a journey back in time and, as ever, you would be very welcome to apply to join our volunteering team. **Full details of volunteering opportunities and of our programme of events are available on the website: www.kwvr.co.uk**



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Steeton Bobbins WI meet the first Tuesday of each month at **7pm at Steeton Hub.** More info contact Diane Pritchard 01535 653748.

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2nd Tuesday of every month 10am - 12 noon Time for Me (Carers Resource) is a monthly group for carers and over 50's. Fun activities and friendly support at **Steeton Hub, Stone Grove.** More info call Sarah Wademan 01274 449660.

Dementia Friendly Keighley seated exercise classes are every Monday 11.15am - 12pm at **Central Hall, Keighley, BD21 3JD** More info call Maggie 07971 527525 or email info@dementiafriendlykeighley.org.uk. **Bronte Parsonage Museum - Late night Thursday's throughout Summer** after 5.30pm for residents of BD20, BD21 & BD22 (please bring address proof).

June to Sun 18th Nov Keighley War at **Cliffe Castle, Keighley.** Photos and medals to paintings and toys, this new exhibition takes visitors on a journey.

Mon 3rd Sept - Sat 8th Sept A Bunch of Amateurs at Keighley Playhouse.

Fri 7th & Sat 8th Sept 7.15pm Vicar of Dibley 2 at Sutton Village Hall. For tickets call 01535 632289 or email suttongreenhuttheatre@gmail.com.

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Sun 16th Sept 6pm Keighley Film Club Funny Cow (15) at Keighley Picture House.

Fri 21st until Sun 23rd Sept Fallfest at Glusburn Institute. Live music with David Live to an hilarious comedy 'The Last Resort', brought to you, back by popular demand - Falling Stars Theatre Company! Throughout the weekend we have our wonderful Beer and Gin Festival in association with the guys at Bronte Bars. Join us for Street Food, Gourmet Burgers, Indian Fayre prepared and served by our community partners The Old White bear. Why not also enjoy our traditional Fallfest Tearoom!

Sat 29th Sept 1940's Coffee Morning 10am - 2pm at The Keighley Playhouse, 5 Devonshire Street, Keighley in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Sat 29th Sept Keighley & Worth Valley Railway Diesel & Ale Day. Sat 29th & Sun 30th Sept Yarndale at Skipton Auction Mart. A creative festival celebrating all things woolly and wonderful.

Fri 5th Oct 7.30pm Glusburn Institute Community & Arts Centre Cinema showing The Guernsey Literacy & Potato Peel Society (12A)

Sat 6th Oct 9am - 3pm Bingley Markets at Bingley Town Square, Main Street, Bingley. Markets in Bingley Town Square with stalls featuring fish, cheese and flower traders as well as new stalls selling fresh, local produce and artisan crafts

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SMITHY'S TECH TIPS

By Liam Smith

Voice assistants are everywhere these days, in our phones, our tablets, our computers, our smart speakers, our refrigerators, you name it. Gimmicky? Perhaps, but there's no denying that they've exploded in popularity. So what is a voice-assistant exactly, and what can it do for you?

A voice assistant is a digital assistant that uses voice recognition, natural language processing, and speech synthesis to provide aid to users through voice recognition applications. These

voice assistants are built on artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning and voice recognition technology. Some assistants are built with more advanced cognitive computing technologies which will allow a digital assistant to understand and carry out multi-step requests with numerous interactions and perform more complex tasks, such as booking seats at a movie theatre, or scheduling a reminder for a day's time to do the shopping.

From Amazon's Alexa to Google's Home Assistant, there's a plethora of assistants that could be listed. However, they all serve one purpose, to serve you. From asking

it to play your favourite songs and artists on Spotify, to getting real-time weather updates and the latest scores in football. There's really no limitation to these assistants as they perform actions based on voice commands, much like a physical button on a keyboard does that I'm typing on now. If a device like a light switch can be designed to interpret commands, the assistant can control it. Imagine having an assistant that can control the entirety



of the home, just from your own voice, we're not quite there yet, but we're certainly not far off!

However, a common misconception that I've encountered since their boom in popularity has been between the

hardware and the software. These virtual assistants require certain hardware to operate, and as such will come preinstalled on certified devices. The misconception arises when the assistant is confused with the device. For example, Sonos have an Amazon Alexa certified speaker that uses its own virtual assistant to perform certain commands with regards to music, the assistant isn't the speaker, it's built into it. Artificial intelligence such as voice assistants might seem gimmicky right now, but I wholeheartedly believe that they are the future of a smart home, and it's not hard to see why.

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