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There is so much going on in September... Proms at the Castle, Fallfest, Bronte Festival of Women's Writing, East Riddlesden Hall talks in the garden, and more. Do take a closer look at the community pages.

I know it is frustrating to hear the word 'Christmas' in September, but it is important to secure your tickets this month if you want your chosen date to see Santa on the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway in December...He is a man in demand and I'd hate for you to be disappointed. Have a fabulous month.

Liz



Editor Liz Barker

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**fallfest**  
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**back to 'Rock You'**  
**27th – 29th Sept 2019**

Fallfest 2019 is set to break all records for footfall this year. Not only will they 'Rock You' with their Queen tribute headline act The Bohemians – BUT Fallfest is offering a unique first this year. Their regular troupe of performers, The Falling Stars Theatre Company, will deliver an immersive and gripping take on Shakespeare's Hamlet. Fresh from the Fringe



Performed at the Edinburgh Fringe, 'To Be or Not To Be? – Purgatory is the Question', explores the parallels of betrayal and power we all experience in our own families with the modern world around us. Inspired by the timeless themes of family dynamics Falling Stars examines them through the familiar and archaic



Shakespearean characters. The first performance following their debut at the Edinburgh Fringe, this is definitely not one to be missed. Falling Stars have performed together

as a company for a number of years and established themselves within Yorkshire as a company that provides an immersive theatrical experience. Each year the company performs its debut production

at FallFest in Glusburn, with a follow on subsequent tour which has grown year on year - bringing high quality theatre into rural communities and helping to keep theatre alive and accessible for local communities.



**Festival Vibe**  
Another first for Fallfest this year will be a change of venue. Major works at Glusburn Institute has meant the festival will take place in and around a super Festival Marquee kindly hosted by Glusburn Cricket Club. Festivities will commence on the Friday with choirs from five of our local primary schools involved in a themed Sing Off. Held in the Festival Marquee this is a free event and one not to be missed.

Saturday, sees the recurrence of Fallfest's every popular Family Fun Day, featuring a bigger and better Dog Show, with fun Agility Course; the Fallfest 5 Trail Race; Interschools Cross Country; Teddy Tombola; Bouncy Castles; Street Food; Treasure Hunt, cakes stalls and much more.

With The Bohemians, lighting up Saturday evening and with Music in the Marquee on Sunday...the festival goer will undoubtedly have worked up a thirst. What better way to slake it than call in to the Fallfest Beer & Gin Fest (Fri – Sun) run by Bridgehouse Brewery and hosted courtesy of Crosshills Social Club.

For Full Festival Details and Timings see [www.facebook.com/thefallfest](http://www.facebook.com/thefallfest) For Tickets & Info [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk) or **0333 666 44 66**.

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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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This year, we've worked with the novelist Kit de Waal to put together a festival weekend that celebrates and explores working-class writing and writers. The Brontës came from a world in which you very often needed social or family connections to break into the world of literature, which was based almost completely in London. 170 years later, things haven't really changed all that much, so Kit has put together a weekend of events that celebrate the amazing voices that don't always get heard.

Whether you're a budding writer, a keen reader or just looking for a fun way to spend a weekend, we've got something going on for you. If you've ever wondered what goes into taking a book From Page to Publication, our morning-long myth-busting session from 10am on Saturday 21st September features authors, publishers, booksellers and editors sharing information and tips and answering your questions. For



anyone with little ones, bestselling children's author and illustrator Nadia Shireen (Billy & the Dragon) will be hosting a storytime draw-along workshop from 2pm. Hotly-tipped debut author Sara Collins will be discussing her Jane Eyre-inspired novel The Confessions of Frannie Langton at the West Lane Baptist Centre from 3.30pm, and from 6pm we'll be hearing from some of the writers behind Common People, a new anthology of working-class writing. For a great Saturday night out, join us from 8pm for Words and Stories, a warm and funny evening of women's stories and poetry presented by Zena Barrie and Jo Howard, formerly of Verbose in Manchester.

Our Festival writer-in-residence Clare Shaw will be around all weekend, and is leading a poetry workshop on Sunday at 10.30am, which will centre on drawing inspiration from the churchyard and the world around you! Also on Sunday 22nd, Amy Liptrot will be talking about her stunning nature memoir The Outrun, from 2pm at West Lane Baptist Centre.

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As our most intense period of operation on the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway draws to close at the end of the summer holidays, you might think that we would stop for a breather, but this is when the hard work really begins. We take the opportunity of the trains reverting to running only at weekends to focus on the 150+ year old infrastructure and so in September we hold our annual "Civil Week". During the week, a dedicated team of volunteers take time off work to undertake major projects that can't be undertaken when the trains are running. They have previously relaid lengths of track or replaced pointwork, and this year are tackling a stretch of the banking that has challenged engineers since the days of the Midland Railway at the beginning of the 20th Century. We are also preparing for the first of several bridge replacements, which next year will see one of the original structures being replaced to allow trains to continue operating for another 150 years on the branch line. The work this year means that we will have a special timetable operating for the weekends of 14/15 and 21/22 September, so please visit the website for the latest information. We will plan to operate steam-hauled services, at least on part of the line, with the rest served by a heritage diesel unit and an inter-connecting 'bus service.

After the work is complete, we will be getting ready to welcome visitors to the **Beer & Music Festival (17th – 20th October)**, with live music at both Oxenhope and Ingrow (on the Friday to Sunday), and well over 100 different real ales, plus ciders and gins, to sample during

the event. After that, our **Halloween Special 'Wizard Express' and 'Gatsby Murder Mystery'** services take the Railway to a scary place (full times and booking details are on the website), and then we look forward to welcoming Father Christmas and his Pixies aboard the **Santa Specials**. We opened for festive reservations in July and have already had a record number of bookings, so **please visit the website soon if you wish to travel on a particular date and time, because places will soon get very limited on some Santa Specials!**

As well as so much going on, we continue to run every weekend, as I spent a long time explaining to a visitor from Moscow recently. Alexey struggled to grasp that what has become a tourist line would be able to operate steam trains – primarily by volunteers – all through the depths of winter. Now I appreciate that the winters in the Valley are a bit less extreme than in Moscow, but nonetheless, we are often the only safe means of transport to and from Oxenhope and sometimes Haworth. Seeing Alexey marvel at the Railway's operation was a fantastic reminder of what 50+ years of effort and determination can achieve, and he has taken back to Russia our enthusiasm, quality and heritage as he strives to establish a steam-hauled operation just outside Moscow. What is great for you is that you don't need to travel much beyond your doorstep to enjoy what Alexey was willing to journey half way round the world to experience, so I do hope that we can welcome you on board soon!

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### Textile Appeal

Grab your cotton spools and thimbles, sewing is back in fashion! Retailers have been reporting a big leap in sales of dressmaking patterns and sewing machines, as a new generation battles with bobbins, pins and pinking shears.

More than 1 million people have taken up sewing in the last three years, according to research by the Craft & Hobby Trade Association (CHA-UK), and 7.7m now count making their own clothes as a hobby.

Textiles have always been a massive part of Keighley's heritage, with its factories humming with the sounds of sewing machines. While many women used to learn how to sew from their mothers or grandmothers, more recently that transfer of knowledge has broken down. Keighley College has stepped in to provide a range of courses to help bridge that gap and create opportunities for students to learn a new trade.

After a period in the doldrums, the textile industry in the UK and in Keighley has been growing. In the last 10 years, this growth has led to a skills gap in the industry locally. This is why Keighley College's Textile Academy was set up, with a range of courses targeting those missing skills.

The academy's latest offering is a Level 1 qualification designed for young

people aged 16-19 who are looking for a career in fashion or textiles. It provides students with the basic skills, knowledge and understanding to start in the industry with the opportunity to progress to a Level 2 apprenticeship.

Charlotte Meek, Course Leader for the Textile Academy, said: "Manufacturing in the UK is growing and textiles is no exception. The Textile Academy has strong links with local manufacturers, a growing reputation for excellence and a range of courses to suit all tastes.

"Whether you are a complete beginner just wanting to make yourself a skirt and give dressmaking a try or looking to start a career in fashion and textiles, we will have a course to suit you. Our highly skilled teachers are passionate about textiles and the industry they work in."

As well as the Level 1 full-time course, the college offers a number of Level 2 and 3 apprenticeships in fashion and textiles with local manufacturers and short courses to train unemployed students into work. Those looking for a more relaxed introduction to textiles can try dressmaking which is open to all levels on Tuesday evenings.

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**Sun 29th Sept 11am Around Silsden Reservoir at Wesley Place Car Park.** Silsden. 5 1/2 miles (8.8km) Circular Packed lunch required Meet Kenneth John Allen at Wesley Place car park, Silsden for a good walk over farmland. [www.bradford.gov.uk/countryside](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/countryside)

**Weds 2nd Oct Silsden Photography Group 7.30pm at Silsden Town Hall.** Competition Waterscape (Print) Judge - Steve Raynor.

# Autumnal hues



Hundreds of years ago East Riddlesden Hall was a family home that was once at the heart of the agricultural estate of c17th Riddlesden. It was saved from demolition in 1934 by the Brigg brothers of Keighley, and now offers a friendly Yorkshire welcome to all who pass through its 400 year old doors. As well as a historic house, there are intimate gardens waiting to be enjoyed.

These offer a relaxing space to unwind in and benches that invite you to pause for a moment.

At this time of year the colours in the gardens start to turn to rich shades of orange, purple and gold.

Throughout the gardens you'll see late flowering asters, verbena, daylilies, and scented clematis. Standing proud in the formal garden is the euonymus europaeus spindle tree – a tree rich in orange and scarlet fruit.

**Every Monday until 30 September, you can meet a member of the gardening team between 2-3pm** and tap into over 50 years of collective experience. Take a walk through the gardens and learn how to combine good design and colour with wildlife conservation.



The euonymus europaeus spindle tree

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be invited to experiment with colour at these drop-in sessions and have a go at the traditional technique of fabric dyeing. You'll also learn about what colour meant to the families who once lived at East Riddlesden Hall. Booking isn't needed but numbers are limited, and early arrival is recommended for these popular events.

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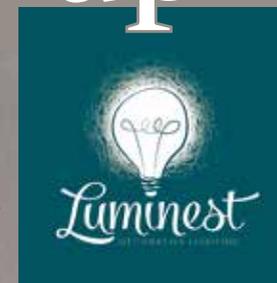
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These days most homeowners suffer from a lack of storage space. So many precious items that need to be kept - but where to store it all? That's where Yorkshire Loft Ladders come in. The company, based locally, offers homeowners the opportunity to maximise their storage space with a loft ladder, 50 sq ft of boarding and a light all fully fitted in less than a day from just £277 +VAT. But it's not just the affordability of the package the company offers that makes Yorkshire Loft Ladders stand out as manager Mark Hodson explains: 'Our watchwords are Quality, Integrity and Value. Quality in the materials that we use for all our installations and the fact that all our loft packages are fitted by time served tradesman so our customers are assured of the best job. Integrity in that we will turn up at the time we say and make sure the house is spotless when we leave, and Value in that we offer our services at a price people can afford. Our business relies on referrals and we get a huge

amount of our calls from people who have been referred to us by our existing customers - that simply wouldn't happen if we didn't adhere to our overriding principles.

At the end of the day the old adage that happy customers lead to more happy customers is true and we work hard to make that happen for every installation we carry out!

So, if you want to make use of your loft space, however big or small, call Warren on **0800 612 8359** and he'll be happy to pop round and give you a no obligation quote so you too can make use of your loft.





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