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Our February cover girl is Luna Sargent, faithful companion to cover photographer, John Sargent. Luna is a Spoodle, 3/4 Springer Spaniel and 1/4 poodle.

She came from a working farm in Cheshire and arrived with the Sargents at 8 weeks. This photo captures Luna's extraordinary personality; she is extremely friendly and energetic. She loves walks, heather, ponds and mud! You can follow her on social media:

Instagram: @thedogcalledluna
Facebook: The Dog Called Luna.
She has just turned 1 year old; Happy Birthday Luna!




2017 is feeling positive despite the turbulence in our midst and strange political rancor.
I'd recommend a run out to the Waggon and Horses for a pint or two; they are making a real effort to make folk welcome. Expect log fires and hearty country pub food. (sigh)
With the recent publication of the Tourism Review from the Bradford District Council, it is clear that change is inevitable and the provision of visitor centres may be under threat. Twenty first century solutions will be needed to underpin our rural tourism economy. The South Pennine Leader Programme is outlined on page 26, and not a minute too soon. Contact our office if you are keen to be included in a local tourism forum under development. We'll need to work together to make the most positive impact.
Have a great February. Liz Barker
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The Fat Bunny Coffee Lounge
 opened its doors in November 2016, just in time for the festive season in Haworth. Located on Main Street in what was once Relish Cafe, Jon

and Carly Smith set about making the place their own.

"We've felt really welcomed by the other traders and residents who have been in to try our menu and give us feedback," said Carly.

Jon settled on local Ilkley butcher Lishman's for the supply of meat to the cafe. "We have incorporated their champion sausages in our breakfast menu and customers tell us they are delighted. We also make our own burgers. and serve proper handmade chips."

Carly is a vegetarian, so the veggie options are substantial at The Fat Bunny. "We do a full veggie breakfast and we have veggie ham, chicken, even veggie bacon and also soya milk for coffee." Changing daily specials add value and interest to the menu.

Upstairs, on the second floor is a child friendly family room with a play area, baby changing facilities, comfortable seating for feeding babies, and a loo. Parents can leave their pushchairs on the ground floor in a storage space.

The first floor is furnished with lounge chairs and coffee tables and is mainly child free. "The two different environments allow us to cater to a wider group of customers, welcoming all from the community."

Little touches like the puzzle and fun fact books left for visitors to amuse themselves give the Fat Bunny a playful edge.

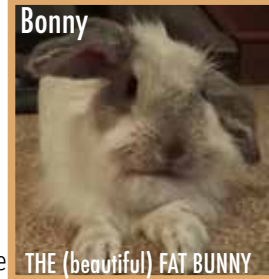
And the question in many people's mind,

Homemade chocolate cake and The Fat Bunny house coffee make a perfect combination for an afternoon treat.



which we just had to ask... "Why The Fat

Bunny? Where does the name come from?" "Well, I'm crazy about animals. I have two degus (Frank & Charlie) two corn snakes, two cats (Isabelle & Boo) and an amazingly characterful bunny named Bonny, who is the inspiration for the coffee lounge name. My menagerie is my passion," Carly enthusiastically confirmed.



"We want to do something a bit different and add to what's available in the village. We've noticed there isn't alot going on for the young adults.

So we thought we'd stay open on Wednesday evenings and run various themed events, for example, 'Rock and a Roll' night, serving butties, milk shakes, and specialty hot chocolates while providing a place for the kids to socialise." Another idea is to run a regular games night where families can play board games and enjoy some of those vintage delights like 'Operation' or 'Mouse Trap'. Carly mused, "and if anyone has board games sitting in the attic collecting dust and they'd like to donate a game or two, that would be appreciated!" **Phone 01535 648265**

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Art Exhibition at Haworth Visitor Information Centre (Gallery located above the VIC on Main Street)
 Some readers might remember the work of Rosie Clarke> Rosie created a regular cartoon series for the Worth Valley magazine seven years ago called Crazy Maisey. She went on to Wimbledon College of Art where she completed a painting degree. You can view Rosie's work Feb 13th - 25th in the exhibition space above the VIC in Haworth.

Rosie Clarke and her recent paintings, and the Crazy Maisey cartoon from her school days.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM



February sees the opening of **Mansions in the Sky**, a brand new exhibition curated by poet **Simon Armitage**, our **2017 Creative Partner**. Simon is working with the museum team on a number of projects to mark **Branwell Brontë's bicentenary**. Here he is to tell us more.

Tell us a little about yourself:

I'm a poet and writer, born and living in West Yorkshire.

What most interests you about Branwell?

He's usually depicted as the bad boy of the Brontë clan, a sort of black sheep among the angelic sisters. And certainly his behaviour was pretty erratic at times, and some of his decision-making a bit wayward. But more than anything I sense his disappointment. He was the great hope of the family initially, singled out by his father for special treatment as the son and heir. It seems as if over time Branwell's great ambitions, and the ambitions other people had for him, were overtaken by the

reality of the situation, and that his boyish enthusiasm couldn't be converted into genuine talent, either as a writer or artist. It's from then onward that he begins his slow downward spiral.

What is your favourite item in the Museum's collection?

Branwell's wallet. It's a big chunky, meaty thing, like a piece removed from his torso. It's empty, of course – he was never one for saving!

And your favourite piece of Brontë writing?

I'm going to betray Branwell here, but all three sisters were, in the end, far better writers. It's hard to see past *Wuthering Heights*, if you have a heart and a soul. Some of Emily's poems as well – she had a natural gift. This poem, for example, which revels mischievously in the darker aspects of life :

Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;

Lengthen night and shorten day;

Every leaf speaks bliss to me

Fluttering from the autumn tree.

I shall smile when wreaths of snow

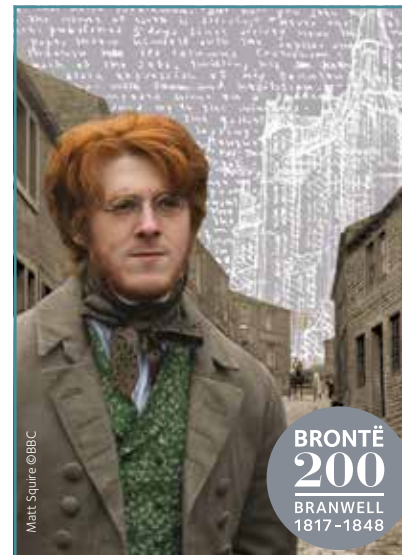
Blossom where the rose should grow;

I shall sing when night's decay

Ushers in a drearier day.

Anything else you'd like to tell us?

Come and see the exhibition at the Museum. I think many people have a neat and tidy image of the Brontës and their world, but this will be like walking into Branwell's head – not a pretty place.



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And so begins the routine of the day... half an hour between trains to fettle the station, polishing the brass and stoking the fires (and keep the kettle boiling for the benefit of fellow volunteers!), operating the gates and signals, and welcoming passengers. The last train passes in the twilight of a winter late afternoon, just after the gas lights on the platform have lit, which brings a fantastic glow to the station.

I started many years ago as a volunteer trainee booking clerk and received full training and examination to achieve the crossing keeper qualification, which permits me to run Oakworth and Damems stations, and you can do the same by applying via the website for this or the variety of roles that we have on offer.

If you prefer to visit as a passenger, there's a whole variety of events planned for 2017, with the visit of **Flying Scotsman in early April**, seats for which are selling very fast with many trains already full, so please do book soon to avoid disappointment. We also continue to run trains every weekend and daily in half term, with our **Steam Gala in early March**, and a visit from **Sid and Scrat from Ice Age 21/22 February**.

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The alarm goes off just after 6:30 and it's not even a working day. By 8:15 I'm taken back to 1910 (that's the year, not the time!) and am unlocking the gates at Oakworth station. It's foggy, so I put the signal and gate lights on, and then make sure the fires are lit in the booking office and waiting room. There's no electric lighting at the station, so I illuminate some of the gas lamps to help me see the train register that I need to complete during the day to record the passing of trains.

Pushing the station barrows on to the



platform brings the place to life. I ring the telegraph bell down to the signal

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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.



Cleansing Detox Electric Green Juice

OK so it is February and time for a check in. Did you make a commitment to get healthy, eat your greens, detox, and get fit this year? Pat yourself on the back if you managed to make some headway on any of these fronts. But don't beat yourself up if you are still making your way through the last of the Christmas cake. Life is for living, and anyway, we think February is the perfect month to turn up the volume on a new regime.

Juicing is a great way to ease into healthy habits and add energy to your days. This Electric Green juice recipe is a winner and so satisfying in the mornings, especially as green means go!

It is sweet enough to satisfy a child's palate and grown up enough to make you feel smug about drinking your vegetables. Bottom line is, you are providing your body with a plant based, nutrient rich drink that also has an alkalising effect on your digestive system. Enjoy!

Electric Green Juice

Ingredients:

- 1 cucumber
- 1 cup* parsley
- 1 cup spinach
- 2-3 green apples
- Super Detox:
- 2cm fresh turmeric
- ½ lime
- 2 beets (optional)



Worth Valley Mag and Haworth Wholefoods bring you fresh juice recipes every month. If you are dieting, detoxing or just eating healthily, Haworth Wholefoods has everything you need! Contact Sally at Haworth Wholefoods to find out more. 01535 649217.

*The cup measurement is equivalent to a standard mug.

Method: Place all ingredients through a juicer, extracting only the juice and leaving the pulp. Best consumed right away but can be stored in airtight glass jar for two days if required. Yield: 2 servings.

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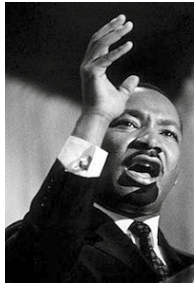
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On the 15th January 2017, churches across the world celebrated the civil rights activist Rev'd Martin Luther King, who gave his life for his dream of a world where people are not judged by the colour of their

skin but by the content of their character. At West Lane Baptist Church in Haworth (WLBC), this day marked a significant point in a similar vein – as it was the day we voted in favour of registering our building for the 'solemnization of marriages of same sex couples' (SSM).

I'm Nick, and I've been the Minister in Training at WLBC for over a year, and during this time we have all been on quite a journey as a church. In July 2016, a meeting took place at WLBC to discuss a statement from the Baptist Union of Great Britain (our governing body) regarding SSM. At this meeting we talked about our principles as Baptists, and what we stood for as a church.

Although a relatively small congregation, WLBC have formed their identity around serving the community in every way possible. The church, along with the minister Rev. Chris Upton, is always eager to establish that all are welcome to come and take part in all that we do. We also believe that God's love makes no exceptions and so it was these values that played a key role in our thinking as a church. A question that we asked ourselves was, "What obstacles may be preventing us from living out God's message of welcome and love in our community?"

After a further two church meetings and sensing we had dedicated a healthy amount of time and space for everyone to consider the matter, we agreed that a vote would take place in January, and the outcome was overwhelmingly in favour of the church registering for SSM. At the morning service before the vote took place, we focussed on Martin Luther King's words; "How often the church has been an echo rather than a voice, a tail-light rather than a headlight..." We are acutely aware that the church is still all too often a tail-light to society, following where it should be leading, however I feel genuinely privileged to be a part of a church that is seeking to be proactive in being a light in our community.

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The **Silver Line Helpline** for older people **Information, friendship, advice** Calls are FREE: 0800 470 80 90 FREE, confidential 24 hour service www.thesilverline.org.uk. For a group talk/presentation about The Silver Line Contact the Community Engagement Volunteer, Jeanette House, Tel: 07873459188.

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.

Weds 1st Feb until Jan 2018 **Bronte Parsonage, Haworth - To Walk Invisible from Parsonage to Production.** An exclusive opportunity to see the costumes from Sally Wainwright's acclaimed Brontë drama, in the historic setting of the Parsonage. Designer Tom Pye worked closely with academics and experts to create costumes which are authentic to the period and which evoke the separate personalities of each member of the Brontë family. Also on display in this arresting exhibition are props made especially for the drama and a selection of stills from photographer

Sat 4th Feb Haworth & Worth Valley **Fire Cadets Open Day** 12- 2pm at Haworth Primary School.

Sat 4th Feb 7.30pm **Groovy Happenings** 5th Anniversary and Big Raffle Draw at **Parkside Social Club, Butt Lane, Haworth.**

Weds 8th Feb Keighley & District **Family History Society** meet at 7.30pm **Keighley Library.** Topic Why Stanbury never got a Station & local Railway Politics - talk by Graham Mitchell.

Fri 10th Feb 10.30am **Cliffe Castle Museum, Keighley** First season of **free events A Story To Tell.** Using objects from the museum collections, staff will introduce you to some of the fascinating histories and tales which they reveal. We want to hear your stories too! Participants are invited to bring along a small object or photograph with a story that they would like to share with the group. Each session has a theme which acts as a starting point. Call 01535 618231 to confirm attendance

Fri 10th Feb 7.30pm Haworth Baptist Church Haworth Cinema showing **Bridget Jones' Baby.**

Sat 11th & Sun 12th Feb 10am - 4pm **Haworth Craft Fairs** at **Haworth Old School Rooms.** Entry is £1 which includes free cup of tea or coffee.

Mon 13th until Sat 25th Feb **Rosie Clarke Art Exhibition** - above **Visitor Centre, Haworth**

Mon 13th Feb 7.30pm **Stanbury & District Womens Institute** at **West Lane Baptist Church, Haworth.** Role as a Deputy Lieutenant representing the Queen - David Pearson

Competition - Part of a uniform.

Weds 15th & 22nd Feb, **Lunch time Tree Walks** in **Devonshire Park** - meet at 12.15pm at the main gates of Devonshire Park. All welcome. Wheelchair friendly routes available, although there are some steep sections.

Thurs 16th Feb **Oxenhope Gardening Club** at 7.30pm in **Oxenhope Community Centre, Shaw Lane, Oxenhope, Paul Cook, curator of RHS Garden Harlow Carr, Harrogate** will talk about managing and developing the garden's plant collections, wildflower meadow and leading a team of 30 horticulturists, RHS trainees and volunteers.

Thurs 16th Feb **Oxenhope Methodist Women's Fellowship** are having a talk by Heel2Toe Foot Health Care at 7.30pm at the **Chapel West Drive.** Everyone Welcome.

Sat 18th until 25th Feb **Sinbad the Sailor** at **Oakworth Methodist Church, Lidget, Keighley Road, Oakworth.** www.ticketsource.co.uk/OakworthMethodist

Sun 19th Feb **Ormston Return at Haworth Village 5 miles circular walk** (bring a packed lunch). Meet Anthony Green at 10:30am at Haworth railway station for a circular walk following parts of the Worth Way.

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Tues 21st & Weds 22nd Feb **Meet Sid & Scrat Ice Age** at the **Keighley & Worth Valley Railway.** The beloved duo will meet and greet visitors at intervals throughout the day and there will be opportunities to take photos of the character, don't forget to bring your camera!

Weds 22nd Feb 11am **Wild Wednesday Branwell's Wallet at the**

Bronte Parsonage, Haworth. One of Branwell Brontë's possessions that we have at the Museum is a simple brown leather wallet. Join local artist Rachel Lee in upcycling everyday packaging to create your own much funkier version. Free with admission to the Museum, all materials provided.

Sat 25th Feb 8pm **Central Hall, Alice Street, Keighley Dementia Friendly Keighley's Making Memories Auction.** Tickets available from info@dementiafriendlykeighley.org.uk or call 07452773788

Sun 26th Feb **Lucienne de Ville at Cliff Castle Museum** FREE performance Lucienne De Ville will be performing for us from 2pm when she will be treating us to a performance of cabaret jazz with a French twist.

Mon 27th Feb - Sun 12th March **Haworth Fairtrade fortnight.** Thurs 2nd March **Oxenhope Methodist Women's Fellowship Marjorie's Games Night** at 7.30pm at the Chapel West Drive. Everyone Welcome.

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Applications are now being accepted for the programme, which runs until 2019 and is managed by rural regeneration company Pennine Prospects.

“The new Leader programme is designed to support projects that create jobs and promote economic growth,” explained Candy Squire-Watt, Leader Programme Coordinator. “We are keen to hear from farmers and business owners who may have an idea for diversification or expansion. This is capital funding for the purchase of specialist equipment or for buildings and unlike some other regions with Leader funding we haven’t put a cap on individual funding applications.”

The programme is designed to offer support to increase farm productivity, as well as support for micro and small enterprises and farm diversification, rural

tourism, the provision of rural services, support for cultural and heritage activity and for increasing forestry productivity. Grants will be awarded for 40% of the full cost of a project. There is a handbook and guidance notes available from the South Pennines Leader website at www.southpenninesleader.co.uk 07563 159536.

“There are so many different businesses in the South Pennines that could benefit from this funding,” explained Candy. “For example, we’d like to hear from you if you have a farm or forestry business delivering visitor services, developing new local products or contributing to the landscape. Maybe you run a visitor-facing business that provides distinctive visitor services such as accommodation or local food and drink. If so, you may be eligible for this funding.

“If you have an idea please call and we can discuss it. We can offer advice and guidance and check for eligibility to ensure you get the best chance of success.”

The Leader funding is designed to promote local productivity in the South Pennines and as such can be accessed by many different types of businesses and organisations. Manufacturers creating or processing distinctive locally derived products that promote the South Pennines may be eligible to apply, as may designer-maker businesses creating locally distinctive products with associated retailing, workshops, courses and visitor products. Recreational businesses structuring their business around the local landscape and its recreational opportunities, and social enterprises delivering local community services may also be eligible.

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The first event of the year will be a theatre-themed Kids' Fun Day on Saturday 28th January. Regional leading performing arts school Stage 84 will be holding free drop-in singing and dancing workshops all day in the Airedale Shopping Centre, 11am to 4pm. To include street dance, contemporary dance, musical theatre and pop music.

We have a full programme of events in the works for the rest of the year, with town centre events at least once a month, and quarterly events for the recently formed Keighley Business Club with guest speakers and a chance to network with local and regional businesses. The town itself has an exciting year ahead, with the Flying Scotsman arriving on the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway on April 1st, and the Tour de Yorkshire passing through on Sunday 30th April.

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