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Our beloved Penistone Hill Country Park is hosting a sculpture trail and exhibition space called Wild Uplands as part of Bradford City of Culture 2025. The initial installations are now in place. The Children of Smokeless Fire by artist Monira Al Qadiri features on the Worth Valley Mag cover this month. We'll explore the exhibition in more depth in the July edition, but I'd encourage you to keep an open mind and go see it for yourself. Love it or loathe it, the sculpture trail has certainly sparked conversations and interest in the District. Father's Day is just around the corner, and I've gathered some locally inspired ideas to help you spoil that very special man in your life (p30). Haworth Cinema is hoping to gain more support and keep this community venture going. They're offering a FREE Cinema Ticket Voucher (p5), with the urgent message: "Use it or lose it." Like so many other local services, businesses, and organisations, they can only thrive if we choose to use them.



Liz Barker, Editor

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Haworth Cinema is run entirely by volunteers for the benefit of the community. We look to show a film at **7:30pm on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month, from September to July, in West Lane Baptist Church.** We have been going since 2011!

We sell refreshments and ice creams and we have very comfortable seats. We put sub-titles on all the films we can to make sure it is accessible to all.

BUT... since Covid, we have struggled to make ends meet, and we are keen that it remains affordable to all. Tickets are just

£5 per film for adults and £3 for children / students. Licence costs and room hire mean we need to make sure we have a good turnout to keep us going. It's a great place to meet and get to know people too, so come along and see for yourself.

Films coming up are:

- **Friday 13th June: Wicked**
- **Friday 27th June: Pride** (as part of Haworth's first Pride event)
- **Friday 11th July: Bridget Jones, Mad About the Boy**
- **Friday 25th July: A Real Pain**

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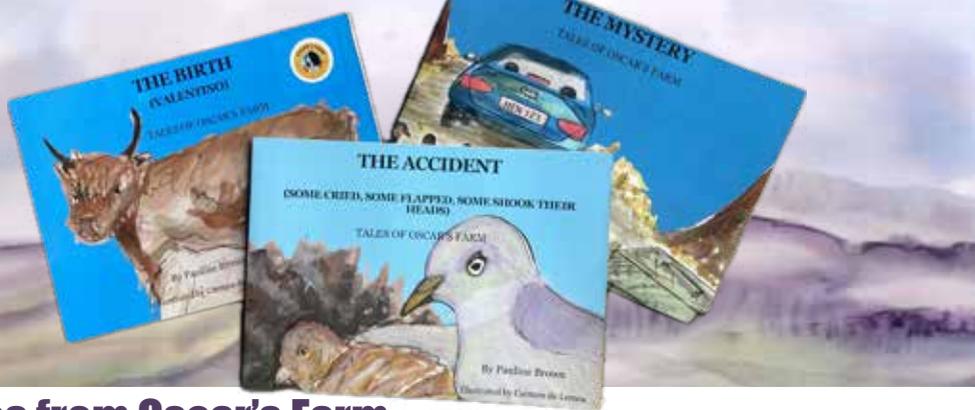
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## Tales from Oscar's Farm: Where Community & Imagination Meet



Looking out over the Worth Valley from my home above Oxenhope, I used to watch the wildlife with my children.

That view sparked an idea, and before long, a quirky community of animals came to life in my imagination—Oy Ewe the sheep, Philip the pheasant, Stanley the squirrel, and others. Ten years ago, I wrote and printed five little stories for family and friends. But the characters wouldn't leave me. Rooted in our Yorkshire landscape, they evolved into a trilogy: *The Accident*, *The Birth*, and *The Mystery*. Each story is filled with fun and gentle lessons: twites (rare local birds) and compass points in one; a kitchen calf and a three-legged mole in another; and in *The Mystery*, hens named April, May, June, and Julie help explain the food chain. And yes, there are maps. I love maps!

### About the Author, Pauline Brown.

Pauline is a storyteller, mother of three, and long-time Worth Valley resident who first discovered Yorkshire while studying at Bradford University. One of seven sisters, with a Swiss mum and a fondness for adventure, she's worked with homeless people, families in crisis, and the courts. Her love of wildlife, community, and the view from her window inspired the Oscar's Farm stories: gentle, imaginative tales rooted in nature and friendship.

From parachuting and painting silk to walking 500 miles on the Camino, Pauline brings curiosity and kindness to everything she does.

A few years ago, family friend Mark Purvis introduced me to International Mixed Ability Sport (IMAS), based in Bradford. I saw a chance to use the Oscar's Farm characters to write about inclusion for children of all abilities. With support from the IMAS team and inspiration from a young person named Cam, Diego's Team was born.

Diego the alpaca, a newcomer to the farm, meets ferrets Cedric and Bob and helps bring the community together. As IMAS founder Mark Goodwin says, the story "encourages empathy and understanding... helping to break down barriers between disabled and non-disabled children."

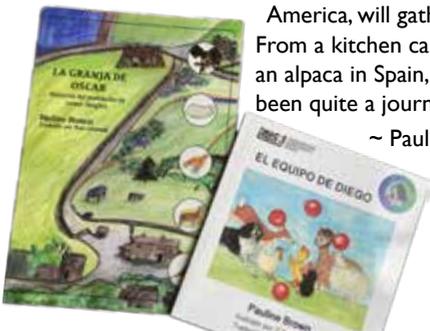
Now published under Worth The Read, the books are available in local KWVR shops, Betty Moore, Haworth Main Street, Book Case in Hebden Bridge, and Truman Books at Farsley. Diego's Team will be featured at special launch events for schools funded by Bradford City of Culture. **A public reading takes place at Waterstones during the Bradford Literature Festival on Saturday 5th July.**

Through the Haworth/Machu Picchu Twinning Group, Spanish versions of two books are heading to Peru. El Equipo de Diego launches at the IMAS tournament in Pamplona, where teams from ten countries, including four from South

America, will gather.

From a kitchen calf to an alpaca in Spain, it's been quite a journey.

~ Pauline



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Usually when I talk about the summer, it is as we are all sheltering from the wind and rain with it feeling more like winter making it very difficult to imagine that the sun is coming... well this year has turned it all on its head. We've enjoyed a fabulous 1940s weekend in blazing sunshine, with this being the first year we took on the organisation of the event after there was no 2024 event. It's been a different and very successful weekend and seemed to meet the need of taking the pressure of Haworth village, which was previously overwhelmed with the volume of traffic and activities in the park.

Whilst the lovely weather is welcome, it does make running steam locomotives very challenging, so you will have seen us bringing in some heritage diesel traction. With a couple of bank holiday weekends in May, and people getting out the BBQs in their gardens as the warm weather looks settled, the likelihood of rain increases significantly, so hopefully normal service will be resumed shortly.

With the summer months approaching, we get closer to the start of the Railway's contribution to the Bradford 2025 City of Culture celebration when we will see The Railway Children live show performed at Oxenhope. Tickets and full details are available from the Bradford 2025 website.

It will be an amazing opportunity to see the show at the home of The Railway Children. As well as the stage show, we are running our usual heritage train service over the holiday period, so you can still enjoy a journey on the line and make the most of your local residents' railcard which offers a significant discount on ordinary timetables services for those of you living in BD20/21/22 postcodes.

To make all this happen takes hours and hours of planning and work behind the scenes. We have dozens of people focusing on restoration and maintenance of our carriage and locomotive fleet, as well as the stations, railway infrastructure and other buildings. Then we have the teams beavering away to plan the events for this and future years, as well as the back-office functions needed to keep the wheels turning on the complex functions necessary to run the Railway. As ever, we are always keen to welcome new people to the volunteering team and full details of how to apply are on the website, as well as timetables and information on the local residents' railcard scheme.

**With so much to see and do, I hope that we can welcome you on board soon.**

~ **Matt Stroh**

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**Ingredients**  
 (serves 4)  
 2 x skate wings, approximately 500g each, skinned  
 4 tablespoons of white wine vinegar  
 1 teaspoon of salt  
 150g unsalted butter  
 50ml red wine vinegar  
 1 tablespoon capers, drained and rinsed  
 1 tablespoon chopped parsley

**Method**  
 Pour enough cold water into your pot so there will be enough to just

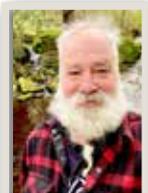
cover the skate wings by a few

centimetres. Tip in the white wine vinegar and the salt and bring to a gentle simmer. Gently slide in both skate wings and gently poach for around 15 minutes until tender. Drain and carefully remove both wings to a warmed serving dish, cover loosely with foil to keep them warm.

Now, working quickly, melt your butter over a medium to high heat in a frying pan. Pay close attention.

You're waiting for the butter to melt and start to foam. Once foaming, it should start to smell a bit nutty or toasty, and start to darken. Be careful, dependent on how hot you've got your pan, this can happen very quickly!

As soon as it gets a nice golden colour, quickly pour in the red wine vinegar and stir. Now chuck in your parsley and capers, stirring, bring back to a simmer then tip everything over both skate wings and serve immediately. **Enjoy!**



by **Martin Lingard**

This is probably my favourite fish dish and it is dead easy to make. Skate isn't as readily available since the big supermarkets put a lot of fishmongers out of business. I go to Albion Street in Halifax on the outside of the market where there are two stalls next-door to each other. There's also a good one on the High Street in Skipton. Skate wings are a lot cheaper than cod or haddock now. People who are put off fish by the bones will love this recipe too as the meat just slides off the cartilage; no bones!

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Matt was born and raised in Pudsey, where he met his wife Angela Varley at school. They have 2 sons; Ray and Austin, he hopes one day they will follow him into the dental profession and share in his passion for dentistry.

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# COMMUNITY PAGES

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**Every Monday 7 -9 pm Andy's Man Club Project 6, Devonshire Street, Keighley**

**First Tuesday of a month 2pm Worth Valley Branch of the Yorkshire Country Women's Association** meet at Oxenhope Methodist Church

**First Tuesday of the month 1.30pm**

## **Mothers' Union at Christ Church**

**Oakworth.** Contact branch leader Sharon on 07521 318983.

## **Every Tuesday 1-3pm Coffee**

**Afternoon at Hall Green Chapel, Haworth** (downstairs). Free refreshments and friendly chat. Hall Green BookPoint .

## **Tuesdays (Term Time) 2.30pm -**

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**Bereavement Cafe 10am - 1 pm at West Lane Baptist Church, Haworth.**

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## **Each Wednesday 10.30am - 11.30am**

## **Coffee Morning at Christ Church**

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**Citizens Group.** 2 pm - 3.30pm at West Lane Baptist Chapel, Haworth. New Members Welcome. Call Doreen 01535 648928

## **Every Wednesday 2 - 4pm Oxenhope Community Café & Welcoming Space,**

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## **Every Second Wednesday** of a month

**Worth Reading Book Club** meet at **7pm in the basement of Pavé.** No fee. Anyone wishing to join us can ring Megan on 07443 333581 to get more information

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## **Fri 6th June Space To Inspire**

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## **Sun 8th June 11 am - 3pm Open Farm**

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## **Sun 8th June 2pm - 4pm Bandstand Concert Haworth Park**

## **Fri 13th June 7.30pm Bingo & Quiz**

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## **Sat 14th June 11 am - 3pm Eid on the Green Church Green Keighley**

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## **21st June until 14th Sept Ice Age Art at Cliffe Castle Museum Keighley.**

**Sat 21st June 2pm Haworth Heritage Trail** guided Walk a 3-mile walk that begins at the Brontë Parsonage Museum and walks through two centuries of Haworth history. Or enjoy the walk with a self guided map on pp36/37 in this magazine.

## **Sun 22nd June 10am - 3pm Ponden Mill Car Boot Sale & Table Top**

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## **Sat/Sun 28th/29th June 10am - 4pm (FREE entry & dogs welcome)**

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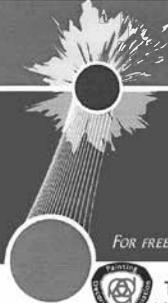
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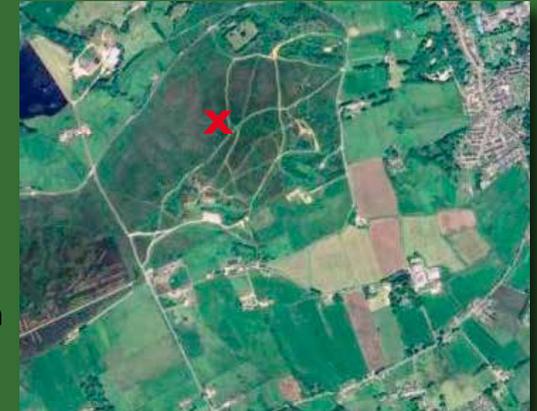


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This June at the **Brontë Parsonage Museum** we're celebrating the birth of the enigmatic **Branwell Brontë**, with three opportunities to get to know the often-overshadowed brother of the Brontë family. On **Thursday 19 June**, we will be looking at the first Victorian era biographies of Branwell Brontë, in particular those by Elizabeth Gaskell and Francis A Leyland. This talk, held by PhD student and Brontë Parsonage Museum volunteer **Rose Dawn Gant**, will take place in the **Old School Room on Church Street at 2pm and is free for local residents**. If you can't make the talk in-person it will be **repeated online via Zoom at 7.30pm**. **Dr. Dean De La Motte**, author of *Oblivion: The Lost Diaries of Branwell Brontë*, will be hosting this month's **Brontë Lounge, on Branwell's birthday Thursday 26 June at 7.30pm, via Zoom**. **Then, on Friday 27 June**, discover the man behind the myths at a special edition of **Parsonage Unwrapped: Celebrating Branwell Brontë**. Take an up-close look at the items in our collection that tell the tragic, but fascinating tale of the Brontë sisters' only brother.



Also in June, spend a mindful day with yoga teacher, poet and author **Emma Connolly-Barklem at the Brontë-inspired Writing, Hope and Wellness Day**. Plus, we're thrilled to be included in **Bradford on Foot**, as part of Bradford's year as City of Culture. **The Haworth Heritage walk starts at the Brontë Parsonage Museum and is a 3-mile walk through two centuries of Haworth history**. Over the summer you can join us for guided walks, led by members of the Brontë Parsonage Museum team. You can book your tickets for all of these events and more at **www.bronte.org.uk/whats-on**. Finally, now that our new visitor toilets are open, we're fundraising to cover the costs of landscaping and brightening up the surrounding area by planting lush greenery and bright flowers. Not only will this help the facilities blend in with the iconic Yorkshire landscape beyond, it'll also support our local biodiversity by encouraging wildlife to thrive! If you'd like to support our campaign, visit **bronte.org.uk/donate/help-our-garden-bloom**.

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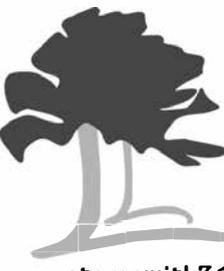
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## Dear Old Dad: A Nod, a Nudge, and a Nice Day Out

by Liz Barker

Let's face it, Dads are a curious species. Many can rewire a plug, reverse a trailer, and fall asleep during any film longer than 15 minutes. And while they may not say much, they've been known to offer sage advice such as "Ask your mum" or "That'll need a good coat of varnish."

**Father's Day (Sunday, 15th June this year)** is a perfect excuse to spoil the man who once taught you how to ride a bike and then quietly muttered something about his back for three days afterwards.

Stuck for ideas beyond the usual socks and suspiciously labelled "World's Best Dad" mugs? Here are a few local ways to celebrate:

### 1. Steam and Cream:

Take him to the Emsay & Bolton Abbey Steam Railway for a ride through the Dales with the option of a cream tea at The Abbey Tea Rooms. Nostalgia, soot, and snacks: the holy trinity of Dad-dom. And how lovely, you can bring the dog along!

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### 4. Walk This Way:

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### 5. DIY-Free Day:

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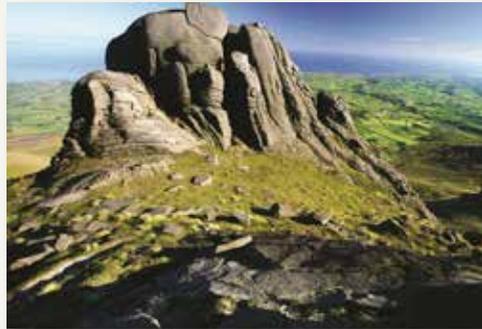
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**1** Start at the Brontë Parsonage Museum then head down Church Street a few metres to the Old School Room on your left. Turn right into the churchyard, pausing by the steps and the graveyard. This small churchyard is crammed with hundreds of gravestones of local villagers - the weavers, the stonemasons, the clog makers. The average life expectancy was only around 25 years! Follow the path left around St Michael and All Angels Church, which is well worth a visit and is often open to welcome visitors.

**2** Turn right, down the steps onto Main Street and a small cobbled area. This square was once the heart of the community, where exhausted horses could rest after pulling carts up the steep road!

**3** Continue downhill on Main Street to the small passageway on your right leading to Lodge Street. Look down Lodge Street to see a courtyard characteristic of the 1800s: large families would share one or two rooms, whilst some of the poorest lived in damp basements below street level.

**4** Continue down to the Old Hall before heading onto Bridgehouse Road as it curves down the hill towards the valley bottom. Stop on the bridge and peek over to see the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway.

**5** On the far side of the bridge take the first right into River View. Ahead is all that remains of Bridgehouse Mill, the first in a ribbon of textile mills that threaded through the valley.

**6** Head through the central archway and follow the road through the modern housing estate. At the end, you'll come to a footpath by the beck. Bridgehouse Mill was one of the first textile mills to be powered by water. The beck was fed into a channel or 'goit' and into a dam to power the water wheel which drove the spinning machines. Follow the path through a metal kissing gate.

**7** At a ruined farm building on the left take the right fork and head through the stone stile. Follow the path across the courtyard of the cottages. Immediately after, take the gap in the fence to your right and follow the path downhill back towards the valley bottom. Continue along the riverside path until you reach an ancient stone bridge over the beck.

**8** Donkey Bridge is part of a centuries old packhorse trail that was used to transport goods across the country. Cross the bridge, head under the railway arch and follow the packhorse trail as it slopes up the valley. Continue past Marsh End Farm until the path meets Marsh Lane.

**9** Turn left onto Marsh Lane, passing all the houses, then turn right onto Old Oxenhope Lane. As the road bends sharply left, enter the farmyard and go straight on, looking out for the footpath signs. Leave the farmyard and continue on the track into the field. Keep left at the two windmills and pass through the small gap in the wall. This leads to a section of wall lined path. Continue straight ahead towards the line of conifer trees.

**10** Pass through the small wooden gate, keeping the conifer trees on your right. At the end of the trees cross the track and continue through the small metal gate signed Haworth Main St. Pass through two fields and at the end turn right into the stone walled path.

**11** Follow the walled path round as it zig-zags before straightening out into a paved path leading to a kissing gate and back to the Parsonage graveyard.

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