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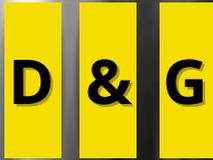
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In a world where everything seems to be changing at breakneck speed, it is reassuring to be in safe hands. Local man, Martin Kounnas, is an experienced realtor with 15 years in the buying, selling and letting space. He formerly owned and operated a major traditional highstreet estate agency office in town. "I am very familiar with the way the industry works and what pitfalls, drawbacks, and loopholes can trip up unsuspecting buyers and sellers." Your home is one of the largest financial commitments you will ever make; having a trusted support team is beneficial to getting ahead and making sound

decisions for your future. "The internet is a fantastic tool and online services have created a whole new way to work. But there is still great value in using a seasoned agent to help navigate the way," Martin asserts. His new franchise, Open House, a hybrid agency, enables clients to get the best of both worlds. Traditional service and support like a high street estate agency, with additional bells and whistles that include tech solutions and a more modern approach, unlock real savings for clients. Open House is easy to access online and includes a no obligation online valuation tool for prospective sellers.

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Martin & Tom Kounnas

"It is a real privilege to have my son, Tom, join me at Open House as an approved Apprentice Trainee Manger. His enthusiasm is helping us shape a new way forward," Martin adds. "Ultimately, it comes down to relationships and looking after people. We care about our community and want to be able to add value. We think we can do that with Open House." Look out for the mobile office on wheels and contact MARTIN or TOM if you want to learn more about Open House .

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When you come along, you'll find a freshly-stocked array of colourful flowers, plants and greetings cards and, to celebrate the occasion, we're offering a selection of scented candles at a reduced price.

To stay Covid safe, we'll be welcoming visitors into the shop just one household at a time.

Please check our Facebook page for current opening hours or give us a call on 01535 500134, 07912 604758 or 07802874886. We're always happy to chat about flowers.... or about anything else!

We do appreciate that not everyone can visit us in person and we want to say a big thank-you to all the flower lovers who've supported us so loyally over recent months. To say thanks, we're offering **free delivery on all bouquets over £30 both locally and nationally.** (Delivery is to any home or business at a UK mainland address).

This includes our Flowers by post service - which was introduced as a new idea to reach customers while the shop was closed - but it proved so popular that we'll be carrying on with this option indefinitely.

Under the current restrictions we're, sadly, unable to restart our well-loved flower arranging workshops just yet, but under our Flowers by post service - our little **"workshops in a box"** - we can still help you to create magic in the comfort of your home. Just order the monthly design

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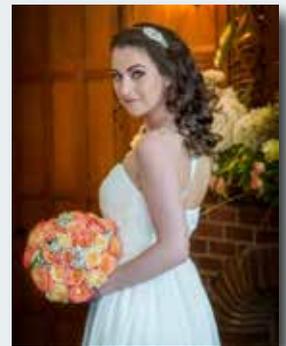


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All aboard the Elf Express!



When we closed the shed doors in mid-March, we weren't sure that we would be able to reopen them before 2021, so it gives me great pleasure to announce that it's time for me to wish you a very **Merry Christmas!** We started running trains in mid-August and continue to evolve the service as the rules and guidance changes, so we have been releasing blocks of tickets to allow us to be flexible, but we are now nearly ready to open the bookings for our Christmas Specials, this year called the "Elf Express". Yes, they will be different to previous years, but we have worked very hard to ensure that they do not lose their special magic festive sparkle that so many of us have enjoyed over many decades. Tickets can be booked on the railway's website, and please do book soon to avoid disappointment. Like our regular services, we are selling

tickets for seats in carriages with compartments to maintain social distancing, and we must ensure that we comply with the latest regulations, so you will find the ticket options a little different to previous years as a result. Whilst we are thinking about Christmas, we continue to maintain the Railway and the fleet, and it was great to see the steam crane in operation in Haworth Yard earlier in

September lifting back onto the frames the boiler of a Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway steam locomotive that dates back to 1887. If you have passed the Yard recently, then you might have seen the wheels of the locomotive painted a very fine shade of green, and



perhaps recognised it as the locomotive that featured in **'The Railway Children'** film as the **"Green Dragon"**. It is 50 years this year since the filming at Oakworth station and Mytholmes, but

sadly we had to cancel the planned anniversary celebrations, and so are looking forward to marking the half-century next year. It continues to be a very challenging time for the Railway, and we are very grateful to so many of you that have helped either by donating to the ongoing appeal and/or by joining us on board since we recommenced services.

- Matt Stroh *Chairman KWVR*

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WELCOME BACK TO THE BRONTË PARSONAGE MUSEUM

We were delighted to throw open the doors of the Parsonage once more on Friday 28 August and welcome back our first visitors. Being able to do so was the result of weeks of intensive work: poring over Government guidelines and risk assessments; commissioning and installing protective screens, hand sanitising stations and new signage; implementing online booking and timed ticketing and then sharing all of this with our staff and volunteers through a series of training days.

So what can you expect when you visit? Some things have changed, but other things, such as a warm welcome and informative and inspiring displays, haven't.

The biggest change is that admission is now by pre-booked timed ticket only – even for those who live nearby!

Those of you familiar with the Museum will know that it is an intimate, historic

building with our collections displayed in a number of small rooms. It's therefore very important that we control numbers and facilitate social distancing. Our online booking system also supports the NHS Test and Trace service by collecting the names and details of visitors.

Booking is via the Visit Us page of our website. You will be directed to Art Tickets and will be asked to select a date and time and type of ticket. **If you still have a Worth Valley Mag 'Let me in, I'm local!' voucher to redeem,**



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you will find these in the Free and Promotional Tickets list. Your ticket is then emailed to you and you can print it out before your visit or download it to a mobile device.

Our staff are all wearing visors or facemasks and visitors are also required to wear face coverings. We have set up a one-way route through the museum and surfaces are cleaned at regular intervals during the day.

The museum shop is open when the

Museum is and screens have been installed at the cash desk and in the shop. Contactless payments are preferred, but we will accept cash where this is not possible.

Sarah Goodenough was one of our first visitors of our reopening weekend and shared this with us:

"It was so good to be back at the Museum. I felt very welcomed and safe and the museum staff did a wonderful

job of making me feel at ease. I felt like I had the Parsonage to myself due to the small groups allowed in at allocated times. Thank you to everyone involved for making the experience truly great despite such difficult times."

So whether you have been many times or have never quite got round to visiting the jewel on your doorstep, we hope Sarah's words will inspire you to come and see us when the time is right for you. We look forward to giving you a warm, but safe welcome. ~ Rebecca Yorke, Brontë Parsonage



Welcome back to the Brontë Parsonage Museum!

Open 10am to 5pm Wednesday to Sunday from Friday 4 September.
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A cricket club, in Stanbury? You're pulling my leg.

The first mention of a local cricket club is of that at Ponden, in 1873. The club, which played non-competitive matches could have been – at least in part - a team consisting of some of the 300 or so workers & their families living in makeshift accommodation at the local reservoirs at Ponden and Watersheddles, which were in the process of being constructed.

The Stanbury club played non-competitive matches between 1874-96. This side was linked to the Ponden club, borne out by the fact that several of the Ponden team went on to play for Stanbury. The club's star player was one J Williamson, and this could well have been John Williamson, or a relative of his. Williamson was known to have been the occupier - as a worsted spinner - of Ponden Mill, in the 1850s, and also operated Griffie Mill a little further down the valley by the time the cricket club had emerged on the scene.

Although the Stanbury club was not among the leading teams in the district,

and for some of those years did not field a team at all, it was well-known around the Worth Valley. In 1896 the club was known as Stanbury Albion before disappearing completely.

In August 1885 the club's home wicket was described as 'dangerous' in the local press, following a match against Oakworth Albion. The location of the cricket pitch in the village is unknown – there was a ground close to Haworth at 'Long Bridge', below Oldfield Gate, that was once used by Haworth Cricket Club, but it is more likely that a field in or close to Stanbury itself was used. A field off Back Lane, close to the junction with the lane to Buckley Green, and which was once used as a rifle range is one possibility.

There was another, short-lived and even more minor cricket club in the vicinity, that of the Wright Brothers Employees. This was a team representing Lumbfoot Mill. A number of matches against local opposition in 1895 have been traced. The club may have used the same untraced ground used by the Stanbury team, although there are other flat fields closer to the old mill that may well have served their purpose.

~ Rob Grillo

STANBURY V. LEES.—This match was played on the ground of the former, and after a very exciting game was won by the home team with 4 runs to spare. Score:—			
STANBURY.		LEES.	
J. Wadsworth, b Middleton	0	T. Middleton, b Williamson	7
J. Williamson, b Ross	45	J. Sugden, b Fox	6
J. Fox, b Ross	10	J. Carter, th out Williamson	6
J. Hey, c and b Middleton	2	C. P. Ross, b Williamson	7
A. Hind, b Middleton	8	T. Haigh, c and b Fox	0
E. Metcalf, not out	3	D. Astin, c Peel b William-	
J. Peel, b Ross	0	son	0
C. Tetley, b Middleton	0	J. Edmondson, run out	0
J. Barker, run out	0	J. Southwell, b Williamson	0
J. Preston, b Middleton	0	J. Pickles, b Williamson	11
J. Burwin, c Middleton b		W. Edmondson, b Fox	12
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With more cases of Covid-19 being diagnosed every day, the country is implementing stricter social distancing measures. This may bring up thoughts about your family and friends and making sure that your affairs are in order if the worst was to happen. This isn't scaremongering, it is just taking stock of the current reality and being pro-active about your life; it is about having some control when other things take place that are out of your control.

Having a valid Will in place is one of the most important steps you can take. A valid Will can allow you to set out your wishes including naming who will look after any minor children, who is going to administer your estate and where it goes and even deciding who gets your vinyl record collection!

What is a Lasting Power of Attorney?

If you are unable to manage your own affairs, an LPA (Lasting Power of Attorney) enables someone of your choice to do it for you. There are two types of LPA: A Property and Financial Affairs LPA allows your chosen person to handle your bank accounts, investments, bills and property. A Health and Welfare LPA covers decisions about your health and care.

Why should I have a LPA?

Health conditions such as Dementia, Parkinson's disease, or a stroke can cause making decisions to become virtually



impossible. If you lose mental capacity without an LPA, it can cost your family time and thousands of pounds to be given permission to handle your affairs. Without an LPA, any joint bank accounts you hold with your partner could become severely restricted. This can be devastating, especially if the joint owner has their income or pension paid into this account, or they use it to pay critical bills such as a mortgage or utility costs.

What is a Living Trust?

A Living Trust bypasses the time-consuming process of probate. You can place your assets in a Trust to make sure your beneficiaries receive them at a time that's right for you and for them. You have complete control – you decide on the trustees and what they can and cannot do. A Living Trust can protect your share of assets for your children in the event that your partner should marry or co-habit after you have gone.

Protecting your assets, including your home through Trusts is very important, especially to avoid things like carehome fees eroding your beneficiary's inheritance.

If you would like to arrange an appointment to discuss your Will or to create a LPA or Living Trust, please contact Peter Raistrick at In Home Wills to confidentially discuss your needs.

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If you have lived in and around Brontë Country for any length of time, it is very likely that you have attended an event organised by Brontë Bars & Events. Local lass and business owner, Kath Thornton, has been officially 'shaking her cocktails' since 2012. *Haworth Beer Festival, The Sausage & Cider Festival, The Rum & Gin Express Experience, and the Haworth Christmas Lights Switch-On party* are just a few examples of experiences created by Kath and her team in recent years.

The common denominator in all of the Brontë Bars & Events is craft ales, creative cocktails, fabulous food, local music, and fun fun; it is a simple equation for success.

Speaking of success, Kath is absolutely *chuffed* for Brontë Bars & Events to be shortlisted in the Tourism Event category of the White Rose Awards, Yorkshire's recognised 'Premier League' Awards for the tourism & hospitality sector, hosted by Welcome to Yorkshire.



It is the distinctive Gin Express Experience that has been highlighted as an example of creativity and excellence. Kath carefully curated the experience pairing her knowledge of gin, botanics, mixology, and locality, using the extraordinary steamtrains of the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway as the unique backdrop.

Never one to sit still for any length of time, Kath announced her most recent project to open The Burnt Bear, a 'Micro Bar' in the Worth Valley. Conveniently located in Cross Roads, the Burnt Bear will offer a changing menu of fine craft ales as well as



an array of creative 'Tasting Experiences' for individuals to enjoy in small groups, as permitted by law. Despite the certain challenges presented by the coronavirus, Kath confirmed, "We will definitely be open for humour, wit and banter... it's part of our core values! We expect to unlatch the door at the end of October and we look forward to welcoming friends new & old, far & near." Kath further explained, "For those who are not up for being out and about or just prefer to socialise at home, we will offer our tasting experiences to takeaway." Brontë Mobile Bars will continue to be available for private parties and functions. Kath expressed her delight in collaborating with some great local businesses and paid tribute to her talented team. "Times may be challenging but I am investing in people and the Worth Valley is a special place to be. I'm chuffed to bits, it is all coming together."

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Golden Autumnal Hues by Lee Senior

Autumn arrives in our gardens this month and with it comes one of nature's finest displays. Very little in nature can beat this grand finale of stunning, fiery leaf colour just before the trees shed their foliage for winter.

The fallen, spent leaves are great for making leaf mould too. This very useful soil improver is created by simply gathering fallen deciduous leaves and leaving them for a year to rot down. They can be put in bags or simply left out in the open. Don't be tempted to add the leaves to a compost bin as they rot down much slower than normal garden material.

The so-called dormant period between now and the end of March is the ideal time to plant bare-rooted trees or fruit bushes. The advantage of trees in containers is they can be planted all year round. If you

are ordering by mail order it is important to unpack the trees straight away as they will have very little fibrous root. Give them a good soak before planting them in their final positions.

Overwintered Onion sets and garlic can be planted this month. Garlic enjoys rather cold winter weather and the longer growing season given by Autumn planting. October and November are the busiest months of the year for bulb planting. No matter what the size of your garden there is a vast choice of both dwarf and larger daffodil varieties. Dwarf types will even grow in a deep window box, along with a

smattering of crocus and snowdrops. Indoors, specially prepared or 'forced' hyacinth bulbs can be planted now in a bowl for flowering in December. The heady scents of these fine bulbs are sure to brighten any room during the darker months.

The 'forced' bulbs have been heat treated to flower earlier than garden hyacinths which flower outdoors in April. To get a good root system it is a good idea to let the bulbs spend the first couple of weeks in the dark. Once roots form, they need a cool, well-light room or a frost-free



unheated greenhouse. After flowering the bulbs can be planted out in the garden and should flower outdoors in future years. Finally, why not plant out a few winter bedding plants in key areas. Favourites such as

polyanthus, primroses and winter flowering pansies will not fail to disappoint. They will flower throughout the milder spells of winter and early next spring. Something we can all look forward to!

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Many of you will have heard of Haworth referred to as the Jewel in Bradford's Crown. Here in Haworth we know we have many jewels but the one I'm talking about is

our beautiful Haworth Central Park. Old photos of Haworth show the Old Board School on Butt Lane adjoining a field belonging to The Emmott Rawdon Estate. This field, after a lot of haggling, was finally sold to Haworth Urban District Council on 17th November 1926 and the park was born. It was officially opened in May 1929. The tennis courts were opened in 1928. The Bowling Green and Pavillion were officially opened on May 12th 1937 Coronation Day for George 6th. In those days there were railings around the park with gates that were locked at sunset and opened again 7.30 am. There was also a Park Keeper and regular gardening staff. The railings and gates vanished during the war years. The original bandstand was built around 1928 with the Bradford Working Men's Club the first concert to be enjoyed on June 30th 1929. Haworth Band was formed around 1860 but struggling to survive having lost their patron when Merrill's Mill went in to receivership. This Bandstand disappeared in the early to mid 70's as the roof had become unsafe. It was supposedly taken to be repaired, but was never seen again. In 2006, The Friends of the Park group was formed our first project being to replace the Bandstand. It took many years of serious fundraising and planning to complete.

Haworth Band couldn't wait to get playing on it and held their first concert on the newly finished base open to the elements. It rained of course but everyone who attended had a great time. The final opening by The Lord Mayor of Bradford cllr. Mike Gibbons was held in the summer 2013 a glorious summer day with a picnicking audience who were treated to an afternoon and evening of local talent of various genres showing the versatility of the new stage. The current Friends group works hard in partnership with the Parks dept. to help keep the Park glorious as osterity cuts were destined to deplete flowerbeds and general upkeep. Because of our strong Friends Group we have a community voice that Bradford listens to. ~ Gill Hill

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Easy Apple and Cinnamon Traybake



My friend brought me a bag of apples from a neighbour's orchard; it seems to be a good healthy crop this year. This recipe is best made with Bramley or other baking apple varieties. It is ever so easy...why not make it with the kids after school one day? The smell of apple and cinnamon wafting from the oven is guaranteed to put everyone in a good mood. This simple traybake can be elevated to a pudding when served warm with cream or custard.

Ingredients:

- 250 g butter softened
- 250 g light muscovado sugar
- 4 large eggs
- 1 tbsp ground cinnamon
- 500 g apples peeled cored and diced
- 300 g self-raising flour
- 2 tbs demerara sugar (optional)

Method:

Preheat the oven to 180C, gas mark 4. Grease and line a rectangular baking tin about 23 x 27cm.

Beat the butter and sugar together until light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time beating well after each addition. Beat in the cinnamon, then add the apples and mix well. Gently fold in the flour until well combined. Spoon into the prepared tin and spread level. Sprinkle over the demerara sugar.

Bake in the centre of the oven for 45 minutes, until risen and golden. The cake will spring back when gently pressed in the centre with your finger. Allow to cool in the tin. Transfer to a board and cut into squares to serve.

Enjoy!

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