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Hello September!
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Thursday, Sept 5th there is a public meeting in Haworth about the proposed Calderdale Wind Farm development that will have a significant impact on the Worth Valley. See pages 6&7 to find out more.

The Parsonage will be hosting their annual Bronte Festival of Women's Writing later in the month...see page 31 for details.

Have a lovely month!



Liz Barker, Editor



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Hundreds of West Yorkshire residents will be coming together to walk under the stars for Sue Ryder this October. **Sue Ryder Starlight Hike Worth Valley** will be returning on **Saturday 12 October**, where participants will be walking **5k or 10k** to celebrate the memory of a loved one whilst raising vital funds to help Sue Ryder continue to be there when it matters.

Sponsored by Stirk Lambert & Co Accountants and supported by Worth Valley Railway, the hike will start at Oxenhope Railway Station with a magical ride on the Starlight Express.

West Yorkshire resident Sarah Mitchell will be taking part this year with her family. She said: **“Starlight Hike is always such a wonderful event, there is a real**

feeling of togetherness knowing that everyone is walking in memory of someone they love. It’s quite special seeing hundreds of people dressed up in neon or in lights.”

“I love that there is an option to write a dedication for the person you are walking for when you walk though Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice, it reminds you of why you are there.”

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The site is in the South Pennine Moors SSSI, the largest area of unenclosed moorland in West Yorkshire containing the most diverse and extensive upland plant communities in the county. Its European-level designation as a Special Protection Area for birds including red-listed curlews, skylarks, lapwings and internationally important large numbers of breeding golden plover, merlin and twite, has been retained and transposed into UK law. This is also the case with the moor's designation as a Special Area of Conservation for the priority-protected blanket bog and other peatland habitats, and wildlife and plants that depend on them.

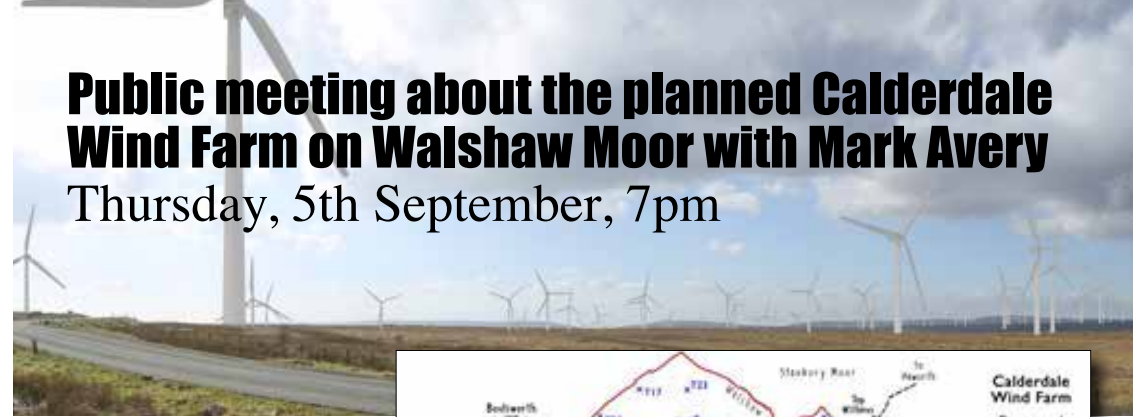
Blanket bog is our Amazon rain forest: it stores carbon. Even a thin, 30cm layer of peat can store up to 300 tonnes of carbon.

Some of the peat on Walshaw moor is 9000 years old, laid down in the Bronze Age. BUT once peat is disturbed and dries out - as is inevitable with the construction of wind farms on peat - it begins to emit carbon.

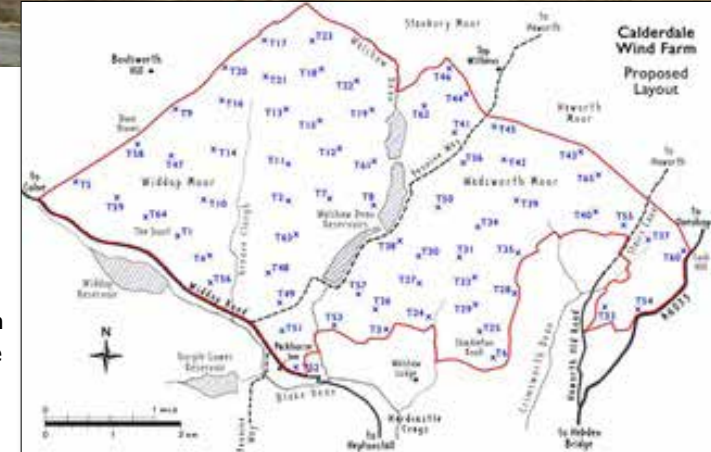
The government has relaxed the National Planning Policy Framework rules for the construction of onshore wind farms. We support onshore wind farms where they produce the cleanest energy and create the least damage to nature, but wind farms on peat don't do either of these things.

Public meeting about the planned Calderdale Wind Farm on Walshaw Moor with Mark Avery

Thursday, 5th September, 7pm



One of our key campaign goals is for government to rule out protected peatland as a site for wind farms. We will petition Parliament (as soon as the Petitions Committee is reconstituted) to ask that wind farms must not be built on protected peat land.



Local people will suffer disruption from construction of the wind farm. It will require 40km of crushed rock roads, each 6m wide, for turbine access. This rock has to be imported limestone from North Yorkshire, because the onsite sandstone is strong in a block but turns to sand as aggregate.

To get rock from North Yorkshire would take 45,000 x 20 tonne truck loads (and 45,000 empty trucks going back). One every minute for two years, coming along the Skipton bypass, through Keighley, Ingrow, Cross Roads and Oxenhope to the likely site access point at Cock Hill on the A6033 Oxenhope to Hebden Bridge Road.

There's a public meeting at the Old School Room, Church St., Haworth on Thursday 5 September 2024 at 7pm.

Confirmed speakers are author and conservationist **Mark Avery**, local campaigner **Nick MacKinnon** (whose blogs about the wind farm you can find here: bit.ly/3YRbVFB) and **Robbie Moore MP**.

The event is free but please register for a seat at bit.ly/3AxmFP8

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Denture Expert is
Matthew Varley
(Dip CDT RCS)**

Matthew Varley is the partner and Managing Director of My Denture

Clinics, here he works as a Clinical Dental Technician (Dip CDT RCS).

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.

Within his 23 years of experience, Matt has changed the lives and smiles of many, some of which are during one day implant immediate loading cases, and same day smiles, which he specialises in. The regular accolades received from clients and patients alike are testament to his passion for his work. Matt has a keen eye for detail and endeavours to provide the best care possible. Matthew completed his dental technology qualification at Leeds Dental institute, he finished first in his class achieving distinctions throughout and was awarded overall best student and the acclaimed technical achievement award.

Matthew Varley started his journey as a Registered Dental Technician (RDT), however after 23 years experience working as a RDT in highly acclaimed laboratories, Matt made the decision in 2018 to set up his own business alongside fellow business partner Joseph O'Reilly.

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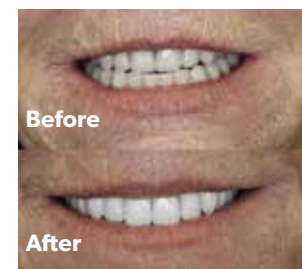
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Before diving into the wedding and events industry, I (Joe) worked at the Bolton Abbey Estate in the forestry department, while Emma works in the public sector and helps out with the business on weekends. Although both of our jobs are a bit different from the world of weddings, we've been involved with the Worth

Valley Young Farmers Marquee business for over 10 years. It's been an eye-opening experience, giving us both a taste of the excitement (and occasional stress!) of working in events. On that note, we're now taking marquee bookings for 2025 and 2026—feel free to email us below and we'll be happy to pass along the details. Our inventory includes everything from Edison bulb displays (perfect for ceremony backdrops or suspended over top tables) to our signature 6ft tall light-up letters and numbers that add that unforgettable WOW factor to any event. We also have hundreds of meters of festoon and fairy lights, ideal for creating a magical atmosphere both indoors and outdoors.

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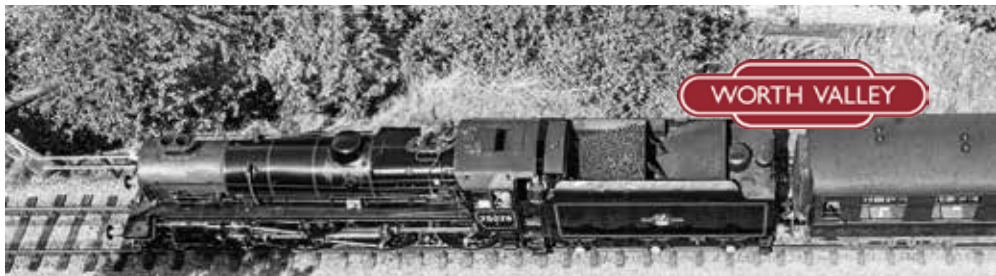
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This time of year is when we usually get to breathe a sigh of relief as we wind down from the period of 7 days per week operation and revert to running at weekends and school holidays. However, this year is very different because, in September, we will be undertaking our most complex and ambitious civil engineering project since we reopened the Railway back in 1968 with the replacement of "Bridge 27". The bridge in question takes the main line over Bridgehouse Beck, just beyond the Bridgehouse Lane road bridge. The preparatory work on site has been ongoing for many months, and the behind-the-scenes planning has been in train for a very long time, as you would expect for a project of this scale. You may well have seen the activity on the piling process, which provides the footings for the new bridge, and over the coming weeks, you will see a hive of activity, including the use of a very large crane that will lift the new span into place.

There will be an impact on the timetable during the work, so please do check the website for details of the special service that we will be running between Keighley and Haworth planned for 7/8 and 14/15 September when our usual operation is replaced with "The Grand Tour" timetable and activities. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation during the work, but we must maintain and replace the ageing infrastructure where necessary. We are very grateful for financial support for the work from the government's Community Ownership Fund and the Friends of the KWVR.

Whilst the bridge project is an immediate focus, we are continuing to plan our fulsome programme of events through the autumn, including our new Autumn Steam-Up on 4th-6th October, the very popular Beer & Music Festival from 17th to 20th October, and the return of the Gin Train on 26th October. We also have a series of suitably scary Halloween events planned for the end of October. I won't frighten you by giving you details here, but you can find out more on the website if you dare...

We then have our festive events, with the Elf Explorer being the one that many of us enjoy as a key part of our festive celebrations (I've bought my tickets already and hope you do the same soon to avoid disappointment because they sell out early). This year, the centerpiece services are complemented by "A Christmas Carol" service on various dates during November and December and the "Festive Flyer" on December 12th and 13th. Full details of all the festive options are on the website.

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~ **Matt Stroh**

Keighley & Worth Valley Railway Chairman

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Each Wednesday 10.30am - 11.30am Coffee Morning at Christ Church Oakworth. All welcome to come along for chat and a cuppa and biscuits.

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Sun 1st Sept 2 - 4pm Haworth Bandstand Concerts Haworth Central Park

Sun 1st Sept 10am - 4pm Aire Valley Modellers Club Open Day at Worth Bridge Road off Dalton Lane
Fri 6th Sept, 2pm, Cross Roads and Lees Church and Chapel Ladies Group at St James' Church, Cross Roads. Celebration of National Read a Book Day.

**6th Sept - 15th September Heritage Open Days
Sat 7th Sept 12 & 2pm Guided
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Sat 7th Sept 10am - 12 noon Stanbury Coffee Morning at Stanbury Village Church, Main Street. All welcome

Sat 7th Sept 10am - 11.30 am Coffee Morning at Lees Methodist Church

9th - 22nd Sept Keighley Walking Festival with over 40 guided walking taking place over the festival period. More details contact www.keighley.gov.uk

Fri 13th Sep 7.30pm Haworth Cinema at West Lane Baptist Centre film The Holdovers (15)

Sun 15th Sept Train rides for all the family. Miniature trains running at Marley sports field approx. 12:30 until approx. 17:00.

Sun 15th Sept A Railway Tale about Branwell Brontë at **Ingrow West Station.** What happened during his brief career with the Railway?

Sun 15th Sept 10am - 4pm Heritage Open Day at East Riddlesden Hall Free Day of Fun

Wed 18th Sept: Keighley Ramblers part of the Keighley Walking Festival Oakworth to Haworth circular. 6 miles, moderate. Meet for a 10.30am start on Wide Lane, Oakworth (outside the crematorium) Please note, No dogs

Sat 21st Sept Oxenhope Climate Action 2pm - 4.30pm Open Day at Oxenhope Community Centre.

Sun 22nd Sept: Keighley Ramblers Part of the Keighley Walking Festival Bronte waterfalls circular. 5 miles, moderate. Meet for a 10.00 start at the church steps, Main Street, Haworth. Please note, No dogs.

Fri 20th - Sun 22nd Sept Bronte Festival of Women's Writing The focus is on literature for children and young adults, with amazing speakers and workshops, including Dame Jacqueline Wilson. Don't miss the free Words on the Street festival.

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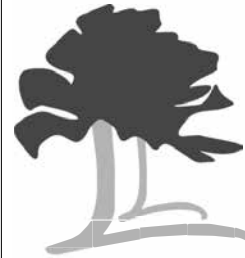
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Ingredients

(Serves 4)
 2 rabbits, skinned and jointed (or 1 large chicken, jointed and skinned)
 Sea salt
 Freshly ground black pepper
 100ml olive oil
 1 heaped teaspoon coriander seeds, toasted then lightly crushed
 1 bulb of garlic, separated into peeled cloves
 4 bay leaves
 250ml dry sherry
 500ml water
 800g (two tins) of cannellini, haricot or butter beans, washed and drained
 1 large bunch of flat leaf parsley, roughly chopped

Method

Preheat your oven to 150C (140c if fan assisted)
 Season your rabbit or chicken joints with sea salt and black pepper. Take a large heavy frying pan and fry your joints in batches in half the olive oil until lightly coloured and lob into a large oven proof pot with a lid. Add the coriander seeds, garlic cloves and bay leaves to the frying pan and gently fry until the garlic cloves are starting to colour. Pour in the sherry, turn up the heat and cook till it starts to bubble.
 Now tip everything into your casserole over the meat joints. Add the water, beans and 3/4 of the parsley to your casserole, place over the heat and bring to a gentle simmer, stirring to mix as you do so. Add your remaining olive oil, pop the lid on your casserole. Transfer to the middle of your oven and cook for 90 minutes or until your meat joints are tender.
 Add the remaining parsley and give everything one last stir and serve in bowls. I like to serve this with a green salad and some nice bread to mop up the sauce.

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