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Welcome to March. Not long now until we see the signs of spring. (Live in hope!)

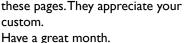
We introduce a new gardening column by Lee Senior who has extensive knowledge and experience in managing allotments amongst his many talents in green spaces.

Keighley Healthy Living has a whole series of courses designed to keep us well and fit; be sure to check out their cooking classes on page 23 as well as a potato leek soup recipe.

The Beauty Rooms are celebrating Mother's Day with a fabulous offer. See page 7. Coden Hair & Beauty Technicians have relocated, see more details on page 9.

Read all about Bingley Windows & Glass working along side Cobbydale Construction.

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Windows and doors; it's just one of those things about owning a property...at some point you are going to have to repair or replace them. You want to keep the quality high and the cost low but you also know that you get what you pay for so you need to do some homework and find out who is the best local company with a good reputation. You ask friends, neighbours, and go to trusted sources to narrow the field. It seems sensible to get a few quotes. Be sure to compare like for like.

Steven Edwards is a local (Silsden) man with a wholehearted passion for his community. He is also the owner of two businesses, Cobbydale Construction Ltd and Bingley Windows and Glass Co. Ltd. Between

the two companies Steven employs over 30 local people. These sister companies work alongside each other as there is a natural fit for construction and window manufacturing. "It just made sense to take on Blngley Windows and Glass four years ago. Cobbydale was going from strength to strength and I wanted to have more control of the quality and standard of windows and doors I used in my construction work." Steven put significant investment into Bingley Windows and established improved procedures and processes to ultimately manufacture superior products.

"We serve the trade as well as direct to the home owner. We have to be exacting and precise for both. Our new showroom will be open later this year in June. It will give us a chance to showcase the options and breadth of our product range.

It's been a real challenge to put everything in place and get Bingley Windows and Glass back into a strong position," Steven added. "We really appreciate the feedback and support we've received from all our customers. It has spurred us on to do better and it is gratifying to know our work is valued and trusted in the community we serve."

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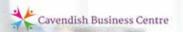


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The Beauty Rooms has held a special place in the hearts and minds, and indeed, the bodies of hundreds of women in the Worth & Aire valleys since its inception way back in 1965. The salon has been lovingly handed over from one generation to the next with each owner adding to the legacy of transformational beauty and care over the years. Since 2002 The Beauty Rooms has come under the ownership of Claire Scott-Pearce and her business partner Jess Smithson. They have continued to strengthen the expertise and range of treatments available and have won the coveted Guinot crown award for 3 consecutive years. Claire, less and their team of therapsts are experts at enhancing the natural assets and features of women. "We don't follow fads, instead we offer our clients proven, results driven products and treatments with gentle and beautiful solutions. We give bespoke care and attention to each person and actively listen to them before recommending a course of treatments," explains Claire.

At The Beauty Rooms they know how to accentuate the positives and use their aesthetic know-how to create amazing outcomes. The range of services includes essential facial grooming and hair removal including intimate female waxing, Gel Bio Sculpture Nails, Manicures, Pedicures. Targeted specialist skincare using no. I professional skincare brands Guinot and Crystal Clear. Sports massage and Swedish body massage, reflexology, permanent hair removal using electrolysis. Special occasion make up and full volume (Russian) lashes. (For a full and detailed list please refer to their

website: www.thebeautyrooms.net)



Alison from Haworth is one of the many women who retreat to The Beauty Rooms for regular

sessions: "At the end of a long busy month all I want to do is put my feet up. Luckily for me, I have a regular appointment at The Beauty Rooms. Two hours later I'm heading out for dinner, bright eyed and relaxed after my facial and scalp massage, feeling like a new woman. I have been a client for over 20 years. One look at my skin and the girls know exactly which facial I need, whether it's nourishing, freshening or plumping up my tired skin. The Guinot products used are superior in quality, ingredients and results; and when it comes to special occasions, my family & friends are thrilled to receive The Beauty Rooms gift voucher from me too."

In recognition of all women and in celebration of Mother's Day, The Beauty Rooms are offering their **'YOU ARE SO SPECIAL'**

pamper package with a £10 discount.

(Includes: Jessica manicure and pedicure with enamel, and a Guinot mini facial normally £60, now £50. Must be booked in by30/06/20 and the treatment taken before 31/12/20 to be eligible for this offer. You must also mention the Worth Valley Mag or Aire Valley Mag to be eligible. Gift Vouchers Available. Contact The Beauty Rooms to take advantage of the offer 01535 602206)

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Sudoku puzzles

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Where in the Aire Valley?

Where is the **red** X located in the photo to the right?

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Poached chicken in spicy broth



OUR FAMILY FAVOURITES

This month's recipe from Australian Chef Donna Hay, is one of my quick and healthy "go to" dinners during a busy week. It's also fabulous if I'm feeding someone who is feeling a bit unwell. It is a spicey yet soothing bowl of comfort. You can feel how good it is for you with every mouthful!

Ingredients

- 2 star anise
- 12 cm piece ginger, sliced
- I cup (32g) dried shitake mushrooms
- L cinnamon stick
- I whole bulb garlic, cut in half
- 2 long red chillies, halved, plus extra, sliced to serve
- 3 eschalots (French shallots), halved
- 2 tablespoons oyster sauce
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1.5 litres water
- 1.6kg whole chicken
- 2 bunches pak choy or choy sum, trimmed Coriander leaves, to serve

Method

- **I.** Place the star anise, ginger, mushrooms, cinnamon, garlic, chillies, eschalots, oyster sauce, soy sauce and water in a large pot and bring to the boil.
- **2.** Place the whole chicken into the boiling water, breast side down.
- **3.** Cover with a lid, turn the heat down to low and simmer covered for one hour or until the chicken is cooked through.
- **4.** Remove the chicken from the stock and allow to cool until it is cool enough to touch.
- **5.** Remove the skin and bones from the chicken and break the chicken flesh into bite size chunks.
- **6.** Strain the broth through a sieve, discarding all the solids.
- **7.** Return the broth to the pot and add the choy sum or pak choy. You can also add some dried rice noodles at this stage if you like and even a few other vegetables like baby corn, asparagus or snow peas.
- **8.** Cook broth for a further 3-5 minutes until the vegetables are just softened.
- **9.** Divide the broth into bowls, add chunks of chicken and sprinkle with coriander and extra sliced chilli to your taste. SERVES 4.



Tracey and her hubby Paul recently moved to Haworth from Melbourne, Australia. When she is not working as a Strategic Change Consultant, you will find her cooking up a storm in her

kitchen and creating and decorating all sorts of delicious sweets and treats.

Share your family favourite recipe with us. Email mail@worthvalleymag.co.uk.

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Representations should be made in writing to Licensing Team, 3rd Floor Argus ChambersHall Ings Bradford, BD1 1HX by 29th March 2020.

Persons wishing to inspect the Licensing Register may do so at the above address between the hours of 09.00 – 17.00 Monday to Thursday and 09.00 – 16.30 Friday. It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application which carries an unlimited fine.

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March 2020

A BRAND NEW GROW-YOUR-OWN DECADE by Lee Senior



March heralds the start of a brand new gardening season. I look forward to sharing advice each month

during the season, to help readers get the most from their veg garden or allotment. This time of year is full of promise and anticipation. For that reason, spring is my favourite time of year.

To kick-start proceedings, seed sowing can now begin in earnest. If you've got a greenhouse, and can provide frost protection, then let the fun begin. A heated propagator or use of a sunny windowsill will give even more opportunities. All seeds benefit from gentle heat to encourage germination. Some vegetables such as Brussels Sprouts and leeks need a long growing season. They can be sown in March, along with old favourites such as the super-tough, broad bean, round seeded early peas and also traditional 'greens' such as cabbage and cauliflower.

If you want muscles like the infamous cartoon character Popeye, then March is also the month to sow Spinach. Cooler weather reduces the chances of the plants running to seed.

If cut flowers are your thing, then this is time to sow sweet peas, if you didn't get round to it in the Autumn.

By now, all seed potatoes should be chitting nicely (growing shoots from the tubers) in a frost-free spot, with plenty of natural light. If the ground isn't too wet, early potatoes can be planted outside at the end of March. They should be ready to dig up in around 12 weeks, for that wonderfully succulent 'new' potato taste. Potatoes can grow well in large containers or sacks. I know of quite a few schools that do this for a fun project.

This time of year, our tasks are very weather-dependent. If the ground is wet or frozen, it is better to keep off it as you will do more harm than good. If the soil is dry, then adding well-rotted into the soil before planting potatoes, onions and garlic is very useful. Finally, a note of caution. Patience really is a virtue in gardening and we are still very early in the gardening calender.



There are nearly 4,000 types of potatoes, all originating in the high Andes of Peru and Bolivia. The Incas, experts in cultivation, developed these from just 8 species of toxic weeds. They are the fourth most important food crop in the world after corn, rice and wheat. To celebrate the Haworth Machu Picchu Twinning anniversary, The Twinning Group is growing 5 varieties of purple and red potatoes around Haworth, in gardens, tubs, public spaces, to be harvested and enjoyed during the 10 day Peruvian art exhibition and Popup Fairtrade cafe at the Bronte Schoolrooms in September. If you would like to participate by growing some, please contact rita@soniassmile.com 01535 647776



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Outside of gardening, Lee has written two successful
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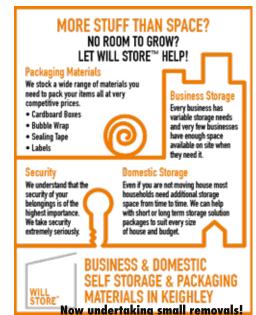


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There are many ways you can shrink the size of your carbon footprint: bike

to work, eat less meat, turn down your thermostat. All of which are great. But there is one way to reduce your emissions that also makes your property and community more beautiful, improves water quality, and provides numerous economic and social benefits...

planting trees!

Wondering how? Here are just a couple ways in which trees are vital to reducing carbon emissions and so much more.

Natural Carbon Eaters

Every living thing on Earth is made up of four basic elements - carbon, hydrogen, oxygen and nitrogen. Those four elements make up about 96 percent of your body. and most of a tree's roots, trunk, branches, and leaves.

While we humans get most of our carbon through eating, trees breathe it in the way that we breathe in oxygen. When a tree breathes, it inhales carbon dioxide and exhales oxygen - the exact opposite of humans. As a tree matures, it can consume 48 pounds of carbon dioxide per year (among other greenhouse gases like ozone), and releases enough oxygen for you to breathe for two years!

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our lives. Trees have an incredible ability to absorb and retain water. As rainwater falls, much of it gets picked up by trees, preventing it from ending up as run off in rivers and storm drains.

The floods of recent days may well have been less disasterous had we had more forethought and commitment to planting trees in more stategic ways in addition to other defence structures.

Material Worth Interiors in Cross Roads has decided to demonstrate their desire to make a difference by pledging to plant a tree for every pair of curtains they sell in 2020. "It is something we can do and we feel strongly about improving our environment. We will work with YORGreenCiC.org and support their efforts to plant trees locally," confirmed Gill Lightfoot, founder and Director at Material Worth Interiors. (Contact: Ian Butterfield from YORGreen CIC on 07814673631)







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BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE MUSEUM

We're up and running for the year!
In February we launched our Anne Brontë exhibition Amid the Brave and Strong.
This year we want to bust some myths about Anne. She has been talked about as being quiet and withdrawn but we want to

celebrate her courageous writing and inspirational integrity.
You can discover more about Anne's strength and bravery at our talk 'Agnes Grey and the Governess', 2pm on the 3rd

March.We'll be exploring how

Anne Brontë's writing drew on her own life experiences. In Agnes Grey, Anne wrote about the shocking treatment of Victorian governesses having worked as a governess herself.

We've put on display great examples of Anne Brontë's talents as an artist. When you head along to the museum, you'll see Anne's intricate and beautiful drawings of landscapes, nature and her dog Flossy! She must have been very patient to create those

pictures and the detail in them is impressive. We love here drawing of a young woman looking out to sea as the sun rises. It has become an important picture when we think about Anne as a hopeful person focused on everything she

can achieve in life.

We're looking out towards 2020 and our programme of Anne Brontë activity. We hope you can join us as we celebrate Anne this year.

We're celebrating the life and work of Anne Brontë in 2020 and we'd love to see you!

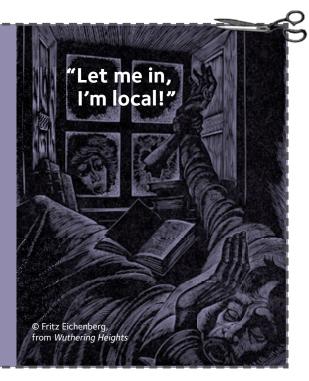
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Lifestyle Change – Eating Well
This is the second in a

series of articles about

lifestyle change, this time focusing on eating well. Eating well can help you feel better and help you manage your weight. Eating a balanced diet supports you to look and feel good as well as being good for your heart and reducing the risk of some cancers. At Keighley Healthy Living we can support you to eat well as part of a healthy lifestyle. As part of our Lifestyle Change programme we offer a range of courses and activities

including our new Lifestyle Change Course, Cooking Courses and Healthy Weight Courses.

Our **Cook Confident** course is aimed at those who want to eat healthily and build on their confidence to cook meals at home. Our **Cooking Well for Less** course

gives ideas for eating well on a budget and low cost recipe ideas. If you are wanting to make changes to your lifestyle then why not join us on our **Lifestyle Change** course to help find your motivation and what will work for you?

There are some great tips from the **NHS**One You website on how to maintain a healthy diet including eating lots of fruit and veg, eating more fish, adding less salt to your food and staying hydrated by drinking plenty of water. See https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/ for more information and recipe ideas.

To find out more about our Lifestyle change/cooking courses please visit our website www.khl.org.uk or call us on 01535 677177. Visit our Facebook page @KeighleyHealthyLiving.



Recipe – Leek and Potato Soup

Ingredients

2 finely chopped leeks
2 large potatoes, cut into I cm cubes
2 teaspoons vegetable oil
200ml chicken or vegetable stock
100ml semi skimmed milk
Pinch of salt and black pepper
Pinch of grated nutmeg (optional)
Small portion of chopped parsley (or dried a teaspoon of dried parsley) (optional)

Method:

Chop the leeks and add them to a large pan with the two teaspoons of vegetable oil. Fry on a low heat until the leeks soften.

Add the potatoes, a pinch of salt and pepper and vegetable or chicken stock and bring the mixture to a boil, then turn down to a bubbling simmer (if you are adding dried parsley add it here).

Cook for around 20 minutes until the potatoes become soft and just start to break up a little bit.

Add the milk and heat the soup slowly until just before it boils. (Serves 2)

Pour the soup into bowls. Sprinkle on some fresh parsley and nutmeg and enjoy!

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COMMUNITY PAGES

Bingley Camera Club meet on Monday nights at 7.15 p.m. in Cardigan House, Bingley. We welcome new members of all levels and photographic interests. For more info www.bingleycameraclub.org.uk Mondays I -3 pm Tea Dance at The Civic Hall, North Street, Keighley. £2.50 inc Tea & Biscuits.

Fridays 10am - 12 pm Bumps Babies & Breastfeeding KHL 13 Scott Street, Keighley

Wednesdays 10 - 11am Keighley **Come Dancing Sessions at The Civic** Centre. Keighley. A mix of exercise and dance. For further info and to book a place call 01535 677177. Keighley Mens' Forum meet every Thursday morning 9.45am to about II.30am. The Forum is open to men over retirement age and after refreshments we have a guest speaker for an hour or so. I Devonshire Road, Keighley (only 3 steps to manoeuvre). Weekly dues are just £2 and there is an annual membership fee of £5 per member which also gives our members membership of Keighley Playhouse. Wednesdays I Iam - I2 pm KHL Fitstart at Keighley Leisure Centre, Long Lee Chat and Crafts Group meets at the Village Hall every Tuesday and Friday 1.30 to 3.30 pm. Activities include painting, knitting and crocheting. Some materials are supplied. Phone Barbara Klempka on 01535 66914

Laycock & District Women's Institute meet on the Third Thursday in the month at 7.30pm in Laycock Village

Hall All welcome

events.

Morton Meet Every Thursday 2-4pm at Morton War Memorial Hall Drop in for coffee and cakes. Suitable for all ages with toys for the tots.

Every Tuesday 2 - 5pm Roebuck, Utley is Chess Group. Sets and boards provided all levels welcome.

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Keighley & District Photographic

Association meet on the 1st & 3rd

Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm

to 9.30pm at Riddlesden United

Reformed Church, Riddlesden. Visit

www.kdpa.co.uk for programme of

Long Lee Lego Club 10am to 11.30 am is held on the second Saturday of each month at the Village Hall. All Welcome.

Keighley Model Railway Club, Knowle Mills, South Street, Keighley, BD21 ISY Meeting every Tuesday and Thursday Evenings from 7.00pm until 10.30 Thursday afternoons, 12.45pm until 4.30pm & Saturday afternoons 1.00pm until 5.00pm

Aire Valley Railway Modeller's Club, Melbourne House, Dalton Lane, Keighley, BD21 4LG. Meeting every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday night from 7.00 pm until 11.00 pm and Saturday afternoon from 1.00 pm until 5.00 pm.. Keighley LGBT support group meet every 3rd Saturday of each month. 12 -2pm at Keighley Healthy Living Centre, Scott Street, Keighley (behind the Library).

Keighley Library Knit & Knatter group meet every Wednesday Ipm-

3pm. Beginners and experts alike.
Keighley Can Sing 2 - 3.30pm on second Sunday of each month (Term time only) at Central Hall, Alice Street, Keighley
Morton WI meet every second Tuesday evening each month Join us for a social evening with refreshments at the Institute in East Morton from 7.20 pm,
Every Wednesday 10.30am Rest a while drop in Coffee Morning at Exley Head Methodist Church, Keighley.

First & third Wednesday of a month I 0.30am Coffee Morning & Book Swap at Laycock Village Hall. Mon 2nd March 7.30pm Violet's Story talk by Denise North at Keighley Library
Thurs 5th Sat 7th & Sun 8th March

Thurs 5th, Sat 7th & Sun 8th March 10.30am - 4.30pm World Book Day at East Riddlesden Hall Fri 6th - Sun 8th March Spring Steam

Gala on the KWVR. Big, noisy, three day festival of steam. Whether you're a railway enthusiast or just looking for something a bit different to do – you're sure to have a memorable day out with many locomotives in steam.

Sat 7th March Haworth Artisan
Food and Drink Market I I am to
4pm Free Entry. Old School Rooms,
Haworth In support of Manorlands.
Sat 7th March I 0 am - 4pm
International Women's Day at
Airedale Shopping Centre
Mon 9th March Silsden to
Oxenhope Big Summit Sofa

Challenge Look North presenters

are set to embark on their toughest challenge yet to raise money for Sport Relief.

Mon 9th March 2 - 3pm Greener Gardening at East Riddlesden Hall. Tues 10th March Airedale Writers Club 7.30pm at Sight Airedale, Scott Street, Keighley.

Sat 14th & Sun 15th March Keighley Model Railway Club Annual Spring Exhibition at University Academy Keighley, Greenhead Road. Sun 15th March Shamrock Shuffle

at St Ives Bingley I Iam 5k or 10k routes Raising funds for Manorlands. Sat 21st March 10 am - 4pm Keighley Comic Con Promo Day Event at Airedale Centre

Keighley. Costume characters, free to play console gaming, funky music, free sweets, and a fun free-to-enter competition.

Sun 22nd March 2 - 3pm Music at the Museum Cliffe Castle Museum, Keighley

Tues 24th March 2 - 7pm Taster Event at Keighley College

Sat 28th March 10am - 4pm Airedale Shopping Centre Spring Fashion Show

Sun 5th April I 0am - 4pm Aire Valley Railway Modellers Club Open Day Melbourne House, Dalton Lane, Keighley.

Sun 5th April 10am - 4pm Keighley Bus Museum Open Day Rally with free bus rides at Riverside, off Dalton Lane, Keighley.

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Running the railway is always challenging not least because we are operating locomotives and infrastructure that dates back decades and in many cases over a century. We are about to embark on the replacement of one such item, which is a bridge than was installed in 1904 (and even then we believe it was second hand, as was common at the time on branch lines like ours). This is a major civil engineering project and will involve us having to close the line between Damems and Keighley whilst the work is undertaken from mid-March so please do check the website for details and for updates on the replacement . Unfortunately like many in the area we have had to deal in recent weeks with the impact of Storm Ciara that resulted in severe flooding in Haworth Shed, causing significant and expensive damage to one of the diesel locomotives. It was only thanks to the spectacular efforts of dozens of volunteers that we were up and running just days after the flood, but had to prepare ourselves for a rerun when Dennis hit.We had volunteers on duty all night, checking river levels and building flood defences, but thankfully we escaped a second weekend of water damage.

Despite all this, we are continuing to run a full programme of special events, including steam and heritage diesel galas; 'Steam and Sparkle' Prosecco tasting trains; Haworth Haddock fish and chip supper specials; as well as steam trains running every weekend and daily in the school holidays. We have just enjoyed a Jurassic-themed couple of days, with dinosaurs invading Oxenhope Exhibition Shed whilst groups of visitors were trained to be Dino Rangers to help us keep the T-Rex and Raptor in check

If that wasn't enough, we are also very excited to announce that we have now completed the purchase of the café business at Keighley and have reopened as the 'Old Parcels Office' café, bar and restaurant with a completely new menu. We've been able to display some of the old Midland Railway artefacts, and we look forward to welcoming you to this very modern but historic eatery very soon. We will also be reopening the early morning takeaway facility very shortly, whilst the main café will continue to open from 10am.

With so much going on we are very keen to welcome new volunteers to our 700 strong group. There are opportunities to help run the stations as well in the engineering, financial and operational departments. If you can offer even a few hours a month we would love to hear from you, so so please get in touch if you would be willing to become part if the team that keeps this important bit of history alive.



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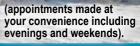
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