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October is here!

Dare we mention the 'C' word? Keighley and Worth Valley Railway have created a whole new magical experience called the Elf Express for Christmas. Be sure to book early to avoid disappointment (p17).

Enjoy autumnal activities out and about including Halloween Archery at Broughton Hall Estate and unique experiences 'Within the Wood' around Stanbury.

The Bronte Parsonage 'Let me in I'm Local' voucher from previous months is still valid but please refer to their website for Covid related instructions on how to book!

We hope you have enjoyed the gardening column written by local horticulturist and author Lee Senior. This month is the last in the series so be sure to glean the most from Lee's gardening tips for the winter.

Have a great October! Liz

Editor Liz Barker



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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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"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 .



Martin & Tom Kounnas

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Please don't put it off any longer

Writing a Will gives you peace of mind, ensures your final wishes are carried out and that your loved ones are cared for, even after you're gone.

Has the Coronavirus (Covid-19) made you stop and think 'Do I have my affairs in order?'

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. 0845 056 9049

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Sutton Forest FC, formed around 1902, was the first club in the village, later changing its name to Sutton FC. By 1904 however, the name of Sutton United had emerged, and it was this side that became a force in league football for almost half a century. In its early days, the club was closely associated with Sutton Baptist Church, one of the conditions of membership of the football team being attendance at the chapel or Sunday School.

By 1906, the side were the first ever Keighley League champions, and in 1907 it became first and only local side to lift the Airedale & Wharfedale cup. More success followed, winning the Keighley Charity Cup in both 1908 & 1909, and also the first ever Keighley & District FA Cup in 1909.

Between the Wars, United won the Charity Cup in 1925 and 1928, and the District Cup in 1927 and 1931 and 1939, winning it also three times in succession after World War two between 1947-49. The team also won the Keighley League title again in 1914.

Seeking a higher grade of competition, United, along with Silsden and Keighley Celtic defected to the Bradford & District league in the summer of 1909. It was not a successful move, so United dropped back into the Keighley League the following year.

Sutton United was reformed after the Great War, adopting the same red and white stripes

of their predecessors. There was a new ground behind the village church, previously used by Sutton Forest club. And were being prime movers in the formation of the new South Craven League in 1922. The club won that league in 1925 and 1929, before the winning the Airedale & Craven League in 1933. Less success was achieved when the club moved on to the Bradford and West Riding Leagues, however. 1923 saw another ground move, this time sharing playing surfaces with Kildwick Parish cricket club on Holme Lane. Times were hard, with the country enduring the onset of war, the club went into hibernation during the summer of 1939, not re-emerging until 1946, winning the Craven League title in its first season back. Re-entry into the Bradford League in 1953 in proved to be the beginning of a rapid slide into oblivion as Sutton United resigned from the competition in October 1953, reporting a shortage of players. The reserve team that operated in the Keighley League – itself now a shadow of its former self – was now the first team for the rest of the season. The following season saw a Sutton Textiles side operating in the Keighley League, with United fielding a side in the Keighley Minor league only, before United name returned to senior football for one final season. The team's swansong was a 2-6 loss to Worth Village in the League Cup final, after which, in the summer of 1956, Sutton United slipped quietly from the scene. ~ Rob Grillo



Where in the Aire Valley? COMPETITION

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



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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 Aire 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



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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 on-going appeal and/or by joining us on board since we recommenced services.

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October 2020
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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