

ILLINGWORTH MESSENGER

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Bradshaw School in the late 1940's. Are you on the photo?

MAY 2022

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JOIN US ON OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH AT ANY OF THE SERVICES

EVERYONE IS WELCOME ST. MALACHY'S CHURCH

Times of Mass at St. Malachy's:

Saturday (Vigil Mass) at 5 pm and Sunday Mass at 9 am

Holy Nativity Church, the Church of England Parish of Mixenden and Illingworth Sundays at 10.00 am

All Age Eucharist, everyone welcome

PREACHERS AT ILLINGWORTH MOOR IN MAY

All services commence at 10.30 am unless otherwise stated

1st May Mr Chris Partington 8th May Mr Jonathan Whitaker

15th May Rev Paul Welch Communion

22nd May Mr AndrewJacobs29th May Mrs Stella Christie



MESSAGE FOR MAY

As we enter this month of May we are blessed with a Bank Holiday at the start and a few extra days for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at the beginning of next month.

It is always good to have some time off especially if you work long hours or unsociable hours. If you are retired or unable to work, then it may seem like just another day.

Taking time out is important to do something different or to spend time with those who we would love to spend time with but don't often have the opportunity. Taking time out from the norm of everyday life is a good thing.

There recently seems to be a push on taking time out as being beneficial for our well being. This isn't a new thing though. Often when I read my Bible, I see times where Jesus goes off to 'be' by himself, recharging his batteries and thinking and praying about his life and what lies ahead. We all could do with this refocusing and reorientating time to reset our priorities.

Living through COVID has brought to our attention what we value, what we hold onto and what we let go of. Perhaps one question we might ask ourselves is 'what are my priorities in life'? Thinking this through will perhaps help us make choices that give us a clear vision of where we choose to go rather than being dictated to by circumstance. Taking time out allows us the head space and creativity to follow the path that is before us that we have never travelled on before.

For those of us who have a faith whatever that may look like, we are guided by the Holy Spirit and taking time out allows us to get an insight of what is possible. Holidays, even if for a day, are a gift and should be embraced as such, to enable us to take a break from the everyday.

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LOCAL HISTORY

From Local Historian David Craven

Halifax Guardian – Saturday, 10th January 1857 The Ovenden Gang Again In Luck

Timothy Gibson and Charles Cockcroft, Moulders, two of the "Ovenden Gang" who have repeatedly been brought before the Magistrates, charged with having committed various outrages in that locality, were placed in the Dock by P. C. Spencer, to answer to the offence of having stolen a five shilling piece, the property of Jonathan Clay, Grocer and Butter Dealer, Denholme Gate. Mr. Superintendent Pearson, stated that Clay went to the Shears Inn, Lee Bridge, about eleven o'clock on Friday night. was sure he had the five shilling piece in his coat pocket, as he felt it when going along the passage, and an old stocking over it. He called for a pint of ale when he got into the room, tendered 1/- in payment, and received his change. The prisoners went up to him and sat so close to him that his suspicion was excited. He put his hand into his pocket to feel if his money was safe, and then discovered that both five shilling piece and stocking were gone. He said nothing, but waited patiently the arrival of a policeman. Shortly afterwards the prisoners called for ale and gave the landlord a five shilling piece in payment but handed the coin to him in such a manner that Clay could not see it. The landlord returned the change and the prisoners were seen to divide the money between them.

Clay subsequently met with P.C. Spencer, and desired him to take the prisoners into custody. Whilst Spencer was making himself acquainted with the circumstances of the robbery, the prisoner Cockcroft, went to the landlord, Mr. James Murgatroyd, and begged that he would not mention the circumstance that he had paid him the five shilling piece. When Spencer, apprehended the prisoners, he found upon each of them silver and copper amounting to about 3/-. The stocking was found under the form on which the prisoners sat. The landlord and other witnesses were present to fully prove what Mr. Pearson had stated. He pressed very strongly for a remand until Tuesday, saying that he hoped before then to be able to produce additional testimony against the prisoners, if it were required. The Magistrates, asked the prisoners where they had been lately employed. Cockcroft replied that he had had no work for three months, that he had been on tramp, and that for three weeks he had carried this five shilling piece about with him! The Magistrates then enquired if there was anyone whom the prisoners could call to give them a character. They answered in the negative, but Mr. Superintendent Pearson, remarked that Nicholson, Constable of Ovenden, was then at the Magistrates' Office, at Wards End and if the Magistrates wished it, he could send for him, and he, from a long acquaintance with the prisoners, would be able to state what character they bore. The Justices, however, saved Mr. Pearson the trouble by at once discharging the prisoners.

J. Abbott, Esq., expressing an opinion that if committed at the Sessions, a Jury would not convict them. (Surely two such fellows as these would not have been injured by a remand. Not long since they narrowly escaped being convicted at the Sessions for Burglary).



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Our Chef, Sarah, makes a range of meals on four days a week, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 9 am to 1 pm. Why not pop in for a coffee, a piece of home made cake, a bowl of home made soup, a sandwich (either to eat in or take away). Or

BOYS' BRIGADE - MONDAYS



Anchor Boys: 5 - 7 years (arrive 6.15 pm to start at 6.30 pm until 7.30 pm)

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Company Section: 11 - 18 years (arrive no earlier than 7 pm for a 7.15 pm start - ending at 8.45 pm)

If anyone can help out, even if only occasionally, please get in touch with Captain Andy on 07833910698.

GIRLS' BRIGADE - WEDNESDAYS

Explorers: 4 - 7 years (5.30 pm - 7.15 pm) waiting list at the moment
Juniors, Seniors & Brigaders: 8-18 years

(6.45 pm - 8.30 pm)



For more information contact Janice Crowther on 07745529385

SUNDAYS

Sunday Worship & Sunday School at 10.30 am

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US AT ANY OR ALL OF THE ADVERTISED EVENTS

LONGEST OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOK HAS BEEN RETURNED - 313 YEARS LATE

If you have ever been late in returning a library book, take heart: the 1704 copy of *The Faith and Practice of a Church of England Man* was recently handed back to Sheffield Cathedral.

A handwritten inscription inside reads: "This Book belongs to ye Lending Library in Sheffield Church 1709." It left the library just over 300 years ago.

Sheffield Cathedral's Reverend Canon Keith Farrow said that the family of a deceased woman who lived locally had asked in her will for it to be returned.

"Now it's come back home. It's a joy to have this little jewel back in the cathedral."

With overdue fines of 50p a day, librarians could have charged the family more than £54,000 for the book — which itself is worth about £300.

The canon joked: "We might have got a new roof or something."

PACKED LUNCHES ARE BACK IN STYLE

With food prices soaring, who needs a bought sandwich or salad? They can cost nearly £8 a day from LEON or Pret or other food outlets. Instead, it seems we are investing in plastic food containers (John Lewis reports sales are up 64 per cent on last year) and taking our own lunches to work.

As one cookery blogger explains, "You can't reduce your council tax, but you can make little savings on everyday meals, which add up to a significant difference."

"It's 'cool' these days to take a packed lunch to the office," says Suzanne Mulholland, author of *The Batch Lady: Shop Once. Cook Once. Eat Well All Week.* "Being organised and prepared is seen as a good thing."

As for coffee, consider this: buying a £3 cappuccino every day adds up to £1,095 a year. Far cheaper to fill a flask at home.

OUT AND ABOUT ON THE ROADS? REMEMBER THE NEW HIGHWAY CODE

When did you last read the Highway Code? Various 'fundamental' changes were recently made which will surely affect you.

For example, there is a new hierarchy of road users, where drivers now have new responsibilities to watch out for people who are walking, cycling, or riding a horse.

Another example is that cyclists are now advised to cycle in the *centre* of lanes in slower-moving traffic.

Finally, do you even know how best to open your car door? According to the Highway Code, you should use your hand on the opposite side to the door you are opening; for example, use your left hand to open a door on your right-hand side. This will make you turn your head to look over your shoulder. You are then more likely to avoid causing injury to cyclists or motorcyclists passing you on the road, or to people on the pavement.

Read all about the new rules at: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code

Editor: I am pleased to introduce Sue Taylor, a lady well known in Illingworth for her tireless work in litter picking and her time given over to tidying the graveyard at Illingworth Moor. Subsequently this work has led her into researching the lives of the people whose graves she has tidied up. I hope readers will find the first of Sue's articles interesting.

BURIED AT ILLINGWORTH MOOR JOHN MORBY - 1837-1938

Originally from North Wootton, near Kings Lynn, Norfolk, John started work at the age of 8. He married in his 20's and moved to London where he was involved in helping to construct Kings Cross underground station.

When the family came to settle in Halifax, one of his earliest jobs was helping to sink the first shaft on the Halifax High Level Railway at Keighley Road. His experience in road making whilst in London proved to be considerably useful. Under his care, local roads were made more sound and freer from erosion.

He worked as a road foreman for Halifax Corporation Highways department, for 40 years, until retiring at the age of 94.

On his 99th birthday he told a Courier reporter: "I am the oldest young man in the village, I still feel the same as I did 20 years ago, accept my knees get a little stiff when I have been sitting for a long time". He smoked for 60 years but he occasionally took a glass of beer when the fancy took him. He was an avid walker and if any local road repairs or excavations were being done it wasn't long before he arrived to see what was taking place.

He had two ambitions. One was to go up in an aeroplane with Amy Johnson, whom he greatly admired. The other was to go down to the bottom of the sea and see the "Illuminated fish". Upon hearing this, Yorkshire Aeroplanes Club offered him a flight from Yeadon in a five seater aeroplane. He accepted and said the flight and air flip were marvellous.

He was reported to be the oldest inhabitant of Illingworth and appeared in the Halifax Daily Courier and Guardian on April 11th 1938 on the occasion of his 100th birthday. He received four birthday cakes, one being from Alderman and Mrs Rufus Stirk, who are also buried in the churchyard.

He was living at Church Terrace, Illingworth, when he died on October 5th 1938, 6 months after his 100th birthday.

His story and photographs, appears in the Halifax Characters section of the website Halifax People and numerous newspaper articles of the time.



Greetings to Halifax's Oldest Inhabitant

The picture shows the Mayor of Halifax (Ald. J. Watkinson. J.P.) extending greetings on behalf of the townspeople to Mr. J. Morby, of Illingworth on his 100th birthday.

In the picture from left: Rev. L.H. Reakes (Vicar of Illingworth), Mr Gilbert Gledhill M.P., Mrs. Gledhill, Miss Morby, and the Mayoress, (Mrs F Watkinson)

ST. MALACHY'S NEWS

Our Parish Priest is Mgr Michael McQuinn

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or e-mail us at p29.moran@gmail.com

FUND RAISING GROUP

We are collecting old gold. Have you any broken chains? Odd earrings? Rings without stones? Please donate your old jewellery for Church funds. Items can be left in the box on the Paper Stall.

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Communion Meal every 2nd Sunday of the month at **6 pm**.

The communion meal is an opportunity to worship whilst gathered around the dinner table. Food is provided.

Rock Mass every 3rd Sunday of the month at **6 pm**. The Rock Mass is a service for people who like to worship **LOUD**!

Vicar: Revd Robb Sutherland,01422 353929 email robb@priest.com

Church Wardens: Mrs Margaret Henderson 01422 243596

Church Pantry: Mondays 2 - 3.30 pm. Providing food and essentials to people

from the Parish in need.

Church Youth Group: Tuesdays 7 pm -8.30 pm

For baptisms, weddings & funerals contact the Vicar or Church Warden

MAKE TIME FOR YOUR OLDER RELATIVES

Many of our older people are lonely. They lost touch with their families during the pandemic, and it seems that they have still not caught up again.

A recent survey by Age UK found that as many as 27% of people aged 60 and over admit that they speak less to their families now, and 24% of older people say they feel less close to their relatives than before the pandemic.

The survey also found that millions of older people have lost the confidence to go out, and suffer more from memory loss, disturbed sleep, and anxiety.

The charity is urging people to reach out to their older friends and relatives and encourage them. It warns: "The pandemic has had a big impact on everyone and very few of us are emerging from the last two years completely unscathed."

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WORDSEARCH

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Lord, we pray for *Ukraine*, a nation in which 70% of the population call themselves Christian. You, Lord, make *wars cease* to the end of the *earth*; you *break bows*, *shatter spears*, and *burn shields* with *fire* [Psalm 46:9].

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And so, we ask you now to *save* the *lives* of *many* people in Ukraine. De-escalate this *crisis*. We hear of wars and rumours of wars (Matt. 24:6], but you *Lord* are *our rock*, our *fortress* and our *deliverer*. Our *hope* is *in you*. And so we address the nations now. In the name of Jesus we say: "*Be still* and know God! He is exalted among the nations; He shall be exalted in the earth". [Psalm 46:10]. *Kyrie eleison – Lord have mercy*.

JOHN & CHARLES WESLEY, EVANGELISTS & HYMN-WRITERS



John and Charles Wesley were the founders of Methodism. Two of 19 children born to Samuel and Susannah Wesley of Epworth Rectory in Lincolnshire in 1703 and 1707, their father was the local rector, while their mother was a spiritual inspiration to her many children.

Both John and Charles went to Christ Church, Oxford (1720 and 1726). John was ordained, and Charles and some friends formed a 'Holy Club'

while still at college. It consisted of men who dedicated themselves to Bible study, prayer, fasting and good works. Such regular disciplines soon earned Charles the nickname 'Methodist'. The name stuck.

Both Charles and John felt called to the mission field, and so in 1735 they sailed to Georgia. Their time among Indians in America was not a success – they struggled for any real spiritual authority in their ministries. Feeling failures, they returned to England in some depression. John summed it up: "I went to America to convert the Indians; but, oh, who shall convert me?"

Then the Wesleys made friends with some Moravians. They stressed that salvation cannot be earned, but must be received by grace through faith in Christ. Charles was the first to experience this 'true' conversion, when on Pentecost Sunday, 21st May 1738, he wrote that the Spirit of God 'chased away the darkness of my unbelief.'

Only three days later, on 24th May, 1738, it was John's turn. As he wrote in his journal: "In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed."

John and Charles Wesley then devoted the rest of their lives to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. In doing so, they turned England upside-down. When the established Church threw John out, he took to the fields, preaching to coal miners and commoners. His itinerant evangelism took him 250,000 miles on horseback and to preach over 40,000 sermons. His small 'societies' attracted some 120,000 followers by the time of his death.

Charles became the most prolific and skilled hymn-writer in English history, writing hymns that are sung widely today, such as 'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling.' In all, he wrote more than 6,000 hymns.

The legacy of the two brothers lives on. As well as Methodism, their teaching has widely impacted the holiness movement, the Pentecostal movement, and the charismatic movement.

SMILE LINES

Mistake

A mistake is proof that someone was at least trying to accomplish something.

Found

On the church notice board: Contact lens found in church. See vicar. If you can.

Those memorable school reports...

What did your teachers say about your progress at school? The following were sent into the Daily Telegraph some years ago....

- ~ One of my French reports simply said: 'Sheila attended the lessons'. Sheila Blow, Surrey
- \sim My housemaster wrote: 'He has an overdeveloped unawareness.' Ian Jones, Wirral
- \sim A friend's son's report said: 'By the time he has mastered French, he will be too old to cross the Channel.' M Knaggs, Dorset
- ~ My teacher observed: 'The improvement in his handwriting has revealed his inability to spell.' Colin Sutherland, Switzerland
- \sim My teacher was a realist: 'I am sorry to have to tell you that he is doing his best.' Stan Proctor, Surrey

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WORDSEARCH



WALKING THE WAY' which is a monthly reflective walk around Calderdale which takes place on the second Sunday of the month starting at 2pm.

For more information, here is the website link

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ALL IN THE MONTH OF MAY

It was:

150 years ago, on $18^{\rm th}$ May 1872 that Bertrand Russell, Welsh philosopher, mathematician, historian, and writer was born. He won the 1950 Nobel Prize in Literature.

125 years ago, on 26th May 1897 that Bram Stoker's horror novel *Dracula* was published.

100 years ago, on 27th May 1922 that Christopher Lee, British film actor was born. Best known for his many Hammer Horror films, especially his role as Dracula. He also played a leading role in *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit*. (Died 2015)

90 years ago, on 9th May 1932 that London's Piccadilly Circus was lit with electrical lighting for the first time. The road junction later became famous for its neon lighting and video advertising displays.

60 years ago, on 25^{th} May 1962 that the new Coventry Cathedral was consecrated. The previous one had been destroyed by German bombing during WWII.

50 years ago, on 28th May 1972 that Prince Edward, Duke of Windsor, died. He was formerly Edward VIII, until his abdication in December 1936.

40 years ago, 27th-28th May 1982 that the Battle of Goose Green took place during the Falklands War. British victory.

25 years ago, 1st May 1997 that the Labour Party won a landslide victory, ending 18 years of Conservative Rule. Tony Blair became Prime Minister.

15 years ago, on 3rd May 2007 that three-year-old Madeleine McCann went missing while on holiday with her parents in Praia da Luz, Portugal. Despite long-running investigations costing millions of pounds, she has never been found. Her disappearance is the most-reported missing person case in history.

10 years ago, on 18^{th} May 2012 that social media network Facebook went public. Its initial public offering raised \$16 billion – the third-largest amount in US history.

THE COST OF PETROL

Here is a sobering thought: petrol selling at £1.649p per litre in the UK is equivalent to £7.50 a gallon!



By the time you are reading this the senior cricket season will have been underway for two or three weeks but the junior season will only just be starting and whether you are young or old there is still time to get to Alloe Field View and join in the fun as a player or a spectator.

Illingworth CC has been noted for its good junior set up for a long number of years but as players get a little older there is always room for more and players are needed at each of the age groups – Under 9's, 11's, and 13's. The club's junior sides operate in the Halifax Junior League but even if you have never played before there is still time to start. Junior training is starting on Friday evenings from 6.30 pm at the end of April and on 6th May we will be starting 'All Stars Cricket', a fun Friday Night project every Friday through the Summer starting at 6.30 pm until 7.30 pm for 5-8 year olds to introduce youngsters, both girls and boys, to cricket and lots of other games and good exercise. Mums and Dads, Grandparents and friends are welcome to come along and watch. The bar will be open so adults can enjoy a quiet drink at the same time. Danny Patchet will be running the sessions and he is a qualified cricket coach. You can sign up already on line. Just visit our website and follow the link. It costs just £40 and every child that registers will receive a backpack including a cricket bat and a personalised shirt and cap which will be posted out to you in addition to the Friday night sessions and junior club membership. For older children between 8 and 11 years we will be running the Dynamos which costs £15 and you can book and pay on line in just the same way.

New players, members and volunteers are always welcome. Come and have a look for yourselves at our facilities. The club will be open on Tuesday and Friday evenings and on match afternoons and for junior match evenings and we will be pleased to welcome you.

Illingworth CC Home Fixtures for May/early June 1.30pm start except where stated.

Sat 7 May – 1st XI v Bradshaw 1st Round Parish Cup **1.00pm start**

Sat 14 May – 1^{st} XI v Thornton

Sat 21 May – 1st XI v Warley

Sun 22 May - 3rd XI v SBCI

Sat 28 May – 2nd XI v Copley

Sun 29 May - 3rd XI v Low Moor Holy Trinity

Sat 4 June – 1st XI v Bradshaw

Sat 11 June - 2nd XI v Mount

For more information have a look at our web site illingworthcc.co.uk or ring Andrew Smith on 07979-645379.



Starting at Illingworth CC – Friday 6th May

Andrew Smith
Club President





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THE DAISY CHAIN CAFE ON WEDNESDAY, 11TH MAY

AT BLACKBURN HOUSE, **NURSERY LANE**

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For more information contact Karen Scanlon on 03005550266

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ALCUIN OF YORK, ABBOT OF TOURS, A TEACHER OF GENIUS

Here is a saint for all primary school teachers who have a passion to help children learn to read and write.

Alcuin was born near York in about 735. His family were of noble stock, and they sent him to York Cathedral School, which had the best teachers in the land. They soon realised that Alcuin had a genius for learning, and within a few years he had become master of the school himself. Under his guidance, the fame of the school grew, with more pupils and an ever-increasing library.

In 781 Alcuin visited Rome, where he met Charlemagne, then King of the Franks, who persuaded him to move to Aachen (*Halifax's twin town*) and become master of the palace school – in effect his minister of education.

Alcuin did a magnificent job – he went on to establish a primary school in every town and village, and because the teachers were the clergy, he saw to it that their own literacy and education were improved. But Alcuin did much more – he set up scriptoria for the copying and preservation of ancient manuscripts, for which we owe him the survival of many classical authors. He is also credited with inventing cursive script – or as we know it, 'joined-up writing' – as an aid to speedier copying.

By 796, Alcuin was over 60 and ready to retire. Charlemagne appointed him Abbot of St Martin's at Tours, and here, in his declining years, he built up a model monastic school as he had done at York and Aachen. He died in May 804, but his influence lives on today, and affects hundreds of millions of us – all of us, in fact, who use joined-up writing!

BEECHWOOD ROAD LIBRARY

Following the recent refurbishment at Beechwood Road Library the staff are looking forward to welcoming old and new members to visit them during any of the following opening hours:

Monday 10 am - 5 pm Thursday 10 am - 5 pm Friday 10 am - 5 pm Saturday 10 am - 1 pm



OSCA FOUNDATION (based at Forest Cottage, Cousin Lane, Halifax, HX2 8DA)

In association with OSCA Foundation

Activities to be held in April

Monday: 6-30 pm to 8 pm Taekwondo

Tuesday: 12 noon Walking Football (outside)

Tuesday: 2 pm to 4 pm Old Tyme / Modern Sequence Dancing

Tuesday: 6.30 pm to 8 pm. Taekwondo Wednesday: 6.30 pm to 8 pm Taekwondo Thursday: 9.45 am to 10.45 pm Keep Fit

Thursday: 2 pm to 4 pm Old Tyme/ Modern Sequence Dancing

Thursday: 6 pm to 9 pm Youth Club 13 years -19 years Saturday: 9.15 am to 10.30 am Rugger ratz. (learn to play

rugby league aged 3 to 10 years of age)

Sunday 9 am through till 3 pm Ovenden West Riding Juniors

football matches.

ZUMBA CLASSES have commenced on Tuesday & Thursday evenings 6.30 pm -7.30 pm Contact Mandy on 07488235941.

Halifax Panthers Rugby League Open Age Ladies Team are now based at OSCA FOUNDATION @ Forest Cottage, training has already commenced for the coming season which is expected to start the first week in March, fixtures will be held on Sunday afternoons at Four Fields on the OSCA Site.

PUBLIC BAR OPENING HOURS

Friday 7 pm to 10 pm / Saturday 2 pm to 8 pm Sunday 1 pm to 9 pm

Function rooms along with various rooms are available for hire at very competitive prices.

Receptions, Funerals, Parties, any form of event can be catered for at very competitive prices.

For further information on all activities give Steve a call on 07727860731

LOOKING AGAIN AT MARY WHITEHOUSE

By the Revd Peter Crumpler, a Church of England priest in St Albans, Herts, and a former communications director for the C of E.

Is it time to look again at the legacy of anti-obscenity campaigner Mary Whitehouse?

Although many Christians under 40 may not know her name, Mary Whitehouse was a high-profile figure from the mid-sixties until she retired in 1994. To many people, she was a figure of fun, often parodied and mocked in the media for her campaigns against obscenity on TV, in print and on the stage.

A recent BBC radio profile, 'Disgusted, Mary Whitehouse' based on 30 years of newly available diaries and letters, has led some to a reassessment of her impact.

Programme presenter Samira Ahmed raises a key question: "Mary Whitehouse's name became shorthand for anti-liberal prudery and censorship, but more than 20 years after her death, do her diaries reveal a woman who was ahead of her time in warning about the corrosive impact of internet pornography on society?"

The documentary reviews Mary Whitehouse's years of protests and records how she persistently lobbied MPs and ministers to draft legislation.

Her successes included laws criminalising the making of indecent images of children and controlling sex shops and the displays of pornographic material in newsagents, and laws that regulated the sale of extreme content (so-called 'video nasties'). She warned about technology getting out of control, long before the internet was born.

As a teenager, I interviewed Mary Whitehouse in the 1970s, and asked about her faith and how this motivated her. She told me, "It's basic. I can't say any more than that. I couldn't have stood up to what I have if I didn't have a sense of commitment that God wanted me to do this work."

Many people saw Mary Whitehouse as a campaigner seeking to return Britain to 'Victorian values.' In fact, in many ways, she was warning about the increased sexualisation of society that the internet – then many years in the future – would bring.

As journalist Samira Ahmed concludes: "Although some of Mary Whitehouse's religious beliefs were very out of step with modern Britain, she would see the impact of internet pornography on the young as exactly what she'd been warning against and support the current efforts to finally get it under control."





The Local Activities (LA) Group in Illingworth and Bradshaw was formed specifically to improve the health and wellbeing of people over 50 in this area of Halifax. If you are interested in meeting new friends and doing new activities please get in touch:

email us at lagroup50@hotmail.co.uk /

Join us on Facebook: Illingworth & Bradshaw Local Activities Group / Ring the Secretary on 01422 249070 / attend one of the activities

The Bowling Section of the LA Group meet every Monday at 10 am at Holmfield Bowling Club, Holmfield 1st April to 30th Sept.

THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES RUN EACH WEEK AND TAKE PLACE AT ILLINGWORTH MOOR METHODIST CHURCH, HX2 9LL

TUESDAYS

KEEP FIT from 10 am to 11 am £4.00

Not too hard, but not too easy!

This is a fun aerobic exercise class to get you fit and keep you healthy

NEW AGE KURLING from 11.15 am – 12.15 pm £2.00

Both the above activities are suitable for a range of abilities

SITTING DOWN PILATES from 11.15 am – 12 noon £3.50

WEDNESDAYS

CRAFTY CLUB from 10 am - 12. noon £2.00

Join the friendly group for knitting, sewing & card making.

Refreshments available from the Church Cafe

THURSDAYS

INTERMEDIATE PILATES CLASS from 9.45 am - 10.45 am £4.00
BEGINNERS PILATES CLASS from 11 am - 12 noon £4.00

To improve core stability and strength

ART GROUP from 10.00 am – 12 noon £5

Professional Tutor. Suitable for all levels – beginners are welcome. Some materials provided.

THE FIRST SESSION AT EVERY CLASS IS FREE

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME AT ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES

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