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Happy Mother's Day

Sunday,
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MARCH 2023

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CHURCH IN MARCH**

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5th March Local Arrangement

12th March Mrs Debbie Story

19th March Rev David Briggs Communion

26th March Dr Eilidh Gunson



'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 Calderdale Walking the Way

<https://www.calderdalemethodistcircuit.org.uk/about->

Or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/walkingthewaycalderdale>

MESSAGE FOR MARCH

We are now in March, Spring is in the air, the light nights are getting longer and we are now in Lent. Lent is the time before Easter where traditionally people used to give up things like chocolate, alcohol or other things. This was to demonstrate that those things have no hold or power over us. For those who managed the 40 days of not having those things they will no doubt have had a great sense of achievement.

Lent is the period of time that we are reminded that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert and resisted temptation of the accuser. Lent is the period of time before Easter Sunday when all the events from Palm Sunday to Good Friday unfold. Lent is a time of self contemplation and reflection which is quite current in today's society with the focus on mental health and well being. Sometimes it is good to stop, reflect, refocus, re-evaluate and think about our lives. Some people have fast lives and for some the days are very long. Even in these two extremes and everything in between, self-reflection can be a good thing. It can help to give focus, motivation or even a permission to stop doing something that we have always done and didn't really know why or why that thing still needs to be done in the same way.

In life change happens, the seasons change every single year without any external influence. Winter saw the quieting down of life through nature with certain animals going into hibernation. This is a natural rhythm of life of slowing and stopping or reflection and looking at new possibilities. To quote a song line from The Lion king it's the 'Circle of Life' and the circle always happens and requires a slowing down and stopping as much as a speeding up and new things coming to fruition. Lent is a helpful time to slow down and stop and refocus and then a new path or a new creation can come to birth.

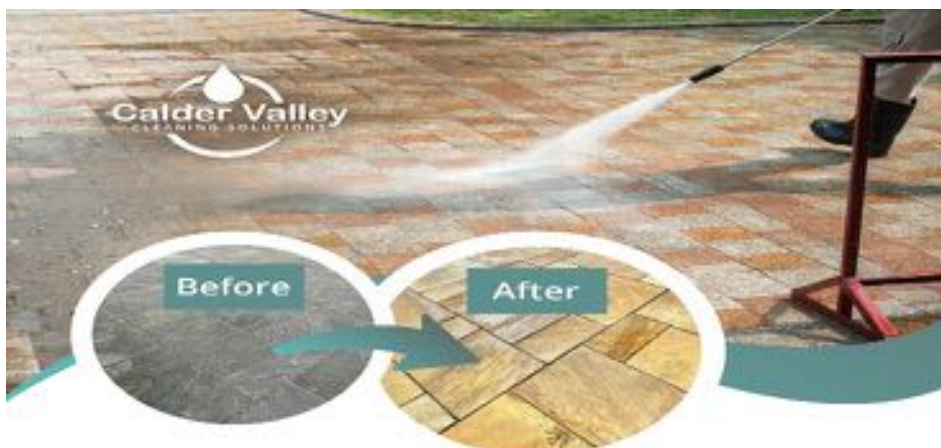
There is a church I look after which after much thought, prayer and consideration has decided to sell the building. The building has been on that site for more than 50 years but no one lives around it, everyone who goes there travels in by car and their number has decreased over the years. The congregation have decided that they will rent somewhere else and they will meet in that building but also allow something new and something different to take place in that space. Going on this journey through Lent, this period of quiet, reflection and stillness has enabled them to come to a different, new exciting space that will help them engage with people where they are and offer a sense of spirituality in a different way. There is a long way to go on the journey of discovering this new thing, where it needs to be and what it is to become, but this only is possible because they were giving up their building. I wonder what things we need to give up and to let go of that will enable us to be in a new place mentally, physically and spiritually as Spring progresses and brings about transformation and New Life.

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If you are interested in walking and reflection there is a monthly walk on the 2nd Sunday afternoon of the month at 2pm within Calderdale. It is usually about 3 miles long. If you go to Walking 'The WAY' face book page <https://www.facebook.com/walkingthewaycalderdale> you can find information of the next walks or go to the website <https://www.calderdalemethodistcircuit.org.uk/about-us/walking-way.html> and you can see a collection of past walks and do them in your own time.

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WORDSEARCH CLUES

St Patrick's Day - Mothering Sunday - Annunciation - Lent

Leeks for St David's day, **daffodils** for the rest of the month:

March brings us **Spring**.

St **Patrick**, who brought Christianity to **Ireland**, is remembered with **parades**.

Mothering **Sunday** and **Mother's Day** are daffodils and Sunday celebrated with mor **lunch** 'out'.

March brings us the **Annunciation**, when the **angel** first appeared to **Mary** to tell her of her coming **pregnancy**.

March is the month of **Lent**, of **prayer** and **preparation** for Easter.

Mum **Wales** **Magnificat** **Fasting** **Angel**





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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

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LOCAL HISTORY

From Local Historian David Craven

HALIFAX GUARDIAN - 2ND MARCH 1895 - HALIFAX RAILWAYS

Sir,

In my last communication on this subject, which you kindly inserted in your issue Saturday, the 2nd ultimo, the writer promised at a future time to trace definitely the course of the suggested line through the Borough of Halifax, and show how the existing lines may be focussed at the central station. The writer has now the pleasure to hand you herewith a plan of the most populous part of the town of Halifax, upon which the course of the proposed line is shown in black dotted lines thus. The old Borough Boundary has, however, been extended, and now embraces the whole of the late Local Board District of Ovenden on the one hand and a considerable portion of the township of Southowram, on the other. A written description will suffice for these portions.

The line commences at Skipton Station, and passes along the route as previously given, and enters the County Borough of Halifax at Ogden Spa, and proceeds then via Upper Ings, and Stodfold, Upper Hays, Mixenden Mills, and then continues along the left bank of the Hebble Brook, to the Wheatley Station, now in course of construction on the Halifax High Level Railway, where a junction is provided with that railway, along which goods from Scotland, would pass if so required, right on to the top of the town, namely Pellon and St. Paul's Station, or the goods could be sent forward along the High Level and the Ovenden line to the bottom of the town.

After leaving Wheatley Station, the mainline continues down the Hebble Valley, past Brackenbed, Birks Hall, along the bottom part of Snake Hill Wood, under Beech Hill, past the top of Commercial Road and near the junction of Hanson Lane with Pellon Lane. The line of course is below the streets. It then passes forward under the Fire Brigade Station and under the yard and sheds built by the Corporation on which was the site of the Old Cattle Market. These buildings would not be interfered with in any way. It then passes under Lister Lane, at or near where Hall Street joins it, thence along the course of Brunswick Street and under Hopwood Lane and King Cross Street, forward along Delph Street and Trinity Place, passing by Savile Grove, then between the Vicarage and Well Head. It then continues over the new Skircoat Road, near where the forks branch off, one to Heath and the other to the Huddersfield Road. Thence it goes through the Shay Estate, on the side of the last named fork, passing over Shaw Hill, via Spring Hall, crossing the Salterhebble Valley at its narrowest part, then over the Whitegagte Lane, near the Board School and so on through Siddal and Far Exley to Elland.

A junction with the low level Lancashire & Yorkshire and Great Northern Stations, at the bottom of Horton Street, and this practically means also the North Bridge Station, can be made by branching from the main line at or near the Brickworks at Siddal and joining the Lancashire & Yorkshire at or near the bridge on the road leading from Shaw Syke through Messrs. Holdsworth's Mill Yard.

The writer will be glad to receive any suggestions or answer any questions which may be put to him as to the route, sites for stations or any other matter, especially affecting Halifax and the intermediate neighbourhood.

Yours truly,

Samuel Utley, 10 Waterhouse Street, Halifax.

1st March 1895

THE HALIFAX GUARDIAN, MARCH 2, 1895.
HALIFAX RAILWAYS.



ST. MALACHY'S NEWS

Our Parish Priest is Mgr Michael McQuinn

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Anon



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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.

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***Researched by Sue Taylor who is well known locally for her work
Litter Picking all over the North of Halifax and clearing
Illingworth Moor Methodist Church Graveyard.***

HOLMFIELD CHARITY SPORTS AND GALA 1922-1939

The first Gala was held at Ovenden Park in 1922, all the proceeds were to assist the Illingworth Nursing Association. The gala appears to have continued until 1939, after which, flags days were held.

Illingworth Nursing Association held its first meeting in 1902 and was funded entirely by local donations. For a long time the heavy demands on the District Nurse had meant she was considerably overworked but in 1924, proceeds from the gala had enabled the Association to employ a second nurse.

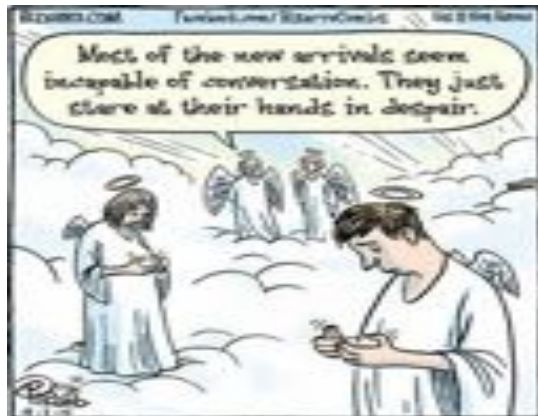
The tenth gala (1931) advertised, Gymnastic Display, Flower Show, exhibition sheep dog trials, dancing, sports, Lee Mount Prize Band and a stupendous firework display.

1934 saw the procession led by the Canal Iron works (Bradford) band, whilst a group of outriders from the local corps of the Legion of Frontiersmen acted as escort to the incoming Rose Queen. First prize in the Flower Show award, for Best Table Decoration went to N. Whittle (Greetland).

In 1939 the Gala was led by Lee Mount Silver Prize Band. Five Queens attended the gala, Rose Queen (Miss Jean Brown), the Queen elect (Miss Joyce Wright), the Halifax Wool Queen (Miss Mildred Marsden), the Royal Halifax Infirmary Queen (Miss Beryl Earnshaw) and the Ackroyden Ward Queen (Miss Marjorie Cawthra).

A feature of the Gala was the appearance of the Yorkshire Show competitors in horse jumping and gymkhana. By this time the gala's had raised over £3,000 for the Nursing Association.

Nursing services came under Government control in 1948 and instead of reviving the Gala the Committee decided to concentrate on raising funds (door to door) for an old folks's treat.



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If you are interested or have any questions please ring the Editor on 01422 249070 and your details will be passed on to the bowling club.



*Sunday, 26th March
2023*

SMILE LINES



Carry on

The vicar was making an appeal for more help with the Sunday School: “At the moment I’m just carrying on with a couple of single ladies!”

Breakdown Yesterday I broke down on the M1. One of those emergency trucks charged me £200 to pull me off. I think it was the abominable towman!

The Bible according to children

Children’s version of biblical stories and events have a charm all their own. The following efforts have not been retouched or corrected (i.e. bad spelling has been left in).

- ~ Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.
- ~ Noah built an ark, which the animals came on to in pears.
- ~ Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night.
- ~ The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten amendments.
- ~ Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.

GO! A teenager was always asking his father if he could borrow the family car. Pushed to the limit, the father asked his son why he thought that God had given him two feet. Without hesitation, the son replied, "That's easy, one for the clutch and one for the accelerator."

Present: For their elderly vicar’s 70th birthday, the congregation at St Mary's decided to give him a present of a new suit. The vicar was so moved by the gift that the following Sunday he stood before everyone and began his homily with a tear in his eye, “Today I am preaching to you in my birthday suit.”

Musings on daily life

‘Ecclesiastic’ is material used to fasten a clergyman’s robes.

A day without sunshine is like, well, night.

I am in shape. Round is a shape.

I plan on living forever. So far, so good.

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WORDSEARCH



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ALL IN THE MONTH OF MARCH

It was:

300 years ago, on 8th March 1723 that Sir Christopher Wren, English architect, died. Best known for designing St Paul's Cathedral.

100 years ago, on 4th March 1923 that Patrick Moore, the amateur astronomer, TV presenter, writer and musician was born. Best known for presenting the TV astronomy show *The Sky at Night* for over 50 years. (Died 2012)

80 years ago, on 13th March 1943 that the final liquidation of Krakow Ghetto in Poland took place. 8,000 Jews were transported to Plaszow labour camp, 2000 more were simply killed in the streets, and the rest were sent to Auschwitz.

70 years ago, on 19th March 1953 that the Academy Awards ceremony (the Oscars) were televised for the first time.

Also 70 years ago, on 26th March 1953 that Dr Jonas Salk announced that he had completed the first small-scale test of a polio vaccine. Larger tests began in February 1954, and mass vaccinations began in April 1955.

65 years ago, on 2nd March 1958 that the first land crossing of Antarctica was completed by the Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition, led by Vivian Fuchs. The team of 12 men travelled 2,158 miles from Shackleton Base to Scott Base (via the South Pole) in 99 days, using six vehicles.

50 years ago, on 8th March 1973 that the citizens of Northern Ireland voted in a referendum to remain within the United Kingdom. That same day the IRA carried out its first bombing in Britain since WWII, planting car bombs in London. One person died, 200 were injured.

40 years ago, on 6th March 1983 that Donald Maclean, British-born Soviet spy died. He was a member of the Cambridge Spy Ring.

Also 40 years ago, on 26th March 1983, that Anthony Blunt, British art historian and Soviet spy, died.

25 years ago, on 16th March 1998 that Rwanda began mass trials for the country's 1994 genocide. There were 125,000 suspects for 500,000 murders.

20 years ago, on 1st March 2003 that Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the al-Qaeda terrorist who masterminded the 9/11 attacks on the USA, was captured in Pakistan.

Also 20 years ago, on 12th March 2003 that the World Health Organisation issued a global alert about a severe form of pneumonia (now known as Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome – SARS) that was affecting people in China, Hong Kong and Vietnam.



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We are still awaiting the fixtures for our matches in The Spenser Wilson Halifax Cricket League which commences on Saturday, 15th April but as an interesting taster the first round draws of the various cup matches were drawn at a recent League meeting. The 1st XI has been drawn away to Upper Hopton in the first round of the Halifax Parish Cup and the 2nds have been given a home draw to play Bradley & Colnbridge, both fixtures to take place on Saturday, 6th May. In the T20 Cup Illingworth host a Group stage on Sunday, 11th June and hope to come top of a group including Bradshaw and Blackley so as to proceed to the T20 Cup Final also to be held for the first time at Illingworth on Sunday, 23rd July.

Our Senior winter nets for cricket training started at Halifax Trinity Academy on Thursday evenings from Thursday, 23rd February between 8 pm to 9.30 pm for six weeks but it's not too late to join in and we invite all interested players to come along and give it a go. We can accommodate players of all abilities so whether you are a regular player or haven't played for a while but fancy taking up some very worthwhile exercise do come along. Junior training has also started at Trinity Academy on Friday evenings and will continue to the end of March. U9's and U11'S 6 pm to 7 pm and U13'S 7 pm to 8 pm. Contact Danny on 07713-806438 for more details. Outdoor training and coaching for both seniors and juniors will start in April. Watch our website for details.

As always, we want to get more youngsters, girls and boys, playing cricket and we shall be running our usual Friday night Junior activities from mid April right through the summer.

We are looking to run a full quota of junior teams in 2023 as well as three senior teams so there is plenty of opportunity for everyone.

Meanwhile, as always there has been a lot happening round the club getting everything ready for the forthcoming season. Club members are tackling some of the re-decoration work needed after the electrical works and ground machinery is being prepared for the grass growing season.

Club volunteer work parties are being planned to do all the usual pre-season maintenance jobs so as always volunteers are warmly welcomed.

If you want any more details our web site address is www.illingworthcc.co.uk or ring Andrew Smith on 07979-645379

Andrew Smith

Club President



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19TH MARCH MOTHERING SUNDAY

Mothering Sunday is a day of mixed emotions. For many it's a happy, joyous day, but for others it's one of pain and grief. A day to celebrate love, while acknowledging those who cannot have children or have lost them and those who have no relationship with their mother.

In the dying moments of His life, Jesus honored Mary His mother by showing her love and care. He entrusted His mother to John's protection: *'When Jesus saw His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to her, 'Woman, here is your son,' and to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.'* (John 19:26,27). While affirming the importance of mothers, Jesus reminds us that the love we show on Mothering Sunday is just a token of our continuous appreciation of them.

Jesus also creates a new way of being family, marking the beginnings of the church. In the past, people would go back to their *'mother'* church on this Sunday, to acknowledge its importance in their lives. Jesus invites us into this new family of love and mutual belonging, where we can find a place, irrespective of our own family circumstances. Church is not always an easy place to be, because we are shaped by our own experience of mothering. We may find it hard to give or receive love without ourselves getting in the way. However, God's help is available to change things, *'because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.'* (Romans 5:5)

The mother of three difficult youngsters was asked whether she'd have children if she had it to do over again. *'Yes,'* she replied. *'But not the same ones.'*

WOODBINE WILLIE, BRINGING LOVE WITH CIGARETTES AND THE BIBLE

Here's a 'saint' that the Church of England remembers from the 1st World War - the Revd Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy MC, or 'Woodbine Willie', as everyone knew this popular, much-loved army chaplain on the Western Front.

Studdert Kennedy (27th June 1883 – 8th March 1929) had been born in Leeds as the seventh of nine children. After reading divinity and classics at Trinity College Dublin, he'd studied for ordination at Ripon Clergy College, and served his curacy at Rugby.

By the time war broke out in 1914, Studdert Kennedy was vicar of St Paul's Worcester. He soon volunteered to go to the Western Front as a chaplain to the army. Life on the front line in the trenches was a desperate affair, but soon Studdert Kennedy had hit on a way of bringing a few moments of relief to the stressed-out soldiers: as well as good cheer he gave out copious amounts of 'Woodbines', the most popular cheap cigarette of the time.

One colleague remembered Kennedy: "he'd come down into the trenches and say prayers with the men, have a cuppa out of a dirty tin mug and tell a joke as good as any of us. He was a chain smoker and always carried a packet of Woodbine cigarettes that he would give out in handfuls to us lads. That's how he got his nickname. He came down the trench one day to cheer us up. Had his Bible with him as usual. Well, I'd been there for weeks, unable to write home, of course, we were going over the top later that day. I asked him if he would write to my sweetheart at home, tell her I was still alive and, so far, in one piece... years later, after the war, she showed me the letter he'd sent, very nice it was. A lovely letter. My wife kept it until she died."

Kennedy was devoted to his men, so much so that in 1917 he was awarded the Military Cross at Messines Ridge, after running into no man's land in order to help the wounded during an attack on the German frontline.

During the war, Kennedy supported the British military effort with enthusiasm, but soon after the war, he turned to Christian socialism and pacifism. He was given charge of St Edmunds in Lombard St, London, and took to writing a number of poems about his war experiences: *Rough Rhymes of a Padre* (1918) and *More Rough Rhymes* (1919). He went on to work for the Industrial Christian Fellowship, for whom he did speaking tours. It was on one of these tours that he was taken ill, and sadly died in Liverpool in 1929. He was only 46.

His compassion and generosity in the face of the horrors of the Western Front was immortalised in the song 'Absent Friends': "Woodbine Willie couldn't rest until he'd given every bloke a final smoke before the killing." He himself had once described his chaplain's ministry as taking "a box of fags in your haversack, and a great deal of love in your heart."

THE VICAR'S LOST HIS IPAD!

The Vicar's lost his iPad –
Disaster's come to church!
His sermon's on that iPad
It's left him in the lurch!

He's been looking for that iPad
For most of half an hour,
He's searched the chancel and the nave
So now he's up the tower!

Oh! Where's he put that iPad?
He had it when he came!
He's searching high and searching low
It's driving him insane!

The angels in the hammer beams
For several hundred years
Have witnessed proper order
But now they're all in tears.

For chaos reigns below them
Upon this modern day
For everyone is searching now –
Both clergyman and lay!

The Vicar found his iPad
Tonight, we'll all be sleeping!
He sent a message from his phone
And set his iPad beeping!

And as he holds his iPad
We feel his happy glow;
But could he not have done that trick
That half-an-hour ago?

The answer comes upon us
That trick he could not do!
For, in the caverns of our church
He'd lost his smartphone, too!

By Nigel Beeton



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

In association with OSCA Foundation

Activities to be held in MARCH

Monday: 6.30 pm to 8 pm Taekwondo

Monday: 6.30 pm to 9 pm (except Bank Holidays) **ANDY'S MAN CLUB**

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 am Keep Fit

Thursday: 11 am - 12 noon Beginners Gentle 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

Thursday: Halifax Gateway Club 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm Enderby Hall

Whitehill/Ovenden WR U/14 Girls Football Team are recruiting players for this season, girls must be under 14 by August 31st. Matches are on Sunday mornings on the OSCA Foundation Site, more info phone David Clifford on 07359205276.

Floodlit All Weather 5 a-side football 3G pitch available for hire seven days a week at competitive prices.

Halifax Panthers Rugby League Open Age Ladies Team are now based at OSCA Foundation @ Forest Cottage. Fixtures will be held on Sunday afternoons at Four Fields on the OSCA Site.

PUBLIC BAR OPENING HOURS

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

LIVE MUSIC @ OSCA FOUNDATION LIVE MUSIC is continuing at OSCA FOUNDATION @ Forest Cottage on **SATURDAY MARCH 4TH** when the Halifax based **ACOUSTIC DOGZ** will be performing from 8 pm, admission is free, no tickets required. Bar. All welcome.

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Are you looking for a venue to play?



OSCA'S BAR, at Forest Cottage are looking to support new local talent and would like to offer you the chance to perform to a live audience.

If you are interested in having a go, then please get in touch to arrange a booking.

Contact Steve Smith on 07727860731 or email steve.smith@oscafoundation.org for more details.

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BREW AND BAKES

At Beechwood Road Library

2nd Thursday of every month

10.30 am to 11.30 am

Come and enjoy a free drink and cake.

Chat, browse our books selection, look at our local history section and much more.



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:

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
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TUESDAYS

KEEP FIT from 10 am to 11 am £4.00

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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

THE FIRST SESSION AT EVERY CLASS IS FREE

*****NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME AT ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES*****

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