



# ILLINGWORTH MESSENGER

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***Sunday, 29th October at 2 am***



## OCTOBER 2023

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CHURCH IN OCTOBER**

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8th October	Rev Paul Welch	Communion
15th October	Mr Hal Clarkson	(Facebook Live)
22nd October	Mrs Sue Ng	
29th October	Mr Craig Brown	

**NEIL MAKING**

We are very sorry to report the sad death of Neil Making on the 4th September 2023.

Neil had been poorly for some time but continued to bravely carry on and was still working for the Church just a few days before his death. Neil had been an active member at Illingworth Moor for over 30 years and was instrumental in the Church building redevelopment and served in many other capacities, latterly as Centre Manager.

The Thanksgiving Service was held at Illingworth Moor Methodist Church on the 18th September when a full Church was present and heard glowing tributes from family and friends. Neil will be greatly missed by his wife, Julie, and family and all his friends at Illingworth and far beyond.

## MESSAGE FOR OCTOBER

Autumn is here again, there is the usual round of Harvest Festivals and a getting ready for the colder days and darker nights.

The seasons change and so does life with it. Change is inevitable, sometime planned and sometimes we need to react to it. Over the course of a year there are moments to celebrate and other times to just remember and give thanks.



Each Autumn we see the colours changing on the leaves of the trees as they prepare to conserve their energy. There is a beautiful, magnificent display of colour that radiates from the trees. Yet, this celebration of colour may signify a slowing down, it also signifies hope of new life to come.

As Winter recedes, Spring emerges bringing life once more to trees that were only six months earlier vibrant and full of life. Over the course of a normal year in terms of the seasons, this is a normal pattern of life. Despite worrying spikes of weather that we see, the seasons are set in place and bring a certainty. At Harvest time and Autumn there is a sense of thanksgiving for what we have and an appreciation of life, despite the struggles many are facing.

For those who have faith, God is the certainty of being present, in the same way that the seasons are present and we receive the richness of the fruits of the harvest.

As we all know, life is unpredictable and throws up many challenges as well as being a blessing. We have to try and embrace life, and live life as best as we can, recognizing that even on a cloudy, rainy, cold day the sun still shines and is there. God is there too, whatever our day is like, either full of sun or a bit cloudy and dark.

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## WORDSEARCH CLUES

To St **Luke**, whose feast-day is 18<sup>th</sup> October, we owe a beautifully written gospel as well as the Book of Acts. He was a Greek **physician** and faithful travelling **companion** to St Paul. Under **house arrest** near the end of his life **Paul** noted, 'only Luke is with me'. Luke's gospel focuses on the **compassion** of Christ, and offers us moving **parables**, such as the **Good Samaritan** and **Prodigal Son**. **Women** figure more prominently



in Luke's gospel than in any other: look out for the extended story of the **Virgin Birth**, and stories of Mary, Elizabeth, and the woman who was a sinner. His gospel also features more **poor** people, more **lepers**, more 'sinners', who are all shown to be 'inside' the love of Christ. In Acts, Luke skilfully links **sacred** and **profane** history, as subsequent archaeology has shown. He tells of how the **early Christians** moved away from **Jerusalem** into the **pagan** world, and especially on to **Rome**.

*Editor: The Ven John Barton is intrigued by some modern-day usage of our language.*

## **THOSE OVER-THE-TOP WORDS THAT WE USE**

I'm trying to stop saying the word 'incredible'. It's overused and has become almost meaningless. "We are incredibly grateful"; "I had an incredible meal". As the word really means 'beyond belief or understanding', it can't actually apply - in either case.

'Unbelievable' is similarly misused. So is 'fantastic', which is meant to describe something belonging to an imaginary world. So, strictly speaking, a fantastic tennis player can't be a real one.

How about 'amazing'? Count how many times you hear it today. It should be reserved to describe something astonishing, out of this world. If you think about it, if everything is amazing or incredible, then nothing really is. When the exceptional becomes normal or commonplace, nothing is special.

We seem to be struggling to find words to convey something out of the ordinary. Try 'iconic'. Iconic only appeared recently and has been distorted to mean 'historic' or 'traditional' or 'classic'. My dictionary tells me iconic actually means something to do with an icon, which is a depiction of Christ, the Virgin Mary, or a saint.

In fact, most of these over-the-top words, now in everyday use, have a religious association. Originally, they were reserved to communicate otherness, difference, deep respect.

For example, what about 'awesome'? It should mean 'awe' or reverence. It's a take-your-breath-away word. Awe is what Moses felt when he saw a bush on fire, because it didn't actually burn away, and he sensed the presence of God. Awe is something St Peter experienced, when he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!'

If you try to imagine what Moses and Peter actually felt, words like 'unworthiness' and 'fear' might come to mind. They really were experiencing something out of the ordinary, too hot to handle. They were out of their depth. An experience like that stayed with them for life. They had encountered holiness. Now there's a word worth using.

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***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**

## LOCAL HISTORY

*Editor: This month's local history is taken from the Halifax Courier dated April 1979 when Eve Chapman remembers....*

Forty or 50 years ago, there were no discos, snack bars, youth clubs or anywhere much where we could make friends with the opposite sex.

Dances were serious affairs, where one had an escort and only by his permission might one dance with another youth.

Not for us, of course, the Victoria Hall; that was for those who could afford guineas for the Mayor's Charity Ball, the Infirmary or Police Balls, with their pretty dance programmes complete with tiny pencil!

We attended works dances and similar functions at Queen's Hall (just then emerging from King Cross Constitutional Club), or the Cafe Royal (later the Alexandra Hall), or the Empress Ballroom, over Burton's Tailors.

There were even cheaper dance halls but these ninepenny hops were frowned on by respectable parents like mine!

Yet, I cannot recall anything unpleasant happening at the Palais-de-Danse (less grand than it's name suggests), or even the ILP Rooms in St. James Street, where - apart from Saturdays - the admission was sixpence.

If you lived in Sowerby Bridge, you danced on the floored-in swimming bath! In winter, it was grandly called Prince's Hall, with a smaller adjacent Windsor Hall.

Of course, most of us belonged to churches and Sunday schools, where social events - though usually without dancing - were held. How many women remember the thrill of preparing a supper box for a cobweb social, where your long string was knotted, weblike, with others and your partner was the lad who got your string?

In the main these were the boys we married, almost literally the box next door. But, before serious courting began, there had to be the excitement of the chase, mild flirtations and this is where the Monkey Runs came into their own.

In winter, groups of two or three lads and others of girls would walk from the Victoria Hall to Hall End, maybe with a slight digression into George Square, where the Triangle and Hebden Bridge trams began.

After passing and repassing several times, a chance greeting would lead to a conversation which nobody took seriously - all part of the fun. No doubt Commercial Street in winter was chosen because it was well lit - you could see what you were getting!

But, come summer and the Monkey Run changed. Every Sunday afternoon, Savile Park Moor would be bright with pretty hats and alive with girlish giggles and gruff teasing from voices just breaking.



The alternative, favoured by many who had the necessary pennies to put in the entrance collection boxes, was People's Park. Sunday afternoon, Sunday evening, and again on Thursday evening, the innocent promenade began. We stood to attention for a hymn by the band for the hymn gave respectability to the proceedings; then we ceased our chatter again for the National Anthem but between it was a constant promenade, round the Round Pond, up the shallow steps to the terraces.

Few of us could afford the coppers for the seats round the bandstand and we were too restless to sit, we'd gone for the promenade, not for Sousa or Gilbert and Sullivan. The lads often draped themselves on railings until girls who attracted them had passed and they would. There was no loud conversation and certainly no horse-play. The park rangers were on duty to see that you neither put a foot nor a toffee wrapping on the sacred greensward, unless of course you'd paid for a seat! follow and "accidentally" make contact.

The Monkey Runs were fun while they lasted. Few permanent relationships came from them; we went back and married the boy next door or the one in the Church Choir. But the chase was fun, on both sides!



### *FALLING LEAVES*

*Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;  
Lengthen night and shorten day;  
Every leaf speaks bliss to me  
Fluttering from the autumn tree.*

*From a poem by Emily Bronte (1818-48)*

## ST. MALACHY'S NEWS

Our Parish Priest is Mgr Michael McQuinn

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**Communion Meal** every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** David Capon 07500860715 and  
Michelle Strange 07810560289

**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



**Illingworth Moor Methodist Church**

**every Friday, 12 o'clock start**

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*Editor: 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 NOW A GOOD TIME TO GROW OLD?**

“Don’t grow old,” a parishioner of advanced years warned me some while back. “You won’t like it.”

Sadly, that dear woman is no longer with us, and I’m a whole lot older than when she offered me that kind advice. But was there wisdom in her words?

It’s true that generally people are living longer and in better health than in generations before, but there are increasing challenges for older men and women in our society.

My friend, Maggie Dodd is an ‘Anna Chaplain’ for older people. She is one of around 300 such chaplains up and down the country. They spiritually support people – of strong, little or no faith – in care homes, sheltered housing or in their own homes.

Maggie has told me how life is becoming harder for older people, and we’ve swapped notes on what we have both observed.

She told me: “Some of the basic services older people need are becoming more difficult to access. I hear about doctor’s surgeries asking for patients to print out their own forms or send photos to or from smartphones. Banks are phasing out high street branches, pushing everyone towards online banking. Many older people feel very uneasy about going online, worried of being scammed out of their savings.

“A trip to the shops is also becoming more complicated. Checkouts in supermarkets are increasingly self-service. Mobility can also be affected as car parks often need an app to be uploaded onto a smartphone to park. In many car parks there is no option to pay by card or cash!”

Plans to remove the ticket offices at train stations will make matters worse for many older would-be rail travellers.

Maggie told me “This gradual marginalisation of people can leave them feeling lonely and isolated. Loneliness can have a huge detrimental effect on health and wellbeing. Prolonged social isolation and loneliness are the equivalent of smoking 15 cigarettes a day.”

It’s good that many churches run special events and activities for older people, as well as groups for all ages. But is this enough? Christians are called to follow Christ’s example and speak out for at risk of being marginalised in our society.

Today, that could be our older brothers and sisters.

**'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-us/walking-way.html>

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## A BEAR CALLED PADDINGTON

It was 65 years ago, on 14<sup>th</sup> October 1958, that Michael Bond's children's book, *A Bear Called Paddington*, was published. It marked the debut of the lovable Paddington Bear, who is now a household name after appearing in two irresistible films.

Paddington starred in more than 20 books written by Bond, who died aged 91 in 2017. The original story was inspired by the author witnessing Jewish and British evacuee children passing through Reading station. Bond wanted the bear to have come from "darkest Africa", but this was changed to Peru when his agent pointed out that there were no bears in Africa.

Many people have found Christian characteristics in the bespectacled, kind, red-hatted, innocent Paddington, who always tries to do the right thing but often gets into trouble as a result. He is invariably polite, but has a "hard stare" for those who behave badly. The two hugely successful films, with Ben Whishaw voicing Paddington and household names in other roles, established the bear in the national psyche – a natural successor to Winnie the Pooh.

A stuffed toy Paddington Bear was chosen by British tunnellers as the first item to be passed to their French counterparts when the two sides of the Channel Tunnel came together in 1994. The books have been translated into 30 languages and have sold more than 30 million copies.

Paddington has also reached the very top of society. Comedian and later President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky dubbed him in the Ukrainian version of the films, and to cap everything, Paddington joined the late Queen in one of her last public appearances – a brilliant comedy segment in the Platinum Party at the Palace on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022, in which the Queen 'revealed' that she always carried a marmalade sandwich – Paddington's favourite food – in her handbag.

## HALLOWEEN – SOME STATISTICS

We are following the Americans in spending more and more money on Halloween.

Since 2013, UK consumer spending for Halloween products has more than doubled. It's gone from about £230 million in 2013 to about £687 million last year, according to the statistics website [statista.com](https://www.statista.com).

Of that amount, we spent nearly £29 million last year on pumpkins alone. If you get a pumpkin this year, consider leaving the carving of it until the day before, as pumpkins perish quickly when exposed to the air.

After Halloween, the jack o' lantern pumpkins are a bit too stringy to eat, but their seeds are delicious. Simply scrape them out of the pumpkin, rinse them clean, and bake them on a baking tray with olive oil, salt, and chilli flakes until golden brown. They make a delicious snack.

As for the scary decorations, how seriously do people take them? A recent survey found that the over-55s are least likely to believe in real ghosts, while over half of 18-to-24-year-olds either do believe in them, or else are not quite sure.





## SMILE LINES

*Editor: October brings St Luke's day, and as St Luke is the patron saint of physicians and surgeons, we thought you might enjoy these comments, allegedly taken from actual medical records, dictated by doctors.*

### ***From medical records....***

- On the second day, the knee was better and on the third day it had completely disappeared.
- The patient has been depressed ever since she began seeing me in 2022.
- Alive, but without permission.
- She slipped on wet leaves in late September, and her legs went in separate directions.
- The patient was released to the Outpatient department without dressing.
- She is numb from the toes down.

**Noise** - The wheel of my grocery cart was making a horrible scraping sound as I rolled it through the supermarket. Nevertheless, when I finished my shopping and saw a cartless woman, I offered it up, explaining, "It makes an awful complaining noise, but it works."

"That's okay," she said cheerfully, taking it. "I have a husband at home like that."

**Apples** - Mother: "Martin, last night I put two apples in this cupboard and now there is only one. How do you explain that?"

Martin: "I expect it was so dark I couldn't see the other one."

**Salt** - The Sunday School teacher was describing how when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom, she turned into a pillar of salt. Young James nodded with understanding. "My mum looked back once while she was driving," he observed, "and she turned into a telephone pole."

**Chicken and pig** - A chicken and a pig were walking by a church where a gala charity event was taking place. Getting caught up in the spirit of the fun, the chicken suggested to the pig that they each contribute to the meal. "Let's offer them ham and eggs!"

"Not so fast," said the pig. "For you, that's a contribution. For me, it's a total commitment."

### ***Those Church Bulletin notes that didn't quite work as intended***

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community.

Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

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*“A clear conscience makes a soft pillow.” - Anon*

## ALL IN THE MONTH OF



### ***It was:***

100 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 1923 that Nicholas Parsons, radio and TV game show host and actor was born. Best known for hosting *Just a Minute* and *Sale of the Century*. (Died 2020)

90 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 1933 that physicist Albert Einstein arrived in the USA as a refugee from Nazi Germany.

80 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 1943 that the Burma Railway was completed. The Japanese built it using Asian labourers and Allied prisoners-of-war, thousands of whom died. One of the railway bridges is the famous film *Bridge over the River Kwai*.

75 years ago, on 27<sup>th</sup> Oct 1948 that the Morris Minor car was launched at the British Motor Show at Earl's Court in London. It cost £358.

70 years ago, on 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 1953 that former US Secretary of State George Marshall was awarded the 1953 Nobel Peace Prize for engineering the Marshall Plan – a massive economic aid programme for Europe in the aftermath of WWII.

Also 65 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 1958 that the State Opening of the British Parliament was televised for the first time.

60 years ago, on 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 1963 that the term 'Beatlemania' first appeared in the Daily Mirror newspaper in the UK. It described the intense, frenzied reaction of fans of the Beatles.

40 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 1983 that Lech Walesa, leader of the Solidarity movement in Poland (and later President of Poland) was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Also 40 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 1983 that Microsoft Word 1.0 was released. It was the first version of the popular word processor, and Microsoft's first full-featured application.

30 years ago, on 15<sup>th</sup> Oct 1993 that South African leaders Nelson Mandela and F.W. de Klerk, won the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts to end apartheid.

25 years ago, on 16<sup>th</sup> Oct 1998 that David Trimble and John Hume won the 1998 Nobel Peace Prize for brokering the Northern Ireland peace accord.

20 years ago, on 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2003, that Mother Teresa was beatified by Pope John Paul II and given the title Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. (She was canonised as Saint Teresa of Calcutta in 2016.)

15 years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> Oct 2008 that the 2008 financial crisis 'Bloody Friday' took place. The world's stock exchanges suffered one of the worst declines in their history – about 10% in most cases. About £89.5 billion was wiped off the value of Britain's biggest companies.



## ILLINGWORTH ARLFC

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Beechwood Road Library 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**



Another cricket season has drawn to a close and we live in hope that we will still have some good weather to come although we do seem to be getting the tail end of hurricanes on a regular basis at the moment. As usual we have had a lot of work to do to put the playing area to bed for the winter. The whole of the square has been scarified, re-seeded and top

dressed with loam which even with unpaid volunteer labour has cost the club nearly £2,000 for the materials needed. Without this care and attention the wicket area would rapidly deteriorate. The whole area has also been covered with special sheets to encourage germination of the grass before any cold weather sets in.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI have had a good season and have finished as Runners Up in the Premier Division behind worthy champions Thornton who were undefeated throughout the season. Blackley and Mytholmroyd have been relegated and replaced by Warley and Shelf/Northowram.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI have finished as champions of the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Premier League for the first time which is a great achievement and is testament to the strength in depth of our cricketers. The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI too have had a great season and finished as Runners Up in Division 2 of the Sunday League and will be playing Division 1 cricket again in 2024.

On the junior front due to the great hard work of our volunteers we again have had two teams in action at U9 and U11 level and they continue to make huge progress and are the future of the club. We had a terrific end of season Junior Presentation Night with an absolutely packed clubhouse and even the famous Harry Brook of Yorkshire and England fame sent a personalised video message to the club juniors which was shown on the big screen. We have again run the All Stars Cricket sessions and Junior training on Friday nights throughout the summer which have been very well received and we are looking to repeat something similar for 2024. We are always looking to encourage more cricket being played both at the club and in the local schools and would love to have a full set of junior teams next year. We will again be holding junior cricket training sessions over the winter starting in February. Any boy or girl who would like to have a try at cricket would be most welcome – just get in touch. We have also supported the Cricket Asylum Charitable Trust to run Cricket Summer Holiday Camps at the club over the school summer holidays and hopefully some of those taking part will become future members of the club.

Bearing in mind it is late in the year the ground is still looking well and there is plenty to look forward to over the winter with a Club and League Dinner and a number of social activities to pay for the running of the club before we start it all again in 2024. The club is also available during winter for private functions. So do get in touch if you would like to use the club's facilities. Our web site address is [www.illingworthcc.co.uk](http://www.illingworthcc.co.uk)

*Andrew Smith*

Club President

**School Uniform** **FREE**  
**Illingworth Moor Methodist Church**

Shop opening days  
Every Friday  
10.00am till 3.30pm

Check Facebook  
for up to date  
information



Look for the rail in the entrance during  
cafe opening times.  
Tuesday to Friday 9am till 1pm

**FREE**

If we don't have what you need then contact Tracy  
Email: [immctracy@gmail.com](mailto:immctracy@gmail.com)  
Phone, Message, WhatsApp: 07748271570

**Please join us at Church to celebrate the  
Illingworth Moor Girls' Brigade  
(9th Halifax)**

**50th Anniversary**

**1973 - 2023**

**Sunday, 12th November 2023**

**4 pm to 5.30 pm**

Come along to celebrate 50 years of Girls' Brigade at  
Illingworth Moor.

Join us for coffee and cakes and a chance to reminisce  
with others who have been connected with 9th Halifax  
Girls' Brigade over the last 50 years.

Please invite any former girls/leaders you know who  
might not see this to join us too.

**Got Questions?**

Is there more to life than this?

Does God exist?

What happens next?

Starts Sunday 24th September  
 2.30pm-4pm, Illingworth Children's Centre,  
 Occupation Lane, HX2 9RL  
 To find out more visit [www.halifaxelimchurch.org.uk](http://www.halifaxelimchurch.org.uk),  
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## RELIGIOUS STUDIES ON THE DECREASE

The number of students taking Religious Studies at A-level has decreased by 3.5 per cent in England, and by 24 per cent in Wales. This is despite an overall increase in the total number of students taking A-levels.

14,690 students took an Religious Studies A-level in England in 2023, compared with 15,216 last year. In Wales, the numbers were down from 982 to 748.

The chair of the Religious Education Council said that the decline shows “the really concerning impact that teacher retention and recruitment is having on the subject.” Between 2003 and 2022, Religious Studies was one of the fastest-growing A-level courses, with a 39-per-cent rise in student numbers. The recent drop in numbers has coincided with concern about the training and retention of specialist Religious Studies teachers.

The Children’s Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, recently called for better provision and resourcing. She emphasised the importance of Religious Studies as a “safe space” for discussing “important and exciting philosophical, religious and moral conundrums”.

## **SAD PEOPLE NEED OUR HELP AND UNDERSTANDING**

The nights are getting darker, and many people are getting SAD, as the autumn closes in around us. SAD is properly called '*Seasonal Affective Disorder*', and it is a kind of seasonal depression.

How can you tell if someone has SAD? The symptoms include: a persistent low mood, a loss of pleasure in everyday things, irritability, despair, guilt, lethargy, sleepiness, a craving for carbohydrates and difficulty in concentrating.

No one knows exactly the cause of SAD, but it is often linked to reduced exposure to sunlight during the short autumn and winter days. Lack of sunlight may affect the part of the brain called the hypothalamus, which then affects the production of melatonin, the production of serotonin, and the body's own internal clock.

If you suspect that you may be getting SAD, contact your doctor. Doctors can offer tips on lifestyle changes, light therapy from a light box, talking therapies, and antidepressant medicine.

## **THE MAN WHO CREATED THOSE LIONS IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE**

It was 150 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> October 1873, that Sir Edwin Landseer, artist and sculptor, died. He is known mainly for his animal paintings, and for the lion sculptures at the base of Nelson's Column in London.

He was a popular painter in his lifetime, appealing to people across class boundaries, and his death was marked by houses lowering blinds, flags flying at half-mast and crowds lining the streets for his funeral at St Paul's Cathedral.

An art prodigy, the young Edwin learned swiftly from his father, who was a talented engraver, and received tuition from several skilled artists. He first exhibited at the Royal Academy at the age of 13 (an 'Honorary Exhibitor'), was elected an Associate at the minimum age of 24 and became an Academician in 1831, aged 29.

Although Landseer was a Londoner, having been born there in 1802, he became very fond of the Scottish Highlands, which he first visited in 1824, and many of his best-known paintings, such as *Monarch of the Glen*, are set there. Queen Victoria commissioned many from him.

But his connection with the Highlands also stemmed from the time he enjoyed there with his lover Georgiana, Duchess of Bedford, the wife of his first major patron – John Russell, the 6th Duke of Bedford. She was twice Landseer's age when he met her at the age of 21, having been commissioned to paint her portrait, but they fell in love, and the Duke, who was considerably older, permitted the relationship, which continued after his death.

But because their only child, Lady Rachel Russell, did not bear his name, Landseer was unable to cope mentally, and he suffered a severe nervous breakdown, leading to prolonged depression and hypochondria. In 1872 he was declared insane at the request of his family. He had been knighted in 1850.



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

In association with OSCA Foundation

**Activities to be held in OCTOBER**

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: 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

**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.

**Ovenden West Riding Junior Football Club** at OSCA Foundation, Cousin Lane. Kick off times from 9.30 am through till 12 noon. Teams from u/7 through to u12 for both boys and girls. New and old players welcome. Contact Steve on 07727860731

**Ovenden West Riding Girls' Football** section are looking for new Lionesses to join their u/10 girls training squad. Matches will begin in mid October. Girls need to be under 10 before August 31st 2023. More information about training contact Heath on 07961209093 or Nial on 07922089240.

**PUBLIC BAR OPENING HOURS IN OCTOBER**

Friday 7 pm - 10 pm / SATURDAY CLOSED /

Sunday 12 noon to 6.30 pm

Children allowed under parental supervision.

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**



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## DOG WALKING & GARDENING

Regular, occasional and one off walks  
Puppy visits to feed, play and toilet  
Cats, rabbits, fish etc. cared for



Lawns mowed—regularly or occasional  
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Phone Andrea on 07886527537

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## CAR BOOT SALE & TABLE TOP SALE AT OSCA FOUNDATION,



**Forest Cottage, Cousin Lane, HX2 8AD**

**On Sundays, 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**Sellers from 8 am**

**Buyers start 9 am**

**Book your £10 table with Neil 07530874386. If you prefer to sell outside you must provide your own table.**

**Light refreshments will be on sale**

## **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.



**CREW is a local registered charity**

**"Aiming to keep Calderdale fit and healthy"**

We have an exercise class at Forest Cottage every Thursday at 9.45 am

**We have walk-it health walks of 60 - 150 minutes**

**Monday 1 pm Beechwood Medical Centre  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

**Monday 1 pm Keighley Road Medical Centre, Illingworth  
9<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> October**

**Every Friday 10 am Illingworth Moor Methodist Church  
Approx. 4 miles**

**All of our information is on our website**

**[www.crewheartsupport.co.uk](http://www.crewheartsupport.co.uk) / [crewpartners.hsg@gmail.com](mailto:crewpartners.hsg@gmail.com)**

## **WALKING FOOTBALL**

at Forest Cottage, Cousin Lane, HX2 8AD

**Tuesdays at 12 noon All welcome**

For further information contact  
[revpwelch@gmail.com](mailto:revpwelch@gmail.com)





**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 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> 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*

**THE FIRST SESSION AT EVERY CLASS IS FREE**  
**\*\*\*NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME AT ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES\*\*\***

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