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Sunday, 10th March



Good Friday, 29th March



*Easter Sunday,
31st March*



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3rd March	Local Arrangements with All Age Parade
10th March	Mr Jonathan Whitaker
17th March	Mrs Stella Christie
24th March	Palm Sunday Rev Paul Welch
29th March	Good Friday Service at 7 pm
31st March	Easter Sunday Rev Graham Smith Communion

EASTER MESSAGE

Rejoice in the beauty of Springtime,

The freshness, the hope and the joy.

Rejoice in the message of Easter,

The wonder the world can't destroy.

New life and new faith for all people,

The promise that Easter imparts

Rejoice in the hope for the future,

The message to lift all our hearts.

Written by one of our Shop Volunteers who wishes to remain anonymous.

WHY WE SHOULD BE LIKE DONKEYS

Are you a pet-lover? Many people own a dog, a cat or a budgie, but most of us don't own a donkey! Yet in Bible times, donkeys were essential to daily life. They did everything from helping to grind corn, to ploughing, to carrying people, to transporting their belongings. Despite their small frame, donkeys are surprisingly tough. They can survive on poor fodder, can travel an average of 20 miles a day.

There are two occasions in the Christian calendar where donkeys walk into the picture. At Christmas, Mary travelled the 100 miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem on a donkey. And although a donkey doesn't get a specific mention in the manger story, that same one that transported her was probably there; where else would it have been?

On Palm Sunday Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey. Jesus deliberately chose this animal rather than a horse. Why? In Bible times, the horse was associated with war, conquest and worldly might. But the donkey was a symbol of peace and humility. So, Jesus used this animal to show that He had come with the dignity of the king of peace. His entry into the Holy City also fulfilled Zechariah's prophecy concerning the Messiah.



Donkeys are hardworking and undemanding. They wait for their master to put them to the work He has chosen for them. And, remarkably, each one bears the mark of the Cross on their backs!

Perhaps that is something we should learn—to wait for Jesus our Master, to be always obedient to Him, to serve Him with all our hearts, and to bear the mark of His grace in our lives.



'WALKING THE WAY'

which is a monthly
Reflective walk around Calderdale which takes
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starting at 2pm.

For more information, here is the website Calderdale
Walking the Way

[https://www.calderdalemethodistcircuit.org.uk/
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LOVE AND SERVE ONE ANOTHER

On *Maundy Thursday* we recall the *final command* that *Jesus* gave to His *disciples* before His *death*. After the *Last Supper*, He rose and *washed* His disciples' *feet*. This was *astonishing* for a '*teacher*' to do, but He had a firm *purpose* in mind: "A new command I give you: Love one another. . . *As* I have *loved* you, so you *must* love *one another*." His disciples were to love through *service*, not *domination*, of one another.

In *Latin*, the opening phrase of this sentence is 'mandatum novum do vobis'. The word 'mundy' is thus a corruption of the Latin 'mandatum' (or command). The 'washing of the feet' *ceremony* was an important part of the *medieval* church's liturgy, symbolising the *humility* of the clergy, in *obedience* to the example of Christ.

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Or have a full meal from Sarah's tempting menu?

BOYS' BRIGADE - MONDAYS



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Junior Section: 8 - 10 years (arrive 6.15 pm to start at 6.30 pm until 8.15 pm)

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: 5-7 years (5.30 pm to 7.15 pm) small number of places available;

Juniors: 7-11 years (6.45 pm to 8.30 pm) now full with a waiting list;

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

LOCAL HISTORY

Editor: This month's Local History is taken from the Halifax Courier of May 1980 when Mrs Eve Chapman wrote about 'Those May Sunday pilgrimages to Shibden Spa at sunrise': **THE WAR ON DEMON DRINK**

The restoration of the first Monday in May as a Bank Holiday will doubtless send many local folk to enjoy the advertised attractions of Shibden Park. But it's fairly certain they won't follow their forebears to Shibden Spa on Sunday especially at 6 am!

This unusual practice was triggered by the Temperance movement which gained local momentum with the formation of The Halifax Temperance Society on January 17th 1832.

Meeting first in the Lancastrian School in Great Albion Street, it rapidly grew strong in its fight against the habitual drunkenness seen in the streets when licensing hours were completely uncontrolled. By 1840, they had a bright idea of propaganda.

The properties of the Horley Green (Shibden) Spa had been rediscovered and the medicinal value of iron, salenite and ochre attracted many people to the well. Obviously, the Temperance Society believed in water drinking and arranged great meetings at the Spa, from its opening in April 1840. The first Temperance meeting was held on May Sunday of the same year and by 1860, a juvenile organisation called the Band of Hope was also formed.

The May meetings continued for 90 years, first at Shibden and later at Savile Park. In 1893, for example, a crowd of 4,000 was addressed by Ben Tillett, a champion of the working class and a temperance enthusiast. People walked (no Sunday transport then) long distances to arrive soon after sun up at the Spa.

In the 1840's they had a Saturday procession as well, where a man carried a tall pole bearing a loaf on top and a banner with the legend: "Eat grain not drink it." The Saturday Gala in the Piece Hall had 600 dancers to attract a crowd of over 2,000 people to prove that they didn't need alcohol to make them happy. Another attraction, in 1845, was an electric machine - a battery shock was given for a halfpenny!

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The Report on Halifax Pleasure Fair said the Gala had done them a great deal of financial harm, which was perhaps what the Temperance party was hoping to do.

The Temperance movement had also the support of the Commercial Travellers Abstinence movement and Temperance Hotels, such as Maudes in Broad Street, grew up to cater for teetotal travellers.

When the Halifax Society bought the former County Court building in Market Street in 1878 and renamed it Central Hall, there were very few eating places other than public houses and the local leaders felt positive action was needed.

So the Halifax Cocoa House Trust and Refreshment Company Ltd. Was formed for the sole purpose of providing good meals without alcoholic drinks. Their premises were placed strategically at Lee Bridge, North Bridge, Winding Road and Gibbet

Street, where there were many potential customers from nearby factories.

The Central Hall itself was slightly different, catering for a fluctuating trade and I have this on the authority of my mother, who worked there from 1893, when she was 12. Like the public houses, they knew no limitations of opening, and she worked from 6 am to help prepare breakfasts for the incoming farmers bringing animals to slaughter and for the local carriers who fed the villagers with their daily needs.

She recalled how the farmers would bring their own chops and steaks to be cooked to their liking when they returned from the abattoir.

Probably the stringent rationing of the First World War and the death of the first directors - who were succeeded by a generation less interested in total abstinence - was the death blow of the cocoa company, added to which the licensing laws were more keen and there was less obvious drunkenness in the streets.

The last united effort of the Temperance Society and the Band of Hope was the “May Festival” led by Mr Handel Moore. On the first Saturday of May, children’s choirs totalling 500 youngsters filled the tiers on the Victoria Hall platform (now the Civic Theatre) from about 1900 to the beginning of the last war.

A poster for the Halifax Concert Band. At the top is a large oval logo with concentric rings of blue, yellow, and green. Inside the oval, the words "HALIFAX CONCERT BAND" are written in bold white capital letters. Surrounding the logo are several small black musical notes. Below the logo, the text "Playing at Illingworth Moor Church" is written in bold black font. Underneath that, "Saturday 16th March at 2pm." is written in bold black font. Then, "£8 per Ticket" is written in bold black font, followed by "Refreshments included" in bold black font. To the right of this text is a red rectangular logo for "Illingworth Moor Methodist Church" featuring a white cross. At the bottom of the poster is a red silhouette of a band performing, with various instruments like brass and woodwinds visible.

Contact Wyn on 01422 244494 for tickets or pay on the door.

ST. MALACHY'S NEWS

Our Parish Priest is Mgr Michael McQuinn

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Vicar: Revd Robb Sutherland, 01422 353929 email
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Church Wardens: David Capon 07500860715 and
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Church Youth Group: Tuesdays 7 pm -8.30 pm

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PRESS RELEASE

WHEN CHAMPION JACK CAME TO TOWN!

We are delighted to announce that Historic England have awarded Yorkshire based **History In Action CIC** their second Everyday Heritage Grant to celebrate working class community history! This time the spotlight is on Ovenden, a sprawling estate high above the town of Halifax in Calderdale, and the legendary **Champion Jack Dupree**, international blues musician, is at the heart of it all.

During the 60s, Champion Jack and his American station wagon were a familiar, if unusual, sight around Ovenden and Halifax. Jack had met and married a local girl, Shirley, and their Ovenden home became the base from which he continued touring. He worked with greats such as **John Lee Hooker, BB King** and **Eric Clapton**, all of whom stayed over after gigs to keep the party going and if they were lucky, Jack would cook up some of his favourite New Orleans food!

Working with the local community, History in Action will undertake an oral history project, recording the memories of those who knew Champion Jack or who followed the music scene in the valley at the time. A final performance will weave together memory and music in celebration of Jack's amazing life.

If you knew Champion Jack, or heard him play, or maybe your Mum or Dad did, if you were part of the 60s Halifax music scene yourself, then we'd love to hear from you!

Join us at Forest Cottage Centre, Cousin Lane, Ovenden on Tuesday March 12th between 4.30 and 6.30pm for an informal meet and chat to share your memories.

Follow us on social media or email mick@historyinaction.net to find out more.

THE STORY OF ASPIRIN

You will probably have taken aspirin, in one form or other, many times. But how much do you know of its history?



It was 125 years ago this month, on 6th March 1899 that the German pharmaceutical company Bayer first patented aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid).

But this is based on salicylic acid, which was used in herbal medicines as far back as Sumerian times, in 2500 BC. It was then that the Assyrians used willow leaves for rheumatic disease. The Egyptians also used willow leaves, as well as myrtle, to ease joint pain or inflammation.

In Greece, Hippocrates (460-377 BC) recommended an extract of willow bark for fever, pain and childbirth. And even the peoples of ancient China, Rome, and Native America all discovered and used plants containing salicylic acid.

Fast forward to Chaucer's 14th century, and the Knight's Tale recommends the use of meadow sweet for pain, another source of acetylsalicylic acid.

In 1763, some science was introduced, when an English clergyman, the Revd Edward Stone, used willow bark to successfully treat fever 'ague' in 50 of his parishioners. He carefully documented it all for the President of the Royal Society.

In 1828, Johann Andreas Buchner, a Professor of Pharmacology at the University of Munich, purified salicin from willow bark.

In 1859, Professor Hermann Kolbe, at Marburg University worked out the chemical structure of salicylic acid and made it synthetically.

In 1897, Dr Felix Hoffman, a German chemist at Friedrich Bayer and Co, managed to produce pure stable acetylsalicylic acid (ASA). His discovery was the *first time* that a drug had been made synthetically, and so it was the birth of both aspirin and the pharmaceutical industry.

Finally, in early 1899 the new compound was named and registered Aspirin. The 'A' comes from acetyl and 'spir' from the first part of *Spirea ulmaria* (Meadowsweet) a botanical source of salicylic acid.

So next time you take an aspirin, think of the Assyrians chewing willow leaves, 4,000 years ago.

Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the souls you can, in every place you can, at all the times you can, with all the zeal you can, as long as ever you can.

John Wesley

Editor: The Revd Dr Jo White considers church gates this month...

REFLECTING FAITH: Lychgates

On the moors near to where I used to live in West Yorkshire, there were a couple of large stones with crosses marked on them. Many people thought that they were boundary or marker stones, and in so far as they marked the way towards the oldest church in that area they were. To be more exact, they were on the route towards the oldest churchyard.

In ages past bodies were carried by hand, sometimes over long distances, and there were restrictions placed on where they could be laid to allow the bearers to rest. These two stones were 'resting' stones.

When a body arrived at the church for burial, it would again be put down while the administrative formalities were carried out, and again the bearers could rest. So, a resting stone was placed at the edge or start of the consecrated land around the church.

The priest conducting the funeral would meet the cortege here, not originally out of respect, but rather to receive the required legal certificate for burial before he allowed them to enter the church grounds.

Because of typical English weather - rain and wind - it was usually sheltered, and benches were built for the bearers. There would also be a cross within the construction to signify the start of holy land. This is what today we call the 'lych-gate'; lych coming from the anglo-saxon word *lich* or *lic*, related to the modern German word *leiche*, all meaning corpse.

Few old lychgates remain today, as many were destroyed or damaged after the Reformation, and most of those that survived were constructed of timber and have since decayed. In the eighteenth century, when the use for the resting stones and thus lychgates declined, many were removed and replaced with gates, often retaining the shelter as it continues to be a meeting place for the priest to receive funeral parties.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY BARBIE!

It was 65 years ago, on 9th March 1959 that the Barbie doll was first launched at the International Toy Fair in New York City. So, 9th March is Barbie's official birthday.

Here are some things you may not know about the doll:

Barbie is arguably the world's most popular doll. In fact, more than 100 are sold every minute.

Barbie is 11-inches (29cm) tall and made of plastic. She has dubious origins, for she was modelled on a curvaceous doll in Germany called Lilli, who had originated as a highly risqué cartoon character in the West German newspaper *Bild Zeitung*.

Barbie was designed by Jack Ryan, an engineer who worked on guided missile systems used by the US military. He developed her iconic twisting waist and bendable knee joints that clicked.



In 1959 Barbie was 'born' in Southern California, the brainchild of Ruth Handler, who had co-founded the Mattel toy company with her husband in 1945. She wanted an adult doll that would inspire girls in the same way action figures of firefighters and soldiers encourage boys.

In 1961 Mattel launched Barbie's boyfriend, Ken. (The Handler's children were named Barbara and Ken.) In 1980, Barbie was given an African American incarnation and a Latino incarnation.

The original Barbie had impossible body proportions. If she had been human, she would have been 5 feet 9 inches tall and weigh 110 pounds. Her bust, waist, and hip measurements would be 36, 18, and 38 inches respectively. Her neck wouldn't be able to support her head, and her tiny ankles and feet would make walking impossible.

Barbie's first 'job' was as a fashion model. Since then, the doll has had more than 250 careers. These include being a surgeon, serving in the military, and even being an astronaut.

Barbie has been positioned as the 'ultimate American girl', but she has never been manufactured in the United States, to avoid higher labour costs. More than a billion Barbie dolls have been sold since 1959.

To celebrate, the Design Museum in London is holding an exhibition this summer, to tell the story of "one of the most recognisable brands on the planet."

THE CONSEQUENCES OF TURNING DOWN A SOCIAL INVITATION

77 per cent of us have accepted an invitation to an activity that we did not want to attend.

But according to recent research at West Virginia University, we may be over-estimating the anger and disappointment we will cause if we say no.

As one researcher confessed: "I was once invited to an event that I absolutely did not want to attend, but I attended anyway because I was nervous that the person who invited me would be upset if I did not, and that appears to be a common experience. Our research shows, however, that the negative ramifications of saying no are much less severe than we expect."

The recent study found that, as long as the person who refuses the invitation provides a reasonable explanation, then any anger or disappointment is greatly reduced. That is good news to those of us who are struggling to cope with the commitments and events we already have at present.

As one doctor said, "Burnout is a real thing... don't be afraid to turn down invitations here and there. But keep in mind that spending time with others is how relationships develop, so don't decline every invitation."



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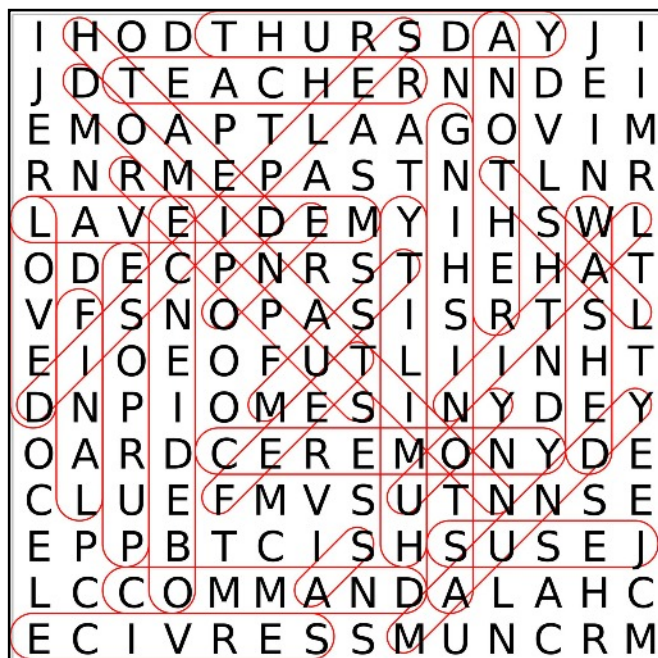
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WORDSEARCH



ALL IN THE MONTH OF MARCH

It was:

500 years ago, on 19th March 1524 that Florentine explorer Giovanni de Varrazano became the first European to reach the Atlantic coast of North America. He reached North Carolina, continued northwards to New Brunswick in Canada, and then sailed southwards to Florida. 250 years ago, on 16th March 1774 that Matthew Flinders, British navigator and cartographer, was born. He led the first inshore navigation of Australia, and was the first person to call the country by that name.

150 years ago, on 30th March 1874 that Charles Lightoller, British naval officer, was born. He was Second Officer on the RMS Titanic, and the most senior member of the crew to survive the sinking in 1912. He was also a commanding officer in the Royal Navy during WW1, and took part (as a retired volunteer) in the Dunkirk evacuation in WW2.

125 years ago, on 6th March 1899 that the German pharmaceutical company Bayer patented aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid).

100 years ago, on 25th March 1924 that Greece became a republic. The monarchy was abolished, and the Second Hellenic Republic was proclaimed.

90 years ago, on 9th March 1934 that Yuri Gagarin, Soviet cosmonaut, was born. He was the first man in space. (Died 1968)

80 years ago, from 24th to 25th March 1944, that the Great Escape took place. 76 Allied prisoners of war broke out of the Stalag Luft III prisoner-of-war camp near Sagan, Germany after digging three tunnels. Three of the prisoners escaped, 73 were recaptured, and 50 were executed. The event was dramatized in the film *The Great Escape*.

75 years ago, on 10th March 1949 that the 1948 Arab-Israeli War ended. Israeli victory.

65 years ago, on 9th March 1959 that the Barbie doll was launched at the International Toy Fair in New York City. 9th March is Barbie's official birthday.

60 years ago, on 6th March 1964 that American world heavyweight boxing champion Cassius Clay was given the name Muhammad Ali, after joining the Nation of Islam.

50 years ago, on 29th March 1974 that the Terracotta Army was discovered in Shaanxi, China by a group of farmers who were digging a well. The 8,000 life-sized warriors, plus chariots and horses were buried with the first Emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang (247 BC to 221 BC) to protect him in the afterlife.

40 years ago, 5th March 1984 to March 1985 that the 1984 miners' strike took place. 6000 coal miners in Yorkshire began a strike, to protest against pit closures and job losses. By 12th March the strike in Yorkshire became a national one, involving tens of thousands of miners. 30 years ago, on 12th March 1994 that the first women priests in the Church of England were ordained.

25 years ago, 21st March 1999 that Ernie Wise, British comedian and actor (Morecambe and Wise) died.

20 years ago, on 30th March 2004 that Alistair Cooke, British-born American journalist and broadcaster died. Known for his insightful broadcasts on American culture, in *Letter from America*.

10 years ago, on 18th March 2014 that Russia annexed Crimea following a controversial referendum in which its citizens voted to secede from Ukraine. Many of those loyal to Ukraine boycotted the referendum, and it was declared illegitimate by the United Nations and western governments. Most countries continue to recognise Crimea as part of Ukraine.



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The fixtures for our matches in The Spenser Wilson Halifax Cricket League which commences on Saturday, 20th April have just been published and the 1st XI have been given the toughest of starts with a home match against reigning league champions Thornton whilst the 2nd XI travel to Bridgeholme. The first round draws of the various cup matches were drawn at a recent League meeting. The 1st XI has been drawn away to Great Horton PC in the first round of the Halifax Parish Cup and the 2^{nds} have been given a home draw against Thornton.

Our Senior winter nets for cricket training start at Halifax Trinity Academy on Tuesday evening 20th February 8 to 9 pm and go on for six weeks. In following weeks the nets change evenings and locations because the Academy hall is being used for exams so check the dates and venues from our website. 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. It is hoped there will be indoor junior training nights as well so check the website for 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 2024 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. Work parties are being organised to do all the usual pre-season maintenance jobs and ground machinery is being prepared for the grass growing season. Volunteers are always warmly welcomed.

The club's Annual General Meeting will be held in the clubhouse on Friday, 1st March at 6.30 pm followed by a fund raising quiz.

Early March should also see the publication of the latest book to flow from the pen of Dorian Brooksby **"From Illingworth St. Mary's Cricket Club to the International Arena."** The book covers the experiences and achievements of many Members from the very start in the 1840's to the present day, male and female who have been involved in different International sports. As well as Cricket it features Athletics, Football, Formula 1, Golf, Rugby League and Union, Commonwealth and Olympic Games and Wheelchair Rugby League. It also tells the story of Asif's Worldwide 6! The book is really well illustrated with many photos not seen before including some unique historical photos of old Illingworth. The book is available at £20 by emailing dorian.brooksbank@sky.com All proceeds go towards the next Pavilion Development Project.

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

Andrew Smith
Club President

10TH MARCH - MOTHERING SUNDAY, 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

There is an old Jewish saying: *God could not be everywhere, and therefore He made mothers.* Mother Church, Mother Earth, Mother of the Gods - our human mothers - all of them have been part of the celebration of 'Mothering Sunday' - as the fourth Sunday in Lent is affectionately known. It has been celebrated in the UK since at least the 16th century.

In Roman times, great festivals were held every Spring to honour Cybele, Mother of all the Gods. Other pagan festivals in honour of Mother Earth were also celebrated. With the arrival of Christianity, the festival became one honouring Mother Church.

During the Middle Ages, young people apprenticed to craftsmen or working as 'live-in' servants were allowed only one holiday a year on which to visit their families, which is how 'Mothering Sunday' got its name. This special day became a day of family rejoicing, and the Lenten fast was broken. In some places the day was called Simnel Day, because of the sweet cakes called simnel cakes traditionally eaten on that day.

In recent years the holiday has changed, and in many ways now resembles the American Mother's Day, with families going out to Sunday lunch and generally making a fuss of their mother on the day.

17TH MARCH - ST PATRICK, BELOVED APOSTLE TO IRELAND

St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. If you've ever been in New York on St Patrick's Day, you'd think he was the patron saint of New York as well... the flamboyant parade is full of American/Irish razzmatazz.

It's all a far cry from the hard life of this 5th century humble Christian who became in time both bishop and apostle of Ireland. Patrick was born the son of a town councillor in the west of England, between the Severn and the Clyde. But as a young man he was captured by Irish pirates, kidnapped to Ireland, and reduced to slavery. He was made to tend his master's herds.

Desolate and despairing, Patrick turned to prayer. He found God was there for him, even in such desperate circumstances. He spent much time in prayer, and his faith grew and deepened, in contrast to his earlier years, when he "knew not the true God".

Then, after six gruelling, lonely years he was told in a dream he would soon go to his own country. He either escaped or was freed, made his way to a port 200 miles away and eventually persuaded some sailors to take him with them away from Ireland.

After various adventures in other lands, including near-starvation, Patrick landed on English soil at last, and returned to his family. But he was much changed. He had enjoyed his life of plenty before; now he wanted to devote the rest of his life to Christ. Patrick received some form of training for the priesthood, but not the higher education he really wanted.

But by 435, well-educated or not, Patrick was badly needed. Palladius' mission to the Irish had failed, and so the Pope sent Patrick back to the land of his slavery. He set up his see at Armagh and worked principally in the north. He urged the Irish to greater spirituality, set up a school, and made several missionary journeys.

Patrick's writings are the first literature certainly identified from the British Church. They reveal sincere simplicity and a deep pastoral care. He wanted to abolish paganism, idolatry, and was ready for imprisonment or death in the following of Christ.

Patrick remains the most popular of the Irish saints. The principal cathedral of New York is dedicated to him, as, of course, is the Anglican cathedral of Dublin.

SMILE LINES



Palm Sunday visit

It was Palm Sunday, but because of a sore throat, five-year-old Bobby was kept home from church with his Grannie. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds and Bobby asked them what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as He walked by," his father explained.

Bobby was aghast. "I don't believe it! The one Sunday I don't go, and He shows up!"

Destination?

Lenora, 95-years-old and in excellent health, confided that she was terribly worried: "Every one of my friends has already died and gone on to heaven. I'm afraid they're all wondering where I went!"

Mother's reward

A man was decorating his new den and decided it was a good place to display all the awards he and his two sons had won at various athletic competitions. When he had filled two whole walls, he remarked to his wife that it was a shame she had no awards to contribute.

The following day, she produced, neatly framed, the birth certificates of their two sons, and added them to the display.

Flight time

A couple going on holiday for Easter were amazed when the airplane pilot came on and advised the passengers that he had lost his way. He explained that the radar was not working, the radio beam could not be picked up, and the compass had broken. "But," he added soothingly, "you will be glad to know that we are making very good time."

St Patrick's Day groaners

Why do people wear shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day?

How can you tell if an Irishman is having a good time?

He's Dublin over with laughter!

Pewsheets notice that went wrong....

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Expensive boat

A vicar was planning an Easter pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and was aghast when he found it would cost him £50 an hour to rent a boat on the Sea of Galilee. He protested to the travel agent that the cost was ridiculous. "That might be true," replied the travel agent, "but you have to take into account that the Sea of Galilee is water on which our Lord himself walked."

"Well, at £50 an hour for a boat, I am not surprised!"

Musings on life...

I hate it when I see an old person, and then realize we went to school together.

My boss calls me 'The Computer'. Nothing to do with intelligence; I go to sleep if left unattended for 15 minutes.

1ST MARCH - ST DAVID'S DAY, TIME FOR DAFFODILS

1st March is St David's Day, and it's time for the Welsh to wear daffodils or leeks.



Shakespeare called this custom 'an honourable tradition begun upon an honourable request' - but nobody knows the reason. Why should anyone have ever 'requested' that the Welsh wear leeks or daffodils to honour their patron saint? It's a mystery!

We do know that David - or Dafydd - of Pembrokeshire was a monk and bishop of the 6th century. In the 12th century he was made patron of Wales, and he has the honour of being the only Welsh saint to be canonised and culted in the Western Church. Tradition has it that he was austere with himself, and generous with others - living on water and vegetables (leeks, perhaps?!) and devoting himself to works of mercy. He was much loved.

In art, St David is usually depicted in Episcopal vestments, standing on a mound with a dove at his shoulder, in memory of his share at an important Synod for the Welsh Church, the Synod of Brevi.

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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. Girls need to be under 10 before August 31st 2023. More information about training contact Heath on 07961209093 or Nial on 07922089240.

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.**

The OSCA Foundation would like to point out that despite the new development in the grounds of Forest Cottage all activities are continuing normally. The work is expected to last for around 12 months.

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All of our information is on our website

www.crewheartsupport.co.uk / crewpartners.hsg@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
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