



# ILLINGWORTH MESSENGER

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Illingworth Moor, the former St Mary's & St Malachy's



## APRIL 2024

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Sunday Mass at 9 am

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CHURCH IN APRIL**

***All services commence at 10.30 am unless otherwise stated***

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14th April	Mrs Susan Watson	
21st April	Rev. Paul Welch	Baptism/Communion
28th April	Mr Craig Brown	



**'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>

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

## MESSAGE FOR APRIL

I must admit I am a bit partial to chocolate and Easter eggs. As we have just left the Easter period at the end of March I wonder what kind of Easter you had. Or perhaps another question would be what does Easter mean to you?

From a Christian perspective it is less about chocolate eggs and bunnies and more about a cross, an empty grave and a guy called Jesus. The reason for the eggs and bunnies and spring flowers are to do with being a symbol of new life. For those with a Christian faith, like myself, it is about sacrifice and love and paying a debt on our behalf.

Jesus' only true purpose was to die in our place for the things we do wrong, which I'm sure all of us can agree that we do at some point in our lives. Often, we don't fully grasp the love that God has for us and how special we are. God demonstrated that love by Jesus giving his life on a cross and enabling our relationship with God to be put right.

An analogy of this would be like getting a speeding fine and it being paid for on our behalf. We have done something wrong, yet the penalty (fine) has been paid for us. That is just an illustration, but you get the idea. You may ask, 'well why would someone do that for me?' The answer is because you are loved, you are special and you are worth it.

Every Easter I am reminded of this act of unconditional love without any expectation of myself having to pay back that which has been paid. More often than not we get things wrong, we make mistakes or other things. God says, 'The price has been paid, you are forgiven, you are loved and you have a new start.' This is good news for those of us who constantly get things wrong.

I began by asking what kind of Easter you had. I hope you had a good one and that you felt loved and at peace.

Every blessing,

*Rev Paul*



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### ST GEORGE OF THE GOLDEN LEGEND

St *George* is *Patron Saint* of *England*, but he never actually came here. He was a Christian *officer* in the *Roman army* under *Diocletian*, who refused to abandon his faith during the *Terror*. George was therefore *martyred* in *Palestine* about 300 AD. His *courage* became legendary, and St George became the *example* of a Christian fighting-man, a powerful *helper* against *evil* powers affecting individual lives.

He was the *soldier-hero* of the Middle Ages. In the *Golden Legend* of the 13th century, Jacobus de Voragine tells the story of how St George helped rescue the people of Sylene in Lybia from a *dragon*, especially the *princess*, who had been offered to the dragon as a sacrifice. With the dragon dead, and the princess returned to her father the King, the people of Sylene *converted* to Christianity.

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## WHAT'S ON AT ILLINGWORTH MOOR

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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 dated December 1974 when Mrs Eve Chapman wrote 'Nowt like it these days:'*

### **TREASURE IN THE LOWER MARKET**

Bit by bit old Halifax is being whittled away, and memories become talking points for the older folk. A few days ago I heard one say, "Nowt like t'Low Market thees days, you could got oomost owt you wanted down there."

Soon, I suppose, we shall all have forgotten the Lower Market yet it was a treat for youngsters as well as their parents, providing entertainment as well as bargains. Rarely was the market given its correct name, it was always t'Low Market, and as a child I always thought it meant "low" in the social, rather than geographical sense, probably because we were normally forbidden to go there. Naturally we went whenever we could, for its spicy smalls, and brilliant flares lighting the stalls (no electricity or gas then) were a great attraction, especially on cold days when we had nowhere else to go.

The first sight everybody remembers at the left hand entrance was the brazier on which black puddings endlessly boiled in a copper pan. On chilly days we would gather round the glowing fire until chased away by the stall keeper. I always thought I'd like to try a black pudding, but either lacked the necessary coppers or the courage to explore the mystery behind that shiny skin.

The trip stall was beside the brazier, with a great variety of tripe: honeycomb looked, to me, the most interesting. I'd never seen a real honeycomb then, but my grandma had an honeycomb quilt and the trip looked just like it. Then there was "thick seam" which our granddad loved, and some peculiar stuff, darkish grey-brown which we called "dishclouts" and we couldn't imagine anybody wanting to eat this. On the same stall was stuff called "uther" or by the truly refined "elder" - it was many years before I knew what part of the cow that came from!

Tremendous stone jars of pickled onions and pickled red cabbage offered small portions for a penny or so, to any who brought their own jam jars to fill, an experience I often saw but never shared.

As a great reader I was fascinated by the second hand book stall in the market. There were old Sunday school prizes, Silas K. Hocking and Annie S. Swan, with the tales of poverty and endurance which made us seem part of an affluent society.

But it was the magazines I coveted: the girls' paper "School Friend" where Bessie Bunter grew as fat as her famous brother Billy at Greyfriars. Nor were we against buying the "Gem" or the "Magnet" when we had the coppers; these transported us into a world of boarding schools and wild adventures which we found thrilling.

We weren't allowed to buy sweets in the Low Market. Our weekly ration came with the groceries from the Co-op and was doled out from a tin canister as long as the contents lasted. It seemed a pity when the man in the Market was positively giving them away!

He would pile up a bar of chocolate, add some boiled sweets and a bag of toffee. "All this lot for fourpence," he'd yell, and then, "Nay, it's my birthday, so I'll do



better'n that, I'll give you a stick of rock an' all." Eager hands would stretch out for the "bargain" parcel. We tried to educate our mother, but she had one stock answer "It's rubbish!"

The biscuit stall drew us too, for sometimes there were bags of broken biscuits very cheaply, and we would spend our pennies on these. My young brother once was chased by an irate stall-holder when an older boy had put him up to mischief. The big lad told him to go and ask for broken biscuits, and if the stall keeper said he hadn't any, he was to say "Well break some then!" The big lad had vanished when the little one said his piece and was chased!

There were many of these harmless jokes - I expect shopkeepers expected them - such as the laddie who asked if they kept ice buns, and when told they did he said "Well go skate on 'em then!"

The oilcloth salesmen, too, were often comical, slapping their huge rolls "All guaranteed linoleum, ladies! With the course jokes, though housewives rarely took the words at face value!

Just occasionally we were in the Low Market quite legally, for mother was an inveterate snapper-up of remnants and fents of cloth. Every weekend you could see women picking up ends of discarded rolls, "Just enough for a frock for Jessie, or a pair of trousers for Joe."

The pots and hardware stall had an entertainment of its own too. It sold everything from children's mugs, to chamber-pots and tea services. The sales technique was simple! The salesman gathered a crowd by sheer force of personality cracking jokes and offering ever-decreasing prices.

Finally, if there were no takers at his intended price, he would yell, "I'll smash 'em afore I'll let you 'ave 'em for nowt!" With a mighty crash down would go the dish or whatever it was, and we never suspected he had a cracked one, ready for that moment.

The fruit stalls were always cheaper than elsewhere, even if the quality might be a little suspect. Who cared if bananas were turning brown when they were to be eaten quickly! The bad parts of apples and oranges could be cut off for immediate consumption. We weren't too fussy in those days!

But at Christmas the stalls of the greengrocers were a real joy - especially the red apples, polished like mirrors, and a special variety called "Snowflake." These were slightly tinged with red on the inside, and the salesman would cut one open occasionally, slice it up and hand out quarters to the crowd to prove its quality. It was in the Low Market, too, where we renewed our stock of ornaments for the Christmas tree, glorious coloured bubbles, pipes, spangles and fairies, for although the trimmings were put away carefully each January there was always a slight breakage.

The Low Market - truly evocative in many people's minds of good natured, if a little rough, fun and value for money in a day when most people had very little margin to spare.

## ST. MALACHY'S NEWS

Our Parish Priest is Mgr Michael McQuinn

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**Family Communion** every Sunday at **10 am.**

**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!**

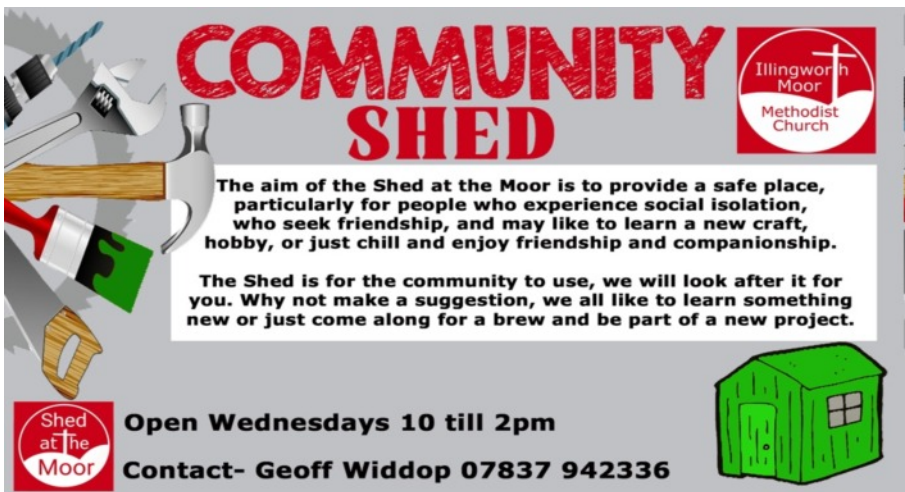
**Vicar:** Revd Robb Sutherland, 01422 353929 email [robb@priest.com](mailto:robb@priest.com)

**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



**COMMUNITY SHED**


Illingworth Moor Methodist Church

The aim of the Shed at the Moor is to provide a safe place, particularly for people who experience social isolation, who seek friendship, and may like to learn a new craft, hobby, or just chill and enjoy friendship and companionship.

The Shed is for the community to use, we will look after it for you. Why not make a suggestion, we all like to learn something new or just come along for a brew and be part of a new project.

Open Wednesdays 10 till 2pm  
Contact- Geoff Widdop 07837 942336

Shed at The Moor



## **GOD CREATED MAN IN THE IMAGE OF HIMSELF MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM (Genesis 1 : 27)**

The Biblical principle that affirms that all people are created equal; thus affirming the dignity of every human being, is based on the above. As such they all have equal right and responsibilities before Him.

This premise of all being equal is repeated on numerous occasions, in a variety of forms, throughout the Holy Bible.

For example: “The Lord your God is God of gods, never partial, never to be bribed.” (Deuteronomy 10 : 17) This is picked up in the New Testament by Saint Peter. “The truth I have now come to to realise is that God does not have favourites.” (Acts 10 : 34-35) Saint Paul echoes this in (Romans 2 : 11).

God, speaking through Isaiah says “Is not this the sort of fast that pleases me, to break unjust fetters and undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free and break every yoke.” (Isaiah 58 : 6-9)

Saint Paul says: “All baptised in Christ there are no more distinctions between Jew and Greek, slave and free, male and female, but all of you are one in Christ.” (Galatians 3 : 27-28)

By extension this applies to all peoples, as Saint Paul further explains: “There is one mediator between God and man, Christ Jesus who sacrificed himself to win freedom for all mankind.” (1 Timothy 2 : 2-6)

Saint James says: “As soon as you make distinctions between classes of people, you are committing sin.” (James 2: 8-9)

All of this is summed up in the great law of Scripture, as spoken by The Father “You must love your neighbour as yourself” (Leviticus 19: 18) and as spoken by Jesus “Love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another.” (John 13: 34-35)

From a Divine perspective the premise that all people are equal is most certainly true; but for a large majority of the human race that same premise is most certainly NOT true.

The following is taken from reputable sources on the Internet by such authorities as the United Nations:

Upwards of 71% of the global population are effected, one way or another, by inequality and it is getting worse.

The main categories of inequality are:

- Wealth - which is the unfair distribution of assets and resources;
- Income - which is the unequal distribution of money;
- Political - which is the unequal treatment and representation of citizens before the law;
- Life - unequal opportunities of such things as education, health and
- Membership - unequal recognition due to race; gender (includes LGBT); religion; ethnicity; and colour.

The above unequal treatment of people is an abomination in the eyes of God the Almighty Father and a disgrace to humanity, for it deprives them of their

personal rights; impinges on the God-given gift of free will. In short they are a form of slavery.

As Christians we should be promoters of equality, unity, justice, peace, freedom and human rights. However, before we can go out to others we need to put our own house in order first, by showing a united front to the rest of the world, in order to be a convincing role model for others to follow.

The one single factor that would draw all Christians closer together, and cancel out our own unfair treatment of women, would be to fully admit women into the ranks of the priesthood/clergy (as some denominations have already done). This would create an unbreakable bond between the various denominations and also open up the flood gates on a reservoir of spirituality, with greater insights, new vitality, holiness and a life-saving spirituality that will water the whole world. Giving new birth and new growth, as the profoundly diverse experience of women combines with, and balances, that of men. As together they preach The Good News to a divided world that is thirsty for peace, justice, equality and badly in need of God. Saint Paul says “Never try to suppress the Spirit.” (1 Thessalonians 5 : 19)

This solidarity between Christians would also fulfil what Jesus prayed for: “I pray not only for these (the Apostles), but for those also who through their words will believe in me. May they all be one, Father, may they be one in us, as you are I in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me.” (John: 17: 20-21)

*John Brooksbank*

Saint Malachy’s Church

### **FROM WESLEY TO THE WORLD WIDE WEB**

Celebrating 250 years of Worship and Mission at Mount Zion  
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## **STRICT BEDTIMES COULD MAKE CHILDREN'S BRAINS 'BIGGER AND HEALTHIER'**

A family routine and a strict bedtime could help your child develop a healthier, bigger brain.

On the other hand, a disruptive family life with poor sleep patterns could mean your child has slower brain development, poorer cognitive function, and below average academic achievement.

Those are the findings of a new study from Colorado State University. It found that children thrive when the family has a weekly 'family time' together, when homework is done at the same time every day, the family eats dinner together every night, the child is expected to carry out regular household chores, and when bedtime is at a consistent time, accompanied by a bedtime story or similar calming ritual.

The underlying need is for the child to get enough regular and deep sleep. Children with disrupted families get disrupted sleep, and therefore are more likely to have thinner regions of the brain in the amygdala as well as parts of the left and right frontal cortex. These areas control skills related to language, behaviour, sensory perception, and emotional processing.

## **DO YOU REMEMBER YOUR OWN PIN NUMBER?**

Nearly one in five of us can't. We are so used to paying by contactless that when we have to withdraw cash or type our PIN into a card reader, our minds go blank.



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'Contactless' payments hit a record high last year. A staggering 93.4 per cent of all in-store card transactions up to £100 was made using contactless, rather than cash or PIN and card reader.

According to Barclays, we now depend on contactless payments and smartphone technology so much that more than a fifth of young people now leave their wallets at home when they go shopping.

Contactless technology was first introduced by Barclaycard 17 years ago. It had a spending limit of £10. The limit was increased during the pandemic, to reduce physical contact in shops, rising to its current £100 limit.

## **DON'T HESITATE TO USE HEARING AIDS**

Here is something you didn't expect: using hearing aids if you are a bit deaf can be of great benefit to your overall health.

Crystal Rolfe, director of health at the Royal National Institute for Deaf People (RNID) said: "Hearing aids bring enormous benefits for people with hearing loss. Research shows that wearing hearing aids may reduce the risk of cognitive decline, and it is well known that they have positive effects on physical, social, emotional, and mental wellbeing.

According to hearing loss charity RNID, 12 million adults in the UK are deaf, have hearing loss or tinnitus and an estimated seven million people could benefit from hearing aids, but only about two million use them.

The researchers hope the findings, published in *The Lancet Healthy Longevity* journal, will encourage more people to wear hearing aids. As one doctor said: "If you have hearing loss, get hearing aids. The benefits could be limitless."

## **THE PET CRISIS**

More than half of us in the UK own a pet. That is 17 million households.

But we are abandoning them at an alarming rate. The RSPCA warns we are offloading our animals at "unmanageable levels," and stretching their welfare services to the limit.

The turning point was the pandemic. Stuck at home during lockdown, we went animal-mad, and our pet dogs soared from nine million in 2019 to 13 million in 2022.

But four million puppies purchased during the pandemic was not a good idea. Since then, a fifth of all those puppies have been reported as having behavioural problems such as clinginess, aggression, or being very hard to train.

On top of that, the cost-of-living crisis has left many people struggling to even feed their pet. According to the Office for National Statistics, the cost of owning a dog is estimated to have jumped by 12.8 per cent – around £256 – over the past year to total around £2,500.

All in all, it is the 'perfect storm'. The RSPCA received 20,999 reports of abandoned animals last year. That is 5,000 more than in 2020.



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## WORDSEARCH



## **ALL IN THE MONTH OF APRIL**

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

200 years ago, on 19<sup>th</sup> April 1824 that Lord Byron died. One of the greatest British poets and a leading figure in the Romantic movement, he died of sepsis/fever while fighting for Greek independence from the Ottoman Empire. Aged 36.

175 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> April 1849 that American mechanic Walter Hunt was granted a US patent for his invention of the safety pin. He immediately sold the rights for \$400, which is about \$12,000 today. The company he sold it to made millions from it.

150 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> April 1874 that Johann Strauss II's operetta Die Fledermaus was performed for the first time, in Vienna.

100 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> April 1924 that Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios (MGM) was founded when Metro Pictures, Goldwyn Pictures and Louis B Mayer Pictures merged.

Also 100 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1924 that the British Empire Exhibition opened in Wembley, London.

90 years ago, on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1934 that British inventor Percy Shaw patented the Cat's Eye reflective road stud. He set up a company to manufacture them in 1935 and in 1937 he was awarded a government contract to mass produce them for national use.

75 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> April 1949 that the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical South Pacific was opened in Broadway.

70 years ago, on 26<sup>th</sup> April 1954 that the Soviet Union transferred Crimea from Russia to Ukraine. In 2014 Russia annexed Crimea, but it is not recognised internationally, and a number of sanctions were imposed on Russia as a result.

60 years ago, on 15<sup>th</sup> April 1964 that twelve men convicted of carrying out the Great Train Robbery in England in August of 1963 were jailed for a total of 307 years. They were given some of the longest sentences in British criminal history.

50 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> April 1974 that the Swedish pop group ABBA won the Eurovision Song Contest with their song Waterloo. It was the first time that Sweden won the contest. ABBA went on to be one of the most successful groups in music history.

40 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> April 1984 that British police officer Yvonne Fletcher was shot dead during a demonstration outside the Libyan Embassy in London. This led to an 11-day siege by the police.

20 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2004 that Google launched its free email service, Gmail.

10 years ago, on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014 that the Boko Haram Islamic terrorist group kidnapped 276 female students from the Government Girls Secondary School in Chibok, Nigeria. Some of the girls escaped, some were rescued, or have been reported dead. But over 100 are still missing, fate unknown.



## ILLINGWORTH ARLFC

**Be part of the best sport in the world and  
join the rugby league family.**

**Why not contact us using our social media  
platforms and find out if you or your family  
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**Boys and Girls welcome!**

### **HAVE FUN - GET FIT - CHALLENGE YOURSELF**

**Facebook Page: Illingworth ARLFC**

**Instagram: illygirlsrugby OR Illingworth ARLFC**

**Illingworth Sports and Social, Mason Green,  
Halifax, HX2 8HG**



### **BEECHWOOD ROAD LIBRARY**

The Staff at 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**



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<https://yorkshiresmokefree.nhs.uk/pages/callback-request>



April is always one of the busiest months of the year for a cricket club and 2024 will be no different. The local cricket season starts on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April with the 1st XI at home to reigning champions Thornton and the 2nd XI travelling down the valley to Bridgeholme. By then hopefully the ground will be ready with machinery mended, the grass cut, the pavilion cleaned out and walls painted and everyone ready for action. Preparations have not been helped by one of the wettest winters on record. We will have volunteers working on the ground on the weekends before then as well as the Easter holidays to get everything spick and span and you would be most welcome to join us. You can find us at the top of Alloe Field View near to the rear entrance to Whitehill School. There is plenty to do putting nets up, getting seats out, painting, tidying up and all the usual jobs so come along and you can look at our facilities at the same time. It's amazing that despite our long existence there are still people in Illingworth and North Halifax who don't know where we are or have never been into the ground. Do come along and have a look at us.

April is also the time we hopefully welcome new faces. New players, members and volunteers are always very welcome. The club is hoping to run a full complement of junior teams but help and new players are always needed.

Come and have a look for yourselves at our facilities. The club will be open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings and we will be pleased to welcome you. Outdoor training for both juniors and seniors will start in April weather permitting and please look on our website for details.

We are also continuing with All Stars Cricket for 5-8 year olds on Friday evenings starting in May which has run very successfully for the last six years and we are hoping it will be bigger than ever this year.

The book I mentioned last month "From Illingworth St. Mary's Cricket Club to the International Arena" written by Dorian Brooksby has now been published and is available at £20 by emailing [dorian.brooksby@sky.com](mailto:dorian.brooksby@sky.com) It's a remarkable book with lots of photos including many of old Illingworth. All proceeds go towards club funds and covers the many members male and female who have gone on to be involved in many different International sports. A great read.

**Illingworth CC Home Fixtures for April/ early May. All matches 1 pm start**

**Sat 20 April - 1st XI v Thornton**

**Sun 21 April - 3<sup>rd</sup> XI v Mount**

**Sat 27 April - 2nd XI v Bradshaw**

**Sat 4 May - 1st XI v Oxenhope**

**Sat 11 May - 2nd XI v Greetland**

If you want any more details our web site address is [www.illingworthcc.co.uk](http://www.illingworthcc.co.uk) or ring /message Andrew Smith on 07979-645379

*Andrew Smith*

**Club President**

## *Sequence & Ballroom Dancing*

**Forest Cottage, Cousin Lane, Illingworth,  
HX2 8DA**



**Everyone Welcome - Singles and Couples  
Tuesdays and Thursdays 1.45 pm to 4 pm**

£2.50 per person includes tea and biscuits

For more information ring 01422 248080

The advertisement features a large image of a patio being cleaned with a pressure washer. A person's leg and boot are visible on the right, holding the wand. A white circular graphic contains two smaller circular images: the left one is labeled 'Before' and shows a dark, stained patio; the right one is labeled 'After' and shows a clean, bright patio. An arrow points from the 'Before' image to the 'After' image. The Calder Valley Cleaning Solutions logo is in the top left of the image area.

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## SMILE LINES



### Who?!

*Seen in a West Country church:*

Whenever I see a little church,  
I always pay a visit.  
So when at last I'm carried in,  
the Lord won't ask 'Who is it?'

**Heaven** - Seen in a parish magazine: "We shall be meeting on Wednesday, when the subject will be 'Heaven - how do we get there?' Transport by bus is available at 6.45 pm opposite the King's Arms.

**Choir** - Seen in a parish magazine: 'Next Sunday the choir will give a recital, after which the church will be closed for repairs.'

**Do it** - Here's a sure-fire way to cross off every item on your To-Do list: Do the chores first, then write them down and *then* cross them off!

**Problem** - I don't have a problem with caffeine. I do have a problem without it. <sup>[SEP]</sup>

**Beyond** - I'm living so far beyond my income that we may almost be said to be living apart. <sup>[SEP]</sup>

### What am I?

I'm not old. I woke up, I lifted my arms, I moved my knees, I turned my neck. Everything made the same noise: Crrrrraaaaaacccccckkkk! So I've come to the conclusion that I'm not old, I'm crispy!

**Running** - Insanity runs in some families; in others it positively gallops. <sup>[SEP]</sup>

**Up or down?** - Is this apisdn umop or am I just standing on my head? <sup>[SEP]</sup>

**Rolled** - *From a church magazine:* "The restoration of the churchyard was finally completed by the resurfacing of our driveway. The following Sunday, the church wardens praised everyone who had helped, and gave special thanks to the vicar and his wife who had rolled in the gravel.

**The 5<sup>th</sup> commandment** - In reply to a question in Sunday school, one little boy said that the fifth commandment is: 'Humour thy father and thy mother.'

**Long prayer** - A friend took her small daughter to church. The vicar's prayer had gone on for several minutes when suddenly a small voice piped up: "Has he forgotten how to say Amen?"

**Warning** - *Sign seen in a store:* Unattended children will be given espresso and a puppy.

### Those typos in the church newssheet...

The church's AGM will be hell on 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

While the pastor is on holiday, massages can be given to the church secretary. More sinners wanted for the choir.

**Worry** - I have so many problems that if a new one comes along today, it will be at least two weeks before I can worry about it.

**Wages** - Seen on a church notice board: 'Despite inflation, the wages of sin remain the same.'



## **WORLD AUTISM ACCEPTANCE WEEK, 2ND – 8TH APRIL 2024**

Autism is on the rise. Or at least, the recognition of it is. According to the website psychcentral.com, there was a 787% exponential increase in the number of people who were diagnosed with autism between 1998 and 2018 in the UK.

The National Autistic Society says that in the UK, more than one in every 100 people are now on the autism spectrum. It reckons that around 700,000 adults and children in the UK suffer with the condition to some degree.

All of which means that you probably know of someone who has autism, to some degree. And you may know that, as it says on the NHS website:

*Autistic people may act in a different way to other people, ... and find it hard to understand how other people think or feel. They may find things like bright lights or loud noises overwhelming, stressful, or uncomfortable. They may get anxious or upset about unfamiliar situations and social events and take longer to understand information.*

To help people with autism, you may wish to support this ‘acceptance week’, by going to the National Autistic Society’s website, <https://www.autism.org.uk> and taking part in some way in their fundraising campaign.

### **CAR BOOT SALE & TABLE TOP SALE**

#### **AT OSCA FOUNDATION**

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

**On Sundays 14th and 28th April**

**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**





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

**Activities to be held in APRIL**

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. 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.

**"LITTLE HANDS" Mom & Baby Club**

Every Thursday 9.30 am to 10.30 am at OSCA Foundation @ Forest Cottage

Contact Tessa on 07943412123 for more information



## HAIRY POPPINS

### DOG WALKING & GARDENING

Regular, occasional and one off walks

Puppy visits to feed, play and toilet

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Email: [hairypoppins15@gmail.com](mailto:hairypoppins15@gmail.com)

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### SPOTLIGHT SEEKERS

A new Stage School, the most exciting Drama Club in Calderdale. Discover the magic of acting, express your own creativity and have a blast with fellow performers.

Whether you're a little performer or a rising star, our club is the perfect place to learn and have fun. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity.

**Come to OSCA Foundation @ Forest Cottage every Saturday morning.**

3 years to 7 years old - 9 am till 10 am

7 years to 10 years - 10 am till 11 am

**For more information contact Emily 07548994445**

**ILLINGWORTH MOOR METHODIST CHURCH**

**THE GOOD AS NEW SHOP**

Open every Friday from 10 am to 3.30 pm

Donations always welcome.

**Opens 3rd Saturday of each month**

**20<sup>th</sup> APRIL 10 am -12 noon**



**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)



**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 - 22<sup>nd</sup> April**  
**This walk will be the 2024 Christine Cox Memorial Walk**

**Monday, 1 pm Wainstalls bus turning circle - 8<sup>th</sup> April**

**Monday 1 pm Keighley Road Medical Centre, Illingworth -**  
**15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> April**

**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)**





**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> September**

We run day trips to the seaside or places of interest during the summer

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

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO CLASSES ON 2ND, 3RD & 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

### **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 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\*\*\***

## CHURCH CONTACTS

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### St Malachy's

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