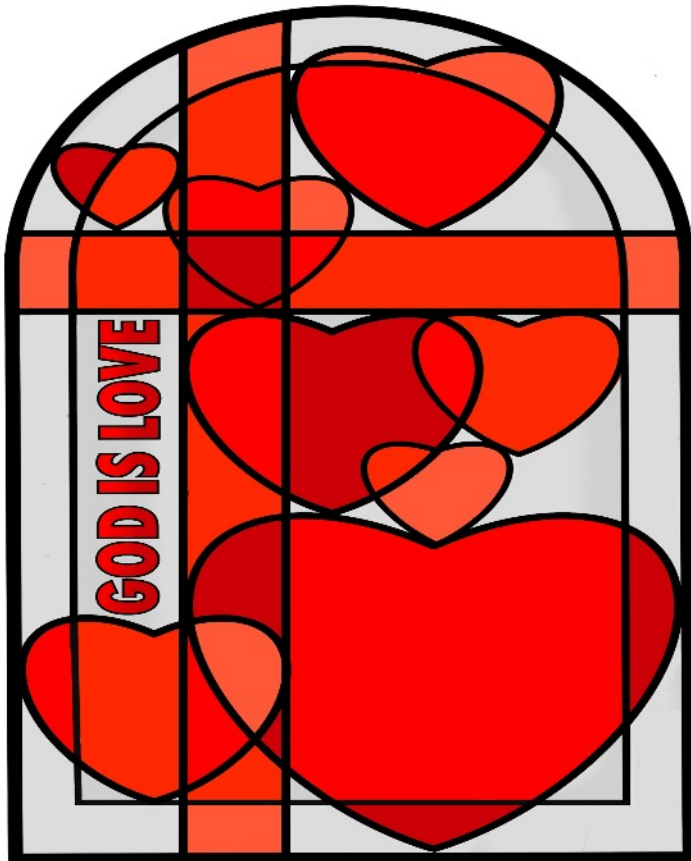




# ILLINGWORTH MESSENGER

Where Church and Community meet together:  
Illingworth Moor, the former St Mary's & St Malachy's



**FEBRUARY 2025**

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All Age Eucharist, everyone welcome

**PREACHERS AT ILLINGWORTH MOOR METHODIST  
CHURCH IN FEBRUARY**

*All services commence at 10.30 am unless otherwise stated*

**2nd February    Local arrangement**

**9th February    Tim Asquith**

**16th February    Cluster Covenant Service @  
Boothtown & Southowram at 10.30 am**

**23rd February    Rev Tony Morling (Communion)  
Church Anniversary**

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**The Calderdale Methodist Circuit is hosting a**

**SONGS OF PRAISE SERVICE**

**on Sunday, 16th February at 3 pm**

**at Mount Zion Heritage Chapel, Per Lane, Ogden**

**It would be lovely to see you!**

## MESSAGE FOR FEBRUARY

The January, snow, rain and cloud have made many of us retreat indoors and batten down the hatches. One consequence is that we haven't been able to see the constellation Orion shine majestically in the night sky. Orion is located in the southwestern sky and forms a large rectangle of four bright stars; with a diagonal three-star "belt" at its centre; and a fuzzy luminosity below the belt, which is the great Orion nebula.

That nebula consists of clouds of dust and gas, and stars in the process of formation. The nebula is an impressive sight even through a pair of binoculars, and lies at a distance of approximately 1,350 light years. A light year being the distance light travels in one year as it travels at 186,000 miles per second.

It might be tempting to assume that such huge distances lead all astronomers to reject the notion of God. Not so. Many remain open, curious and some, like the great Isaac Newton said, "God created everything by number, weight and measure". So, although other great thinkers have concluded differently about the relationship between science and faith, it is important to remember that there is a diversity of opinions.

When the February night skies are cloudless, it may do us good to wrap up warm, go outside, and look up at the magnificent night sky. It is an awe-inspiring and wonderful free gift of creation. Three thousand years ago, someone did just that and posed these questions, "Can you direct the movement of the stars— binding the cluster of the Pleiades or loosening the cords of Orion? Can you direct the constellations through the seasons or guide the Bear with her cubs across the heavens? Do you know the laws of the universe?" (Job 38:31-41). Those questions are I believe still pertinent today, and laden with possibility, wonder and faith.

Wishing you happy star gazing.

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## WORDSEARCH CLUES

February opens with Candlemas – the naming of Jesus in the temple. Simeon and Anna praised God to see the promised Messiah, sent by a loving God to save his people. February also celebrates the love between men and women: Valentine cards and wedding fayres abound. ‘Love’ as in social compassion is also remembered: Fair Trade fortnight, Holocaust Memorial Day, World Leprosy Day, Education Sunday and National Nest Box Week.... Love is truly needed by everyone!

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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.

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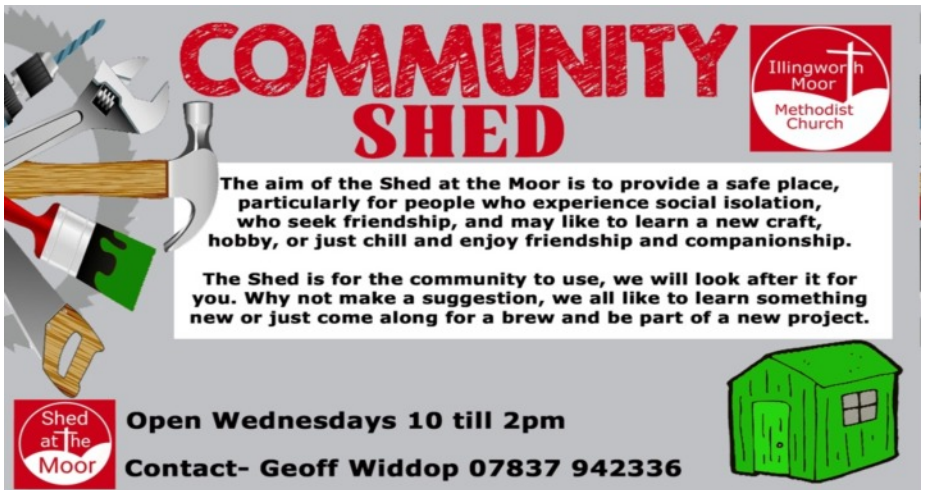
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[vicar@holynativity.co.uk](mailto:vicar@holynativity.co.uk)

**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

## WHAT'S ON AT ILLINGWORTH MOOR

### 'GOOD AS NEW SHOP'



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### **CAFE AT THE MOOR (Tel: 07748271570)**

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



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

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### **GIRLS' BRIGADE - WEDNESDAYS**

**Explorers:** 5-7 years (5.30 pm to 7.15 pm);

**Juniors:** 7-11 years (6.45 pm to 8.30 pm);

**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's note: This month I am taking an account of John Wesley's visits to our area from a book written by Thomas William Hanson "The Story of Old Halifax" which was written primarily for the boys and girls of Halifax and district with the hope that older people would find it interesting.*

"Hoo Hole is in the very centre of the coiners' country, and here on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1770, his sixty-seventh birthday, came John Wesley, "one of the makers of modern England," to preach. Two months before – to the day – David Hartley had been hanged, and many of the men of this district were then on bail to appear at York in about another month. It required some courage to preach in such a place. Wesley wrote of his visit in these words: "It was a lovely valley encompassed by high mountains. I stood on the smooth grass before the house, which stands on a gently rising ground, and all the people on the slope before me. It was a glorious opportunity." On one of his early journeys into our district, (May, 1747) Wesley came from Lancashire over the mountain road, passing Widdop, to Heptonstall. At Stoneshey Gate, he had a congregation that filled both the yard and the road. Many were seated on a long, dry wall, and in the middle of the sermon the wall fell down with the persons sitting on it. "Not one was hurt at all," says Mr Wesley, "nor was there any interruption of my speaking, or of the attention of the hearers." During the next summer, Wesley visited Halifax and attempted to preach at the Cross in the middle of Old Market, which caused a great commotion in the town. Mr Wesley said "There was an immense number of people roaring like the waves of the sea, but the far greater part of them were still, and as soon as I began to speak, they seemed more and more attentive." To break up the meeting, a gentleman "scotched" half-pennies among the crowd; then there was confusion, in which stones and mud were flung at the preacher. A few days later Mr Wesley was mobbed at Colne, and he retired to Widdop, from which safe refuge he wrote a remonstrance to the church minister of Colne, who had encouraged the rioters.

Wesley was again at Widdop in 1766, and the rock from which he preached is still known as Wesley's Pulpit. At such places as Widdop, Heptonstall and Midgley, the people became eager to listen to his preaching, and Wesley grew fond of this district. In his Journal, he says that nothing since the Garden of Eden could be more pleasant than Calder Vale, between Todmorden and Heptonstall. He could not conceive anything more delightful than the steep mountains, clothed with wood to the top, and washed at the bottom by clear, winding stream. This is indeed high praise, for John Wesley had seen more of England than any other man of his time. About Hebden Bridge and Eastwood the scenery is still beautiful, though the main valley has been altered much in one hundred and fifty years; however, the glens of the Hebden and Crimsworth still remain unspoiled. Ewood, near Mytholmroyd, was a favourite house of the great preacher – "Ewood, which I still love, for good Mr Grimshaw's sake."



Mr Grimshaw, rector of Haworth and Wesley's right-hand man, had a great influence on the people about Haworth, Halifax and Todmorden. Mrs Grimshaw's home had been at Ewood, and there the two preachers went for rest after heavy days of travelling and speaking.

At Lightcliffe lived a good and interesting lady in a fine old home – Mrs Holmes of Smith House – who was one of the first to welcome John Wesley to our district. To Smith House also came the Moravians – missionaries from Germany – and they established a settlement in Lightcliffe. They built a large, square house (Lightcliffe House) near to Smith House, and they also occupied a house in Wakefield Road, called German House. Later, they made their headquarters at Fulneck.

This great Revival of the eighteenth century had a wonderful effect for good on our country, and our own neighbourhood received its full share of the benefit. In the streets and markets, in the fields and country places, preachers worked hard to make better men and women. Ordinary farmers, colliers and cobblers, took to preaching as well as the regular ministers and small chapels – often in cottages – were started in each hamlet. Baptists and Independents as well as Wesleyans were alive to the new spirit. Some of the chapels of this epoch, like Wainsgate near Hebden Bridge and Mount Zion near Ogden, appear to us to be situated in out of the way places, and it has been suggested that their sites were chosen for their first members to be secure from persecution. The real fact is, that at the time of their establishment, these hilly places were centres of population.

Titus Knight, a collier in the Shibden Hall mines, came under the notice of Mr Wesley, and as he was of a studious and thoughtful turn of mind, the collier was asked to preach and to become a schoolmaster. Mr Knight developed into a famous preacher, but later he left the Wesleyans, and ultimately the large brick Square Chapel was built for him, where he had large congregations

## **NO PLACE TO PARK**

It is often hard to find a parking space. So, a lot of us are taking chances – and getting caught.

As a nation we were handed six million penalty charge notices in 2023 alone, according to recent research by Confused.com, the insurance comparison website.

With 42.3 million driving licences on issue, according to the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA), this suggests that one in seven drivers received a fine for parking offences in 2023.

Rhydian Jones, a spokesman for Confused.com, said: “If you're unsure whether you can park in a space or not, don't take the risk, even if it's only for a few minutes.”

Parking charge notices handed out by local councils can cost up to £100 for parking infringements, although according to Confused.com the average parking fine is £47.

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## THE CRIME THAT RUNS IN FAMILIES

How many parents team up with their offspring to commit fraud? The answer might surprise you.

For research has found that nearly one in five young motorists are lying to their car insurers as to who is the main driver of their car.

The practise is called ‘fronting’. Young drivers claim that a parent is the main driver of the car, not them. Sometimes the parent knows this has happened; but sometimes they do not.

‘Fronting’ results in a cheaper insurance premium to pay, but it is insurance fraud, and a very real criminal offence. Anyone who is caught can face a driving ban, having their car seized by the police, and being issued with an unlimited fine.

The reason for ‘fronting’? Car insurance premiums for newly qualified young drivers have soared to an all-time high. A 17-year-old who has just passed their driving test faces an eye-watering annual premium of about £3,075.

But the AA urges parents to “have open conversations with their young driver about the importance of providing accurate information when applying for car insurance. By doing so, they can help their children avoid the serious legal and financial repercussions associated with ‘fronting’ and ensure they are driving safely and legally.”

## ST. MALACHY'S NEWS

Our Parish Priest is Mgr Michael McQuinn

### **ST. MALACHY'S NURSERY** St. Malachy's School, Cousin Lane

There is a place for your child so why not give your child the best start? Apply for a place now and come and see what we have to offer. Contact St. Malachy's School on 01422 244628.

### **ST. MALACHY'S WALKS**

If you would like to join us you will be made most welcome. Walking boots and suitable clothing are essential. For more information please contact Philip or Pat at 01422 751542 or e-mail us at p29.moran@gmail.com



### **ILLINGWORTH MOOR METHODIST CHURCH**



Where can you get (for instance) Cottage Pie, Yorkshire pudding & vegetables, a pudding and a cup of tea, together with good company for £5.50?  
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The **Access Bus** picks up some of our regulars so if you need transport just ring **0113 3481902** to register with Metro.

### **PAY IT FORWARD SCHEME**

We are operating a Pay It Forward Scheme in the Cafe. Pay for a hot drink, sandwich or meal for someone in need. Call into the cafe if you are able to support this new scheme.

### **WALKING FOOTBALL**



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## **MIDDLE AGED? DON'T SKIP BREAKFAST!**

If you skip breakfast in your middle age, it can make you fatter and unhealthy.

Instead, a recent study advises that having a well-balanced breakfast helps manage daily calorie intake and lower cholesterol, BMI and waist size. Breakfast “serves the critical role of breaking the extended fasting period from sleep.”

NHS guidelines recommend 2,000 calories a day for women and 2,500 for men. Breakfast should account for a quarter of this: 500 calories for women and 625 calories for men.

The study was carried out at the Hospital del Mar Research Institute in Barcelona.

It disregarded the ‘full English’ breakfast as being too full of saturated fat levels.

Instead, it recommends cereals, protein, a healthy fat source, fruits and vegetables.



# Pizza Menu

## STARTERS

### Garlic Bread £5.00

A freshly baked pizza dough covered with garlic butter, olive oil and herbs.

### Cheesy Garlic Bread £6.50

A freshly baked pizza dough covered with garlic butter, olive oil, mixed cheese & herbs.

### Cheesy Tortilla Chips £5.00

A box of warm crispy tortilla chips covered in mixed cheese with a choice of 3 dips.

### Fully Loaded Tortillas £7.50

3 layers of tortilla chips with sweet chilli, BBQ, garlic mayo, spicy beef, sweetcorn and jalapeños.

### Extra Toppings £0.50

Black Olives, Jalapeños, Mushroom, Pepper, Pepperoni, Pineapple, Prosciutto Ham, Red Onion, Spicy Beef, Sweetcorn (£1 per meat).

## PIZZAS

### Margherita £7.50

Italian sauce, mixed cheese and herbs.

### Hawaiian £8.50

Italian sauce, mixed cheese, prosciutto ham, pineapple and herbs.

### Prosciutto Funghi £8.50

Italian sauce, mixed cheese, prosciutto ham, mushroom and herbs.

### Pepperoni £8.50

Italian sauce, mixed cheese, pepperoni, pepper and herbs.

### Vegeoni £8.50

Italian sauce, mixed cheese, mushroom, red onion, pepper, sweetcorn and herbs.

### Meatynoni £8.50

Italian sauce, mixed cheese, prosciutto ham, pepperoni, spicy beef and herbs.

*All doughs and breads are approximately 11" hand stretched, baked in an outdoor pizza oven. In order to help with the cooking of Neapolitan style pizza, our dough is kneaded and then rested to prove - twice over. Our Italian sauce is a homemade recipe made from plum tomatoes, fresh basil, crushed garlic and a couple of secret ingredients. The mixed cheese is a perfect blend of mozzarella and cheddar - stringy but with added taste.*

## TELEPHONE:

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### PRE ORDERS

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## DESSERTS

### Choco Di Dough £4.50

Baked dough covered in chocolate sauce.

### S'more Dough £5.50

Baked dough covered in chocolate sauce topped with melted marshmallows.

## DRINKS

### Can of Pop £1.50

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## DIPS

### BBQ £1.00

### Garlic Mayo £1.00

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## **HOW MANY MINUTES OF WALKING MIGHT HELP YOU AVOID A HEART ATTACK?**

It seems that keeping your heart reasonably healthy may not take a lot of time.

Researchers at the University of Sydney have found a link between short but intense bursts of activity and a significant drop in heart disease among people who otherwise engage in little activity.

Sedentary women who did just 3.4 minutes of “vigorous intermittent” exercise, such as brisk walking or climbing the stairs, each day, suffered 67 per cent fewer cases of heart failure, with an overall reduction in heart disease of 45 per cent, compared to those not exercising at all.

Sedentary men who did 2.3 minutes of exercise, which could include carrying heavy shopping or heavy garden work, saw an 11 per cent reduction in heart attacks and strokes.

## **IN PRAISE OF THE HUMBLE EGG**

We love eggs. On average, we eat at least two of them each week, which makes eggs one of Britain’s most popular foods.

Eggs are exceptionally good for you – high in protein, containing all the essential amino acids, rich in the B vitamins, vitamin D and A, and choline, and a source of healthy fats.

Eggs are also filling, and with 7.5g of protein in less than 80 calories per egg, there are few other foods that can match them for so much protein per gram. They are also inexpensive and easy to cook.

Experts recommend eating one or two eggs a day, and choosing a low-fat way of cooking them, by boiling or poaching. Cooking them in butter is a bit lower in fat than frying them in olive oil. Free-range eggs generally contain more vitamin D.

## **THE NEW TREND OF CLAPPING IN CHURCH**

Some people are beginning to clap in church, if they are pleased with something.

For tired vicars and timid curates, having a sermon greeted with warm clapping might be an encouragement, if also a complete surprise.

But the applauding of sermons, or applause at the end of services, also reveals a dark side: churchgoing has now declined to such a degree in the UK, that even the knowledge of ‘how to behave’ in church is fading.

That leaves some people unaware that in the UK, aside from a few ‘mega churches’ where American style singing, dancing and clapping is the norm, applause is not something we ‘do’ in church.

As one vicar puts it: “I think it has to do with cultural expectations. People are less and less familiar with acts of worship directed to God. Instead, they have a sense of a performance.”

## **DANGER AHEAD FOR BRITAIN'S CANALS**

Our historic canals are in danger of disappearing.

Caught in a 'perfect storm' of extreme weather events and funding cuts, the canals could be facing irreparable damage to huge stretches of their waterways. The Canal and River Trust (CRT) warns that even the historic sections of the Grand Union Canal and the scenic Oxford Canal are at risk.

Now the CRT, which is responsible for the upkeep of the country's historic canal network, has launched a major fundraising campaign. Millions of pounds are needed for a programme of replacing ageing lock gates and repairing tunnels and bridges.

The problem is huge because our canal network, dating back to the 1760s, runs for a whopping 2,000 miles, providing a haven for wildlife as well as thousands of jobs along its routes.

But major storms caused almost £10 million of additional repairs to the network in just the past 18 months alone. This included a major landslip involving 4,000 tons of mud on the Oxford Canal, which severed one of the busiest and oldest canals in the country. Then parts of the Grand Union Canal bank and towpath near Leicester collapsed, needing £500,000 of repairs. Elsewhere, dams were breached and other canals flooded.

Meanwhile, the CRT says the money it receives from DEFRA is set to fall by more than £300 million from 2027.

Yet CRT points out: "Britain's ageing canals are a national treasure. They have been re-purposed for modern society for leisure, recreation and for their wildlife, supporting thousands of jobs and the economy and saving the NHS more than £1 billion annually because of the health and wellbeing benefits they bring to millions of people."

## **ROME BRACING TO WELCOME 60 MILLION VISITORS THIS YEAR**

If you like peace and quiet, it is best to avoid Rome this year.

For 2025 is a Jubilee Year for the city, and tens of millions of visitors worldwide are expected to converge on Rome. In all, a staggering 60 million are expected.

As Pope Francis has recently explained: "Once again, Rome will welcome pilgrims from across the globe, as it did in 1300 during the first Church Jubilee." Many religious and cultural events on the theme of 'Pilgrims of Hope' are planned.

The Pope foresees that this year Rome will be a "place of hospitality, a melting pot of diversity and dialogue, a multicultural hub where the world's colours come together like a mosaic. Rome can embody an eternal spirit, rooted in its glorious past yet committed to building a future without barriers, discrimination or mistrust."

The Jubilee tradition harks back to Old Testament Jewish practices. The modern tradition of Jubilee began with Pope Boniface VIII. It was seen as a time of grace, "offering freedom to those imprisoned by sin, resignation, and despair."

The 2025 Jubilee coincides with the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, as well as a rare common celebration of Easter by all the Churches.



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# IMMC TINY TOTS

At Illingworth Moor Methodist Church



**Every Wednesday**  
**8.45am – 10.30am**  
Check our Facebook page  
for dates.

**Cafe open for drinks & snacks.**

A safe, caring and welcoming environment for parents, grandparents and carers and their infants and toddlers.

Contact Tracy for more details  
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07842411236



**Toys, story and singing every  
week as well as a chance  
to chat with others.**

## ALL IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

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

125 years ago, on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 1900 that the Labour Party was founded in the UK.

90 years ago, on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 1935 that US President Franklin D Roosevelt banned aircraft from flying over the White House – because the noise kept him awake at night. The ban remains in place today, but mainly now for security reasons.

80 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 1945 that Bob Marley, the Jamaican reggae/ska/rock steady singer, songwriter was born. He became a musician and cultural icon (died 1981).

75 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 1950 that the world's first payment by credit card took place. The founders of Diners Club (now Diners Club International) used it to pay their restaurant bill at Majero's Cabin Grill in New York City.

70 years ago, from 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 1955 to March that Britain's Big Freeze took place. Deep snow and freezing temperatures caused havoc, with many places cut off. The RAF dropped food and medical supplies to affected areas, while thousands of sheep died from exposure.

65 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 1960 that the Hollywood Walk of Fame was established in Hollywood. It consists of more than 2,700 stars embedded in the pavement, that bear the names of notable figures from the entertainment industry.

50 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 1975 that Margaret Thatcher became the first female leader of the Conservative Party. She became Britain's first female Prime Minister in 1979.

40 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 1985 that the Mayor of New York City, Ed Koch, adopted the song *New York, New York* by Franck Sinatra as the city's official anthem.

30 years ago, on 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 1995 that the environmental campaign group Greenpeace discovered Shell's plan to dump its defunct Brent Spar oil rig in the Atlantic. It launched an international campaign to stop it, and the rig eventually was taken to Norway where it was dismantled and part of it were used to extend a quay.

Also 30 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 1995 that James Herriot, veterinary surgeon and best-selling author, died. Best known for his autobiographical book *All Creature Great and Small*, which was adapted into a popular TV series.

Also 30 years, on 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 1995 that Barings Bank, the oldest merchant bank in London, collapsed after its chief trader in Singapore, Nick Lesson, lost £827 million on unauthorised transactions.

25 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> Feb to 29<sup>th</sup> May 2000 that the British government suspended the Northern Ireland Assembly, after it failed to strike a deal on decommissioning IRA weapons.

20 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2005 that yachtswoman Ellen MacArthur broke the record for the fastest solo circumnavigation of the globe, gaining international renown.

Also 20 years ago, on 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2005 that YouTube, the online video-sharing service, was founded. It was purchased by Google in 2006.

10 years ago, on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015 that Leonard Nimroy, actor and film director, died. Best known for his role as Spock in the Star Trek films and TV series.

For many years, we at Illingworth Moor Methodist Church have supported the annual Shoebox Appeal, filling shoeboxes to be sent to areas in Eastern Europe and some areas of Africa where children & families are suffering as a result of war, famine & natural disasters.

In recent years we have sent boxes via the Teams 4U organisation. A member of this team, Judith Powell, who launched our 2024 appeal in September, travelled along with the team to deliver boxes to Europe. Among the places she visited was Bosnia. You might be interested to read this message, which she sent via the Meltham Shoeboxes Whats' App group.

## A SHOE BOX MEMORY

Thirty years ago a war ended in Eastern Europe.

Four weeks ago I travelled to Bosnia Herzegovina, to a city that was in the centre of that war. Sarajevo – Bosnia.

I saw many happy smiling children eager to receive a shoe box full of gifts!

I listened to teachers, who as children lived in Sarajevo in the middle of the conflict.

They could not go to school.

They could not go outside their homes.

They could not meet their friends.

They were very frightened.

Many of their friends and their parents were casualties of the war.



Dave Cook, from Teams 4U the shoebox charity, travelled to Sarajevo in 1995, landed at the airport and by means of a newly dug tunnel from the airport to the city, was able to give shoe box gifts to many children.

These children now adult, told me how thankful they were, that people in our country were remembering the children

Who had little to eat

Were very cold {no gas or electricity}

Had little to do or toys to play with.

The teachers told me how they still were frightened when they heard thunder or any loud bang, as this reminded them of the war.

But they were so happy to see the children in 2024 receiving a shoe box gift just as they did!

*Judith Powell*

## **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**



## **Yorkshire Smokefree Service**

### **THINKING ABOUT STOPPING SMOKING?**

Did you know we now offer **VAPES** as well as nicotine replacement therapy?

We're here to help you through your quit journey

If you're ready to stop smoking give us a call to make an appointment to suit you!

01422 262373 (local number)

[https://yorkshiresmokefree.nhs.uk/  
pages/callback-request](https://yorkshiresmokefree.nhs.uk/pages/callback-request)

## **NATIONAL NEST BOX WEEK – 14TH TO 21ST FEBRUARY**

Where can family-minded birds raise their young these days? As our gardens and parklands become smaller and tidier, too many natural nest sites – such as holes in trees, old buildings and unkempt hedgerows – are rapidly disappearing

No wonder that our sparrows, greenfinches and swifts are in precipitous decline, and that one in four of our UK bird species are now under serious threat.

This makes it more important than ever to care for our remaining birds. By feeding, providing water and putting up nest boxes we can give them a safe space to raise their chicks.



The National Nest Box Week initiative encourages bird conservation across the UK, and it's easy to get involved, whether you're a teacher, part of a local wildlife group, or just wanting to boost the bird numbers in your own garden.

Visit:

<https://www.countryfile.com/wildlife/birds/national-nest-box-week-how-to-help-birds-in-your-garden>

## SMILE LINES



**Hearing** - A tiny lady was the guest preacher. A few minutes into her sermon, she paused and said: "Can you all hear me at the back?" A kind voice replied: "We can hear you fine. But sadly, we can't quite see you."

**Church service** - An auntie took her very young niece to church. When they returned home, her parents asked how it had gone. The little girl replied: "Well, the minister prayed, and I prayed. The minister sang, and I sang. The minister spoke, and auntie brought me home."

**Visit** - The new vicar was doing the rounds to meet his parishioners. At one house where he knocked, a woman inside called out: "Is that you, Angel?" The vicar hesitated and then called back: "No, but I'm from the same department."

**Cow and choir** - From a Cambridgeshire local newspaper in January 1900: 'WANTED - a steady respectable able man who can look after a garden, milk a cow, and sing in the church choir.'

**Chocolate** - A lovely heart-shaped box of chocolates was received on Valentine's Day by a young student from her new boyfriend. On the enclosed card was the inscription: 'To Helen, with all my allowance.'

**Experience** - "Dad," asked little Ted, "what does a man's better half mean?" Usually," his father said, "she means exactly what she says."

**Boots** - My young daughter needed new boots. When her friend arrived one morning in a lovely pair of new boots, I asked where she had got them. "At the store," she answered.

"Which one?" I asked patiently.

She looked confused, and then down at her boots. "Both of them," was her reply.

**Car-ride** - A teenager who had just received her provisional licence offered to drive her parents to church. After a hair-raising ride, they finally reached their destination. The mother got out of the car and said in a quiet but fervent voice: "Thank you!"

"Anytime," her daughter replied.

As the woman slammed the car door she said, "I wasn't talking to you. I was talking to God."

**No news** - A traveller was marooned in a small town because of a landslide caused by heavy rain. It fell in torrents for three days. Looking out of the window of the restaurant, he finally remarked to the waitress: "This is like the flood." "The what?"

"The flood. Surely you have heard about the great flood and Noah and the Ark?"

"Sorry, sir," she replied. "I haven't seen a newspaper for four days."

**Daddy** - Policeman to the vicar, found pacing outside the vicarage at three o'clock in the morning: "What are you doing here?"

Vicar: "I forgot my key, officer, and I'm waiting for my children to come home and let me in."



## *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



**CAR BOOT SALE &  
TABLE TOP SALE AT  
OSCA FOUNDATION**



**Forest Cottage, Cousin Lane, HX2 8AD  
on Sundays, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**Sellers arrive from 8 am Buyers start 8.30 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.**

## **ANDY'S MAN CLUB**

**Meets every Monday from 7 pm (exc. Bank holidays) at  
Halifax Rugby Union Football Club, Keighley Road,  
Ovenden, HX2 8AR**



## Illingworth Cricket Club

The Spenser Wilson Halifax Cricket League has not yet published the fixture list for the 2025 season but we are looking forward to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI's again both playing in their Premier Leagues, and there are plenty of local derbies and interest to look forward to. We will be playing local rivals Bradshaw at 1<sup>st</sup> team level after their great escape from relegation but unfortunately Bradshaw 2nds were relegated to be replaced by Copley. At first team level Sowerby Bridge and Luddenden Foot were relegated and replaced by Clayton and Upper Hopton. We will once again be renewing our rivalry with the newly merged Warley & Elland club playing at Elland. It's also nice to mention the formation of additional Men's teams at both Stainland and Bradley and Colnebridge which goes against the trend of recent years. It should make for an interesting and challenging year for all our players again in 2025.

We are also very proud of our newly formed Women's team, the Illingworth Sirens who will be playing in the Halifax Women's League in the forthcoming year. We will again be running U9s, U11s and U13s junior teams. Training starts in February and further details can be obtained on Facebook and the club website. We invite all interested players to come along and give it a go. We can accommodate players of all abilities so whether you are a regular player or haven't played for a while but fancy taking up some very worthwhile exercise do come along.

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. One of our coaches has already been doing cricket sessions at Whitehill Academy.

In the meantime, plenty of work and preparations for the new season are taking place. Machinery has been serviced and much work continues to be done on the ground in preparation for the new season. Another new initiative is the formation of a Darts team hopefully to take part in the local league and some new equipment has been bought for this purpose.

Our Annual General Meeting will take place in the clubhouse on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm to be followed by a Quiz Night. Both are open to all.

Halifax League cricket starts on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April and goes onto the 20<sup>th</sup> September.

If you want any more details our web site address is [www.illingworthcc.co.uk](http://www.illingworthcc.co.uk) or email [pasmith1x9@gmail.com](mailto:pasmith1x9@gmail.com)

*Andrew Smith*

Club President





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

### **Activities to be held in February**

- Monday: 6.30 pm to 8 pm Taekwondo
- Tuesday: 12 noon Walking Football (outside)
- Tuesday: 2 pm to 4 pm Old Tyme / Modern Sequence Dancing
- Tuesday: 6.30 pm to 8 pm Taekwondo
- Wednesday: 6.30 pm to 8 pm Taekwondo
- Thursday: 9.45 am to 10.45 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: 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm Enderby Hall Halifax Gateway Club

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

**Ovenden West Riding Junior Football Club** at OSCA Foundation. Kick off times from 9.30 am through till 12 noon. Teams from u/5 through to u/14 for both boys and girls. New and old players welcome. Contact Steve on 07727860731

**Ovenden West Riding u/13 boys team** are wanting to add to their successful squad, new players for next season. Players must be u/13 before August 31st. For more information please phone either Paul on 07825678212 or Lewy on 07833164375.

**Ovenden West Riding AFC Junior Football Club** are inviting boys/girls at Reception & Year 1 age to commence training on Tuesdays at Forest Cottage at 5.15 pm. Training will be on their all weather pitch. All abilities welcome. For more information contact Amir Bashir 07711148026.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> 2024. More information about training contact Heath on 07961209093 or Nial on 07922089240.

**Ovenden West Riding** are holding trials for their newly formed u/14 team for next season, interested players should contact "Peanut" on 07904241645.

### **CHI CHI FIT MUSICAL DANCE CLASSES.**

For people with learning disabilities and their carers.

Every Wednesday @ OSCA Foundation, Forest Cottage, starts 10.30 - 11.30, after class join us for a free tea or coffee and a chat. £2.50 per session. More info /book your place 03000120416.

**A Pool and Darts night** has commenced every Friday from 7 pm onwards *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.*

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



**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 - 17<sup>th</sup> February**

**Keighley Road Medical Centre, Illingworth - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> February**

**Wainstalls (all walks start & finish at Wainstalls bus turning circle)**

**Wednesday, 1 pm - 12<sup>th</sup> February**

**Every Friday 10 am Illingworth Moor Methodist Church Appro.x 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)**

## **ERIC LIDDELL – FROM OLYMPIC STAR TO JAPANESE INTERNMENT PRISONER**

Eighty years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> February 1945, Scottish athlete Eric Liddell died. An Olympic gold medallist in 1924 at Paris, he had withdrawn from the 100m heat because it was held on a Sunday, and had entered the 400m instead. The story is featured in the film *Chariots of Fire*.

Liddell died in a Japanese internment camp in China, aged 43. He wrote to his wife on the day he died saying he was suffering from a nervous breakdown brought on by overwork, but he was also malnourished and had an undiagnosed brain tumour. Five months after his death, the camp was liberated.

Liddell was born in China to Scottish missionary parents and attended boarding school at Eltham College in South London, where he is remembered as an outstanding all-round athlete “entirely without vanity”. He later went to the University of Edinburgh, which awarded him a posthumous degree last year in recognition of his contribution to sport and humanity.

Originally intending to run in the 200m at Paris, Liddell discovered en route that the heats for the event would take place on a Sunday. So, he switched to the 400m – and won in an Olympic record time of 47.6 seconds. “God made me fast. And when I run, I feel His pleasure,” he said.

He returned to China the following year and stayed there until his death, apart from two furloughs to Scotland, during one of which in 1932 he was ordained a minister of the Congregational Union of Scotland. He then continued his selfless missionary work, largely as a teacher, in China, where he married Florence Mackenzie, a China-born Canadian. Their daughter Heather died in 2023.

When Scotsman Allan Wells won the 100m gold medal in Moscow in 1980, he dedicated his victory to Eric Liddell.



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 via one of the following ways:

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

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

We run day trips to the seaside or places of interest & have other social events throughout the year.

## **ALL THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ARE HELD AT ILLINGWORTH MOOR METHODIST CHURCH**

### **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 to 12 noon £3.50

### **WEDNESDAYS**

**CRAFTY CLUB** from 10.00 am - 12 noon £2.00

*Join the friendly group for knitting, card making and other crafts*

*Refreshments available from the Church Cafe*

### **THURSDAYS**

**INTERMEDIATE PILATES** from 9.45 am - 10.45 am £4.00

**BEGINNERS PILATES** from 11 am - 12 noon £4.00

*To improve core stability and strength*

**\*\*\* NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME \*\*\***

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