



# ILLINGWORTH MESSENGER

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



Mother's Day Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> March

**MARCH 2025**

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CHURCH IN MARCH**

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

2nd March	Local Arrangement	Parade
9th March	Mrs Janet Revill	
16th March	Mrs Linda Guy	
23rd March	Dr Eilidh Gunson	
30th March	Rev. Tony Morling	Communion Mother's Day



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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  
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## MESSAGE FOR MARCH

The first daffodil emerging from winter's cold grip takes my mind back to Portsmouth's Rowan's Hospice. Situated north of the city the hospice provided twelve beds for respite care as well as an active day centre. I was straight out of college and it was a steep learning curve to know how to minister to the two-hundred folk who came to The Rowan's every year.

One day, a man commented on the first daffodils in the garden. He asked if I would wheel him out in his chair so that he could see them more closely. So, the two of us, at different ends of life's journey, stopped and stared in wonderment at this bold, yellow, trumpeting flower swaying in the wind. He knew that this would be his last Spring, so he was making the most of it. Somehow his mortality was sharpening his sense of the present - and this daffodil was a sign for him of beauty, wonder and hope. Without feigned emotion, he leant over and said, *"I have had a good life - but I do wish that I had given myself more time to stop, think and be thankful"*.

The forty days of Lent, which prepare us for Easter, invites us to stop, think and be thankful. Beginning on Ash Wednesday (March 5th ) the season is marked by simplicity, abstinence and honest reflection. For some, Lent's language of ashes, dust and contrition may seem punitive and small - almost life denying. However for others, to be reminded of death is not moribund, but rather a spur to appreciate what we have in the here and now.

Lent reminds us of the Psalmist's words , "As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more" (Psalm 103).

Such acknowledgment can serve to remind us that life is so finite and precious that we must find time to be still and sense our place in God's infinite creation. So, whether we have experiences of many years of Spring daffodils, or just a few, let's embrace this reflective, life-affirming season of Lent, and sense anew the wonder of our brief mortal span.

Best wishes

*Rev Tony Morling*

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## WORDSEARCH CLUES

March brings us Lent and Mothering Sunday. Lent is a time of spiritual self-assessment as we prepare for Easter. It is a time to turn to God, and to grow closer to Him. Mothering Sunday reminds us of not only the mothers that have loved and raised us, but of Mother Church, who has spiritually loved and nurtured us throughout our Christian pilgrimage. How many words can you find on these themes in this month's Word Search?



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**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.

Shed at The Moor

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



## WHAT'S ON AT ILLINGWORTH MOOR

### 'GOOD AS NEW SHOP'



Open on **FRIDAYS ONLY** 10 am till 3.30 pm during Abbey Park School term time.

During school holidays **Thursday 6 pm to 8 pm** and **Fridays 10 am to 2 pm**

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

Our Chef, Sarah, makes a range of meals on four days a week, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 9 am to 1 pm.

Why not pop in for a coffee, a piece of home made cake, a bowl of home made soup, a sandwich (*either to eat in or take away*). Or have a full meal from Sarah's tempting menu?



### **BOYS' BRIGADE - MONDAYS**

**Anchor Boys:** 5 - 7 years (arrive 6.15 pm to start at 6.30 pm until 7.30 pm)

**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);

**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

**Halifax Guardian – Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 1841**

### **Robbery at Illingworth Parsonage**

On Monday night or early Tuesday morning some villain or villains broke into the Parsonage House at Illingworth, the residence of the Rev William Gillmor, the incumbent, and secured the following articles with which they got clear off, viz. three dozen of Port and Sherry Wine, a quantity of homemade wines, bottles of Rum, Brandy and Whisky, two German silver dessert and three teaspoons, a silver egg spoon, one Coffee and two Britannia metal teapots, two brass articles belonging to the kitchen, two shirts, a black silk shawl, a large market handkerchief, a blue Mackintosh topcoat and all the bread, meat and cheese in the house. The thieves came in at the yard gates and it is not a little surprising that a large dog which is kept in the yard did not bark. The Rev, Gentleman heard some persons in the house during the night but as it was the washing morning, on which the servants rose very early, he imagined it to be them. The depredators have not as yet been discovered but four suspicious characters broke into the Beershop at Illingworth, kept by a person named Butterworth, between one and two on Tuesday morning, demanding drink and broke a window because they could not obtain what they wanted. The men were well known to Butterworth, but he has allowed them to make the matter up with him. We would have our friends in the outskirts to be well provided with locks, bolts and bars, during the ensuing winter, as the above mentioned robbery is only one of a series of a similar description which have been perpetrated during the last three months.

**Halifax Courier – Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 1854**

Thomas Dean, Woolcomber, Ovenden, was fined 12 shillings including costs or three hours confinement in the Stocks, for being drunk and incapable in Westgate, the previous night.

George Farnley, Woolcomber, Ovenden, was charged on the 4<sup>th</sup> inst. with being drunk. The Constable said about a quarter past one o'clock he met with the defendant asleep in Stannary and it required the assistance of another Officer and a cart to bring him to the Police Office. Fined including costs 12 shillings, or in default of payment to be confined in the stocks for three hours.

**Halifax Courier – Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 1863**

On Wednesday, during a pelting rain storm, one of the Ovenden roughs sat in the stocks three hours for Sunday Gambling and yesterday, Friday, a second paid a similar penalty for a like offence. A much heavier penalty is necessary to put a stop to this practice, which is very prevalent in this district on Sundays. When they are taken in the act by an Officer, they often jocosely remark "Oh three hours in the Stocks will settle it".



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## WHERE IN THE WORLD IS IT MOST DANGEROUS TO BE A CHRISTIAN?

The answer is found in the recently published World Watch List. It is Open Doors' annual ranking of the top 50 countries where Christians face the most extreme persecution. This year it is North Korea. Again.

For North Korea has been Number One on the World Watch List almost every year since 2002. In North Korea, if they discover you are a Christian, you could be simply killed on the spot. At the very least, you will be sent to a horrendous labour camp and treated as a political criminal. Very few survive.

The main threat is the dictatorial paranoia of Kim Jong-un. The Kims demand total worship of themselves, and recognising any deity outside of the Kim family is seen as a threat. The country's Communist and post-Communist stance backs their position, making it impossible to gather for worship or prayer. Even secret worship is an enormous risk.

Yet even at this level of persecution, there are still as many as 400,000 believers left in North Korea. They make up about 1.5 per cent of the population.

And, through secret networks outside the country, Open Doors' secret workers are able to help around 100,000 North Korean believers by providing vital food and aid, shelter and discipleship training for North Korean refugees at safe houses in China, and training through radio broadcasting from outside the country.

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

*Random acts of kindness*

## ST. MALACHY'S NEWS

Our Parish Priest is Mgr Michael McQuinn

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

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

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### **ILLINGWORTH MOOR METHODIST CHURCH**

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

# 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.

**Meatyni** £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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### OPENING TIMES

Saturday 4:00pm - 11:00pm.

### PRE ORDERS

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### DELIVERY

All deliveries will incur a £3 charge within a 3 mile radius of North Halifax.

## DESSERTS

**Choco Di Dough** £4.50

Baked dough covered in chocolate sauce.

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Baked dough covered in chocolate sauce topped with melted marshmallows.

## DRINKS

**Can of Pop** £1.50

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## ALL IN THE MONTH OF MARCH

### *It was:*

175 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> March 1850 that the Britannia Bridge linking Anglesey and mainland Wales across the Menai Strait was officially opened. Designed and built by railway engineer Robert Stephenson, it had to be replaced after a disastrous fire in 1970.

*150 years ago, on 7<sup>th</sup> March 1875 that the French composer Maurice Ravel was born. Best known for Bolero.*

125 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> March 1900 that the British archaeologist Arthur Evans began excavating the ancient city of Knossos, capital of the Minoan civilisation, in Heraklion, Crete. Knossos is regarded as the oldest city in Europe. It was abandoned (unknown reasons) more than 3,000 years ago.

*100 years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> March 1925 that Murrayfield Stadium in Edinburgh was officially opened.*

90 years ago, on 16<sup>th</sup> March 1935 that driving tests were first introduced in Britain. Three days later, on 19<sup>th</sup> March, a speed limit of 30 mph in built-up areas was also introduced, under the Road Traffic Act of 1934.

*80 years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> March 1945 that Operation Varsity took place in Wesel, Germany. The USA, Britain and Canada carried out the largest single-day airborne landing operation in history, involving more than 16,000 paratroopers and thousands of aircraft. Allied victory.*

70 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> March 1955 that Sir Alexander Fleming, Scottish bacteriologist died. Joint winner of the 1945 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for discovering penicillin

*60 years ago, on 8<sup>th</sup> March 1965 that the first US troops arrived in Vietnam. This marked the beginning of the USA's main involvement in the war.*

Also 60 years ago, on 18<sup>th</sup> March 1965 that Soviet cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov became the first person ever to make a spacewalk.

*50 years ago, on 26<sup>th</sup> March 1975 that the Biological Weapons Convention came into effect. This multilateral disarmament treaty banned the development, production and stockpiling of all biological and toxin weapons.*

40 years ago, on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1985 that British miners voted to return to work after a year-long strike over pit closures and job losses.

*30 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1995 that the 'rogue trader' Nick Leeson was arrested for his role in the collapse of Barings, Britain's oldest merchant bank. Four days later, on 6<sup>th</sup> March, the Dutch bank ING purchased Barings, for the nominal price of £1.*

20 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2005 that Dave Allen, Irish comedian, died.

*10 years ago, on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015 that Terry Pratchett, British fantasy novelist best known for his Discworld series, died of Alzheimer's, aged 66.*

Also 10 years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015 that the Germanwings Flight 9525 crashed in the French alps, killing all 150 people on board. An investigation found that the co-pilot had deliberately caused the crash. His doctor had declared him unfit to fly due to suicidal tendencies, but he had reported for work anyway.



## **MANY MILLENNIALS ARE STILL AT HOME**

Renting and buying your home is much more expensive than it was 20 years ago. So, no wonder that nearly half a million more young people are currently still living with their parents.

According to the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), the ‘Hotel of Mum and Dad’ is flourishing, with nearly a fifth of all millennials still at home.

Bee Boileau of the IFS says: “In the last decade and a half, there has been a substantial increase in the proportion of young adults living with their parents. This has occurred alongside, and indeed has been fuelled by, increases in rents and house prices.”

There are many advantages to living at home: young people can save more of their incomes, and living at home also provides a shelter for those recovering from bad relationships or redundancy.

Overall, in the 25 to 34 age brackets, men are more likely than women to be living at home (23 per cent compared with 15 per cent). Rates are higher among UK-born young people from Bangladeshi and Indian backgrounds (62 per cent and 50 per cent respectively).

## **SOCIAL MEDIA IS NOT FOR CHILDREN**

Most adults would support a ban on under-16-year-olds visiting social media platforms such as X and Instagram.

Such are the findings of a recent survey. It found that 75 per cent of adults favour the minimum age for accessing social media sites to be raised, from 13 to 16 years old.

The survey was conducted by the More in Common think tank. It reports that support for raising the age level is found right across the political spectrum: 79 per cent of Conservative voters, 75 per cent of Labour voters, 76 per cent of Liberal Democrat voters, and 81 per cent of Reform UK voters

Concern about the effects of social media on young people comes at a time when tech giants are facing increasing criticism about the impact their platforms can have on young people.

The survey also found that 71 per cent of adults want a ban on all smartphones in school, while 14 per cent oppose the idea.

## **WHISPER IT SOFTLY, BUT MANY OF US *PREFER* INSTANT COFFEE**

In this age of exotic coffee making machines, there are still a good 39 per cent of us in Britain who reach for the instant coffee – and even prefer it.

In fact, a 2024 Kantar report has found that seven million of us happily drink instant coffee two or three times each day.

Nescafe Gold Blend is the UK’s leading instant coffee brand, with 4.3 million of us buying it in 2023. As James Chiavarini, patron of the Italian restaurant Il Portico says: “Gold Blend is weak and sweet, and I can drink it all day without the risk of a stomach ulcer.”

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## ANSWERS

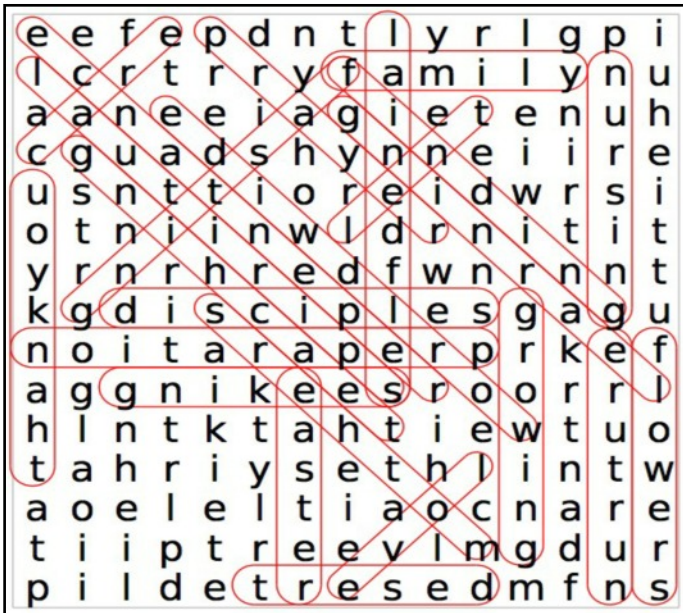
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### WORDSEARCH




Happy
  
Mother's Day!

*Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> March*



# Illingworth Cricket Club

The fixtures for our matches in The Spenser Wilson Halifax Cricket League which commences on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> April have just been published and the 1<sup>st</sup> XI have been given a home match against newly promoted Oxenhope whilst the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI travel to Sowerby Bridge. The first round draws of the various cup matches were also drawn at a recent League meeting. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI are away to Bridgeholme in the first round of the Halifax Parish Cup and the 2nds have been given a bye into the 2<sup>nd</sup> round.

Our Senior winter nets for cricket training at the Cricket Asylum, Sowerby Bridge continue on Tuesday evenings till the end of March from 7.30-8.30 pm. 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. Indoor training for Women and Girls and our U9s and U11s takes place on Saturday mornings from 8th March at Trinity Academy, Halifax from 9.00-10.00 am. It's £5 per session and the first session on Sat. 8th March is bring a friend. Contact Danny for more information on 07713 – 806438. Outdoor training and coaching for both seniors, women and girls and juniors will start in April. Watch our website and Facebook 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 2025 as well as three senior teams and a women and girls team so there is plenty of opportunity for everyone.

A big thank you goes to Mamil Café Bar of Brighouse who have sponsored the new Women and Girls shirts and Daniel Rhodes of DR Bespoke Tailors of Dean Clough Mills who have sponsored the junior shirts.

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 quiz.

Huge thanks go to the Ovenden Wind Farm Fund and Yorkshire Wind Power Ltd who managed by the Community Foundation for Calderdale have provided financial support to the club to further upgrade our Solar Panel and CCTV systems and which will be a massive boost to all our activities.

Lastly, we send our congratulations to our former player Alex Lees who has been appointed Club Captain at Durham County Cricket Club and signed a contract extension for at least the next three years.



If you want any more details our web site address is <https://illingworth.play-cricket.com>

You can contact us by email – [comms@illingworth.co.uk](mailto:comms@illingworth.co.uk)

On Facebook you can find us [@illingworthcc](https://www.facebook.com/illingworthcc)

or ring Andrew Smith on 07979-645379

*Andrew Smith*

Club President.



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At Illingworth Moor Methodist Church



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

## **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

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

## *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





## A LENT REFLECTION

For us, Lent is an opportunity to hold up a mirror to ourselves and ask the question, *'who am I?'* It's a season of honest encounter with who we are, what we've done, and how we should live. What will we see when we hold up the mirror to ourselves? Keeping Lent, the 40 days running up to Easter, could mean taking time to read Scripture, studying a Christian book or spending five minutes each day in silence! We might fast by missing one or two meals, refraining from TV, alcohol, social media, or scrolling on our phones. All of these can help us to give more attention to God in our lives.

Whatever we do, Lent is a season for self-reflection, as we put ourselves in a position to receive afresh the forgiveness and healing that God offers.

## CHANGING A LIGHT BULB IS A GENERATIONAL THING

Do you know how to clean a car, change a lightbulb, hang a picture and identify a spanner? If yes, then chances are that you are a Baby Boomer (1955-1964) and not a Gen Z (1997-2012).

For recent research has found that some Gen Z are paying up to £1,300 a year for simple household tasks to be done, because they don't want to tackle them.

Changing a light bulb? Gen Z worry that a step ladder can be dangerous, and that the bulb might be "too hot". They do not want "to mess around with electrics."

Hanging a picture frame? Add air to a car tyre? Identify a spanner? Fit a wiper blade? Clean a car? The list of practical jobs is endless, and huge numbers of Gen Z get round them by asking a parent or even paying a professional, to do it.

The research was commissioned by Halfords. It concluded that DIY may sadly be a dying skill, because too many Gen Z-ers are simply not practically minded.

## SMILE LINES



### Snoring

A clergyman consulted his doctor about his wife's snoring. "It has to STOP," he insisted.

The doctor was intrigued: "Does it really bother you that much?"

"Well, it's not just me," confided the minister. "She is bothering the

whole congregation."

**New meanings** Dogma - a puppy's mother — Polygon - a lost parrot

### PARENT'S DICTIONARY

**Defense:** What you'd better have around de garden if you're going to let de children play outside.

**Family planning:** The art of spacing your children the proper distance apart to keep you just on the edge of financial disaster.

**Feedback:** The inevitable result when the baby doesn't appreciate the strained carrots.

**Grandparents:** The people who think your children are wonderful even though they're sure you're not raising them right.

**Independent:** How we want our children to be as long as they do everything we say.

**Puddle:** A small body of water that draws other small bodies wearing dry shoes into it.

**Show off:** A child who is more talented than yours.

**Sterilize:** What you do to your first baby's pacifier by boiling it and to your last baby's pacifier by blowing on it.

**Temper tantrums:** What you should keep to a minimum so as to not upset the children.

**Top bunk:** Where you should never put a child wearing Superman jammies.

**Two-minute warning:** When the baby's face turns red and it begins to make those familiar grunting noises.

### Miscellaneous observations on daily life

A bank is a place that will lend you money if you can prove that you don't need it.

A healthy adult consumes each year one-and-one-half times his own weight in other people's patience.

A pun is the lowest form of humour - unless you thought of it yourself.

Based on my calculations, I can afford to retire five years after I die.

**Hospitality:** making your guests feel like they're at home, even if you wish they were.

I recently decided to sell my vacuum cleaner - all it was doing was gathering dust.

My dog will eat anything until you put a pill in it. Then he's Gordon Ramsey.

### Lost in translation

*Are you travelling this Spring? Keep an eye out for those delightful translations into English that didn't quite make it...*

*Danish airline:* We take your bags and send them in all directions.

*Heathrow:* No electric people carrying vehicles past this point.

*Japanese taxi:* Safety first: please put on your seatbelt. Prepare for accident.

*Kenyan maternity ward:* No children allowed.

*Beijing shop:* Haircuts half price today. Only one per customer.

*Swedish furrier:* Fur coats made for ladies from their own skin.



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



**Forest Cottage, Cousin Lane, HX2 8AD  
on Sundays, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> March 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**



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

### **Activities to be held in March**

- Monday: 6.30 pm to 8 pm Taekwondo
- 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.**

## POPE CALLS ON JOURNALISTS TO LOOK FOR GOOD NEWS

The Pope has urged journalists to look out for ‘good news’ stories among so much doom and gloom in global media coverage.

His call came during a gathering in Rome of media professionals from around the world that included an audience with Pope Francis.

The Pope said, “I encourage you to discover and make known the many stories of goodness hidden in the folds of the news, imitating those gold-prospectors who tirelessly sift the sand in search of a tiny nugget.”

His words come as increasing numbers of people are turning away from news coverage, describing it as “depressing, relentless and boring” according to a recent global survey.

Almost four in 10 people worldwide said they sometimes or often avoid the news, up from just under three in 10 in 2017, according to the report by Oxford University's Reuters Institute.

To counter this, the Pope urged journalists and other media professionals to be ‘communicators of hope’ in a world where divisive disinformation abounds.

Pope Francis, who heads the world’s estimated 1.4 billion Catholics called on all those involved in communications “to focus on beauty and hope even in the midst of apparently desperate situations” and to work to generate “commitment, empathy and concern for others.”

He said: “Too often today, communication generates not hope, but fear and despair, prejudice and resentment, fanaticism and even hatred.”

The message also, perhaps, had criticism for the power and influence being wielded by Big Tech companies, such as Elon Musk’s ‘X’, and Meta – that recently announced it was removing fact-checkers from its US operation.

He said, “In these our times, characterised by disinformation and polarisation, as a few centres of power control an unprecedented mass of data and information, I would like to speak to you as one who is well aware of the importance – now more than ever – of your work as journalists and communicators.”

He called on journalists to communicate hope, noting that “The hope of Christians has a face, the face of the risen Lord.” His gift of the Holy Spirit “enables us to hope even against all hope, and to perceive the hidden goodness quietly present even when all else seems lost.”



Mark 16:15



CREW Heart  
Support Group

**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> March**

**Wainstalls (all walks start & finish at Wainstalls bus turning circle)**  
**Wednesday, 1 pm - 12<sup>th</sup> March**

**Every Friday 10 am Illingworth Moor Methodist Church**

Apprx 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)**

## **A TRIBUTE TO ALEXANDER FLEMING**

Seventy years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> March 1955, the Scottish bacteriologist Sir Alexander Fleming died. He was joint winner with Ernst Boris Chain and Sir Howard Walter Florey of the 1945 Nobel Prize in Physiology/Medicine for discovering penicillin.

Fleming was not the tidiest researcher, and his discovery of penicillin came about more or less by accident, as he said himself. He regarded his earlier discovery of lysozyme, a mildly antiseptic enzyme which is present in body fluids, as his best scientific work.

The discovery of penicillin was much more significant in practical terms, but for some years he was unable to persuade fellow-experts of its importance – another example of the scientific consensus being wrong. In the end Chain and Florey were vital to its success, having discovered a method of turning penicillin into a practical, useful treatment.

Fleming came from a Presbyterian background but was described as “not particularly religious”. He served through the First World War in the Royal Army Medical Corps, working in battlefield hospitals in France, where he observed that closed wound treatment often had adverse effects.

He was a member of the rifle club at his medical school, St Mary’s, which led to his joining the research department there.

The discovery of penicillin and its subsequent development as a prescription drug marked the start of modern antibiotics. Fleming was knighted in 1944. In 1999 he was named in *Time* magazine’s list of the 100 most important people in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and three years later as one of the 100 Greatest Britons in a BBC poll. He was also voted third greatest Scot in 2009.

When he heard that penicillin production had been patented in the US in 1944, he was furious that his discovery, given free, should become a profit-making monopoly in another country.





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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