



# ILLINGWORTH MESSENGER

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



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**JOIN US ON OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH AT  
ANY OF THE SERVICES  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME  
ST. MALACHY'S CHURCH**

**Times of Mass at St. Malachy's:**  
Saturday (Vigil Mass) at 5 pm and  
Sunday Mass at 9 am

**HOLY NATIVITY CHURCH**  
**the Church of England Parish of Mixenden and Illingworth**  
**Sundays at 10.00 am**  
All Age Eucharist, everyone welcome

**PREACHERS AT ILLINGWORTH MOOR METHODIST  
CHURCH IN APRIL**  
***All services commence at 10.30 am unless otherwise stated***

6th April Rev. Graham Smith Passion Sunday

13th April Rev Tony Morling Palm Sunday  
*Cluster Service starting at 10.45 am*

20th April Ms Val Heward Easter Sunday

27th April Mrs Wendy Tolson



**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.calderdalemethodistcircuit.org.uk/about-us/walking-way.html)**  
<https://www.facebook.com>

## EASTER MESSAGE

What does the duckbilled platypus and Easter have in common? Answer: they both present extraordinary claims that are worthy of investigation.

The first Australian settlers were amazed at this egg laying, furry, swimming, venomous, badger tailed mammal with a duck's bill. The naturalist George Shaw at the British Museum, wrote, "It is impossible not to... surmise that there might have been practised some arts of deception in its structure." It was beyond experience; beyond reason.

When London's sharpest minds encountered a living platypus the classification of the animal kingdom was expanded to accommodate a new reality. It is an instance of a hoax that proved not to be a hoax after all.

When the first Christians spoke of resurrection they too met with claims of hoax. The Roman historian Tacitus called it a 'deadly superstition'. Saul of Tarsus sought to destroy the illogical conviction that Jesus was alive. Yet those closest to the events were unswerving. They were convinced of His life after death. Against all the odds they persisted in the claim of resurrection.

Elaborate hoax? Or is it just possible that Easter contains an astonishing truth. Like, the duckbilled platypus: He is living.

For me the Gospel accounts have a ring of truth. Resurrection is echoed in buried seeds, butterflies emerging from chrysalises and frozen relationships rekindled. Resurrection gives birth to Hope. The verb that seeks to transform the world into what it might be.

So, this Easter you and I are invited to say with countless millions, "Alleluia, Jesus is Alive!"

*Rev Tony Morling*  
Methodist Minister



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## WORDSEARCH CLUES

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! April brings us to Easter – the crucifixion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ - the triumphant highlight of the Christian year. As St Paul pointed out, unless Jesus really did rise again, our faith is useless, and we may as well forget any hope of heaven or eternal life. But because He does live, we have a sure and certain hope for our future.

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| Bread       | risen    |
| Wine        | gardener |
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**Communion Meal** every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at **6 pm**.

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email **vicar@holynativity.co.uk**

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**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 local community to use.  
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.

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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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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 & **Junior Section:** 8 - 10 years  
6.30 pm until 8 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

*From Local Historian, David Craven*

**FATAL COLLIERY ACCIDENT** taken from the Halifax Courier dated 27th January 1855

On Monday last, an official enquiry into the cause of the death of John Sharpe, a Collier, aged 32, took place at the Golden Fleece, Bradshaw, before G. Dyson, Esq (Coroner), and a respectable Jury.

Mr Richard Ayrton, proprietor of Bradshaw Field Colliery, said the deceased was employed by him and that he was a good and experienced Collier. His Overlooker was a working Collier, but part of his duty was to examine and look after the working and safety of the pit.

Only three Getters were employed in the pit, the Foreman, the deceased and another man and they worked so near each other that two Hurriers did for them. The Foreman had been long time employed at the pit, and witness thought him quite competent to superintend the working of the pit. John Pasquil, Foreman at the pit, said he had been employed in coal works all his life. He was Bottom Steward at Bradshaw Field Coal Pit, and as such it was his duty to see that the coals were got in a workman-like and proper manner. Props were seldom found necessary and he had never used but three, but there were always a saw and wood at hand, ready for cutting props whenever required.

Deceased was working in a hole for two and a half to three and a half yards in width, last Friday afternoon, about half past twelve, when the accident happened. The day before witness was sinking with the deceased in the same hole and both remarked upon the sound appearance of the roof. Witness went in again on Friday morning about nine o'clock and considered the roof safe, but while working eight or ten yards away, two or three hours afterwards, he heard a heavy fall and on proceeding to the spot, found deceased laid on his face with a piece of black shale upon him, not less than three tons in weight. Deceased was almost entirely buried under the heavy mass that had finally fallen from the roof, and when extricated in about ten minutes, he was dead.

Witness gave other evidence as to the safety of the roof, so far as it could be ascertained by sounding, the usual mode employed in testing roofs.

The Jury, after hearing the above evidence, came to the conclusion that the deceased's death was accidental.





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Membership for the six month season, **(April 1st to September 30th)** is just £30

offering affordable access to social bowling at less

than £1.50 per week. League enthusiasts can

participate for an additional £3 per game.

Our mixed ladies and men's veterans teams grace the

green on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons,

while our ladies open age team takes the stage on

Thursday evenings. Ladies and men's open age team

will play on a Tuesday evening.

Crown green bowling provides a delightful blend of

mental and physical activity.

For enquiries or if you are ready to roll contact the Editor at 01422 249070 and

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## 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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**Wainstalls (all walks start & finish at Wainstalls bus turning circle)  
Wednesday, 1 pm - 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

**Monday 1 pm Beechwood Medical Centre - 28<sup>th</sup> April**

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

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**Choco Di Dough** £4.50

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## DIPS

**BBQ** £1.00

**Garlic Mayo** £1.00

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## ALL IN THE MONTH OF APRIL

### *It was*

250 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1775 that J M W Turner, the British artist was born. Known for his landscapes and turbulent marine paintings.

*175 years ago, on 16th April 1850 that Madame Marie Tussaud, French artist known for her wax sculptures, died. Founder of Madame Tussaud's wax museum in London.*

Also 175 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1850 that William Wordsworth died. A Romantic poet, he was Poet Laureate from 1843-50.

*150 years ago, on 1st April 1875 that Edgar Wallace was born. This British writer, playwright and journalist was best known for creating King Kong.*

Also 150 years ago, on 17<sup>th</sup> April 1875 that the game of snooker was invented by Neville Chamberlain, a British army officer stationed in India.

*125 years ago, from 14th April - 12th November, that the 1900 Paris Exposition, a World's Fair, was held. Nearly 50 million people visited Paris that year.*

100 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> April 1925 that F Scott Fitzgerald's novel *The Great Gatsby*, was published.

*80 years ago, from 1st April to 22nd June 1945 that the Battle of Okinawa, Japan took place. The largest amphibious assault in the Pacific War, it was an Allied victory.*

Also 80 years ago, on 30<sup>th</sup> April 1945 that Adolf Hitler, Austrian-born German Nazi Party Leader, Chancellor of Germany (1933-45) and dictator (1934-45) committed suicide along with his wife, Eva Braun.

*70 years ago, on 5th April 1955 that Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced his retirement because of failing health. He was succeeded by Anthony Eden on 7th April.*

Also 70 years ago, on 10<sup>th</sup> April 1955 that British nightclub hostess Ruth Ellis shot and killed her lover, David Blakely. On 13<sup>th</sup> July she was hanged at Holloway Prison, the last woman to be executed in the UK.

*Also 70 years ago, on 18th April 1955, that Albert Einstein, German-born American theoretical physicist, died. Considered the most influential physicist of the 20th century. Known for developing the special and general theories of relativity.*

65 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1960 that Dr Martens boots went on sale in the UK.

*50 years ago, on 4th April 1975 that Microsoft, the computer software/hardware company, was founded by Bill Gates and Paul Allen in Albuquerque New Mexico.*

Also 50 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1975 that US President Gerald Ford gave a televised speech in which he announced that the USA's involvement in the Vietnam war was over, and all US aid to South Vietnam had ended. The war itself ended on 30<sup>th</sup> April, when North Vietnamese forces captured the South Vietnamese capital Saigon.

*40 years ago, on 21st April 1985 that Brazilian racing driver Ayrton Senna won the Portuguese Grand Prix. It was the first of his 41 Formula One wins.*

Also 40 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1985 that the Coca-Cola Company changed the formula of Coca-Cola and launched it on the market as New Coke. The public were out-raged, and the original formula was restored within three months.

*30 years ago, on 19<sup>th</sup> April 1995 that the Oklahoma City bombing took place. A truck bomb exploded outside the Alfred P Murrah Federal Building, killing 168 people and injuring 500 more. Timothy McVeigh was convicted of the bombing and executed in June 2001.*

*25 years ago, on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2000 that Queen Elizabeth II awarded the Royal Ulster Constabulary the George Cross in recognition of its collective and sustained bravery during the Troubles in Northern Ireland.*

*20 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2005 that Pope John Paul II died. Succeeded by Pope Benedict XVI on 19<sup>th</sup> April.*

*Also 20 years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2005 that Charles, Prince of Wales, married Camilla Parker Bowles, who gained the title the Duchess of Cornwall.*

*15 years ago, on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010 that BP's Deepwater Horizon oil platform in the Gulf of Mexico exploded, killing 11 workers. Around 210 million US gallons of crude oil were spilled, causing an environmental disaster. BP was fined \$18.7 billion - the largest settlement in US corporate history.*

*10 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 that the Gorkha earthquake took place in Nepal. Nearly 9,000 people were killed, 22,000 injured, and 3.5 million made homeless.*

## **Illingworth Moor Methodist Church**



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# ANSWERS

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## WORDSEARCH



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# Illingworth Cricket Club

April is always one of the busiest months of the year for a cricket club and 2025 will be no different.

The local cricket season starts on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> April with the 1st XI at home to Oxenhope and the 2nd XI travelling down the valley to Sowerby Bridge.

By then hopefully the ground will be ready with machinery mended, the grass cut, the pavilion spick and span and walls painted and everyone ready for action. Preparations have been helped a little by the recent good weather which hopefully will continue into the season. We will have volunteers working on the ground on the weekends before then as well as the Easter holidays to get everything prepared 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 runs three senior teams, a Ladies team for the first time and three junior teams so lots of 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 as well as Match days 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/Facebook 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 as successful as ever this year.

## **Illingworth CC Home Fixtures for April/ early May.**

### **All matches 1 pm start**

**Sat 26 April – 1st XI v Oxenhope**

**Sun 27 April - 3<sup>rd</sup> XI v Northowram Fields**

**Sat 3 May - 2nd XI v Booth**

**Sat 10 May - 1st XI v Triangle**

**Sat 17 May - 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Warley & Elland**



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.co.uk or message Andrew Smith on 07979-645379

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At Illingworth Moor Methodist Church

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**WE ARE NOT OPEN IN APRIL**  
**Back on 7th May**  
**8.45am till 10.30am**

For parents, grandparents and carers and their pre-school children.

## **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)

## **WHERE DID YOUR EASTER EGG COME FROM?**

Your Easter egg can be traced back to the early Church in Mesopotamia.

Since ancient times, people had been giving each other eggs at pagan Spring festivals, as eggs were a symbol of the new life and rebirth in nature all around them. Then came Jesus and His death and resurrection, which made Easter the ultimate time for Christians to celebrate new life and rebirth. After that, it was only a matter of time before eggs found their way into commemorating Easter.

This seems to have first happened with the very early church in Mesopotamia, where those early Christians began dyeing their eggs after Easter, to celebrate the new birth that Jesus had given to them. The practise of using eggs in Easter celebrations then spread to the Orthodox Churches, and from there to the Western Churches across Europe.

## **PENNY KILLED OFF IN THE USA, BUT SAVED IN THE UK**

President Trump has ordered the US Treasury to stop minting one cent pennies.

But Downing Street is standing firm: our 1p and 2p coins are not being phased out in Britain. In fact, no British coin has been scrapped since 1984, when the halfpenny was taken out of circulation.

But there are *some* changes at the Treasury: no new coins are being minted this year, for the first time in decades. This is because our use of cash continues to decline, making the 27 billion coins currently in circulation within the UK quite sufficient for now.

In the UK, about 1.5 million people still use mostly cash, according to a 2023 survey by UK Finance.

# Afternoon Concert at Illingworth Moor Church

Saturday 10th May at 2pm

£8 per ticket



Refreshments included

See Wyn for tickets  
(Hx 244494)  
or pay on the door

OVERGATE HOSPICE  
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## LONDON MARATHON 2025 – SUNDAY 27TH APRIL

Last year's London Marathon attracted more than 53,000 runners, which made it the world's biggest annual one-day fund-raising event EVER. It also raised a world record-breaking amount of £73.5 million for charities.

The route is 26.2 miles long. Greenwich and Blackheath is the starting point, and then the route takes in Woolwich, Greenwich, Rotherhithe, Bermondsey, Tower Bridge, Limehouse, Canary Wharf, Isle of Dogs, Shadwell, Tower Gateway, Westminster Bridge, Great George Street, Birdcage Walk, Buckingham Palace and finally to the iconic finish line on The Mall.



It is all a far cry from the first London Marathon back in March 1981, when 6,747 people ran, and which did not raise any money specifically for charities.

## SMILE LINES



### What can I eat for Easter?

Can't eat beef.....mad cow.  
Can't eat chicken..... bird flu.  
Can't eat eggs..... Salmonella.  
Can't eat pork.....fears that bird flu will infect pigs.  
Can't eat fish..... heavy metals in the waters.  
Can't eat fruits and veggies..... insecticides and herbicides.  
Can't eat potatoes, pasta, bread, rice.....nasty carbs.  
HMMMMMMMM! I believe that leaves.....chocolate.

### Easter chocolate dilemma

364 days of the year we tell our kids: "Do NOT eat anything you find on the ground, or anything from strangers!"

On Easter morning we tell them: "Why don't you go outside and search in the dirt for chocolates that a strange giant bunny has left for you?"

### 10 Easter one-liners

What do you need if your chocolate eggs mysteriously disappear? *An eggsplanation*

What kind of jewellery does the Easter Bunny wear? *14-carrot gold*

What is the Easter Bunny's favourite kind of music? *Hip hop*

What do you call an Easter Bunny wearing a kilt? *Hopscotch*

What do you call a bunny with fleas? *Bugs Bunny*

What do you call a line of rabbits jumping backwards? *A receding hare-line*

How can you tell which rabbits are oldest in a group? *Just look for the gray hares.*

Why do people paint eggs for Easter? It's easier than trying to wallpaper them!

What do rabbits say before they eat? "Lettuce pray."

Where does Christmas come before Easter? The dictionary.

### Mr Bones

The orthopedic surgeon I work for was moving to a new office, and we, his staff, were helping transport many of the items. I sat the display skeleton in the front of my car, his boney arm across the back of my seat. I hadn't considered the drive across town. At one traffic light, the stares of the people in the car beside me became obvious, and I looked across and called, "I'm delivering him to my doctor's office."

The other driver leaned out of his window. "I hate to tell you, lady," he said, "but I think it's too late!"

### Miscellaneous observations on life:

When a minister rehearses his sermon, is he practising what he preaches?

If walking/cycling is good for your health, our postmen will be immortal.

The fastest land mammal is a toddler who's been asked what's in their mouth.



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



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

**on Sundays, 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> April 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.**

## **GUARDING THE EASTER CHOCOLATE**



Was there a security tag on your Easter egg this year? If so, it wasn't because high street bosses feared the Easter Bunny might take it.

It's that shoplifting has soared to an unprecedented amount. There were more than 20 million shoplifting incidents last year - an average of about *50,000 cases a day*, according to the British Retail Consortium (BRC). In all, retailers lost £2.2 billion.

And it seems that shoplifters also like chocolate. Which is why some WH Smith shops have been tagging the Cadbury Mini Eggs, and why some Tesco stores have put Quality Street chocolates under a wire net, to name but a couple of examples.

## **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 APRIL**

- 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.**



## 1ST APRIL - ALL FOOLS' DAY

In years gone by, the rules surrounding April Fool were this: between midnight and noon on 1<sup>st</sup> April, everyone is 'fair game' to be made a fool of. It is the morning of the practical joke. But the aim is not just to discomfort the victim: he must be tricked into taking action himself, sent on a 'fool's errand'.

And so children would be sent to the dairy for a pint of dove's milk, or to the bookseller for *The Life of Eve's Mother*. Practical jokes on a bigger scale were played: in 1860 a vast number of people received an official looking invitation to the Tower of London that read: 'Admit the Bearer and Friends to view the Annual Ceremony of Washing the White Lions.' Precisely the same trick had been played in 1698.

Then, on the stroke of noon, tradition decrees, April Fools is finished. If anyone attempts devilry thereafter, even while the clock is still striking, it recoils on his own head. A child would then race through the sing-song formula: 'April-Fool-Day's-past-and-gone-you're-the-fool-and-I-am-none!'

## RICHARD OF CHICHESTER, WANTING TO SEE MORE CLEARLY, DEARLY AND NEARLY

Ever wonder where the prayer ... *'May I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day'* comes from? Richard of Chichester, a bishop in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, wrote it.

He began life as Richard de Wych of Droitwich, the son of a yeoman farmer. But Richard was a studious boy, and after helping his father on the farm for several years, refused an advantageous offer of marriage, and instead made his way to Oxford, and later to Paris and Bologna to study canon law.

In 1235 he returned to Oxford, and was soon appointed Chancellor, where he supported Edmund, Archbishop of Canterbury, in his struggles against King Henry III's misuse of Church funds. After further study to become a priest, Richard was in due course made a bishop himself. He was greatly loved. He was charitable and accessible, both stern and merciful to sinners, extraordinarily generous to those stricken by famine, and a brilliant legislator of his diocese. He decreed that the sacraments were to be administered without payment, Mass celebrated in dignified conditions, the clergy to be chaste, to practise residence, and to wear clerical dress. The laity was obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days, and to know by heart the Hail Mary as well as the Lord's Prayer and the Creed.

Richard was also prominent in preaching the Crusade, which he saw as a call to reopen the Holy Land to pilgrims, not as a political expedition. He died at Dover on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1253. In art, Richard of Chichester is represented with a chalice at his feet, in memory of his having once dropped the chalice at Mass! One ancient English church is dedicated to him.

And, of course, he is author of that famous prayer, now set to popular music, which runs in full: *"Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ for all the benefits thou hast given me, for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for me. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly, day by day."*



# **Illingworth Moor Methodist Church**

## **CAFÉ AT THE MOOR**

WE WILL CLOSE  
AT 1PM ON  
FRIDAY 11TH APRIL  
WE REOPEN:  
TUESDAY 29TH APRIL AT 9AM

## **CHARITY SHOP**

WE WILL BE CLOSED ON  
THURSDAY 17TH APRIL IN THE  
EVENING AND CLOSED ON  
FRIDAY 18TH APRIL

HAPPY EASTER FROM ALL THE  
STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS





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 from 1st April**

**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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