



# ILLINGWORTH MESSENGER

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



“I want to be like a  
sunflower; so that  
even on the darkest  
days I will stand tall  
and find the sunlight.”

— M.K.



**JULY & AUGUST 2025**

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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

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

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

6th July	Rev Tony Morling	Parade and Baptism
13th July	Mrs Susan Watson	
20th July	Rev Tony Morling	Communion
27th July	Cluster Service at St. Andrew's Methodist Church, Huddersfield Road, at 10.45 am	

3rd August	Mrs Stella Christie	
10th August	Local Arrangement	
17th August	Rev David Briggs	
24th August	Dr Eilidh Gunson	
31st August	Rev Tony Morling	Cluster Service at Illingworth Moor at 10.45 am



**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)**

## **JULY & AUGUST MESSAGE**

In the Bible at the tail end of St Paul's letter to the church in Rome he signs off by sending greetings to 27 people. It is kind of first century social media group. Now a list of 27 names may sound as exciting as a bowl of dish water, but stay with me for a few minutes.

Some are men and some are women; some are partners like Aquila and Priscilla; some are single; some are young while others appear to be in the autumn of life; some are related to each other; and others are related to each only through the love of God that bound them into a new family. Some are Jewish in origin, others are Gentile. They seem to come from a variety of backgrounds and economic social status. It is reminder that church has always been, and always will be a place where a wide variety of people come together and find that all are equal.

Then in that list is one of the great surprises of the New Testament. St Paul had someone who he called Mum! He writes, 'Greet Rufus, and his mother who has been like a mother to me'. Isn't that great! St Paul, had someone who was like a mum to him. She could probably say things to Paul that no one else could. She could look at him with a glance of the eye, read him like a book and just "Oh Paul, what have you done now". But all the time, he knew that she was on his side, supporting him in practical ways and remembering him in her prayers.

This list of names in chapter sixteen is a roll call of ordinary people who do the right thing. Theirs is a story of grace and courage, of people who braved the storm and kept the faith. They are St Paul's support group, his back up team, the people on whom he relied.

I wonder who is on your list of supporters? And maybe over the summer you might like to get in contact, just as St Paul did, and say thanks for their faith and kindness.

Gracious God, thank you for all those who walk alongside us in life and support us. Amen

*Rev Tony Morling*  
Methodist Minister

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## WORDSEARCH CLUES

If you ever struggle with **doubt**, take heart: so did one of the **apostles**, whose Feast Day is this month. St **Thomas** just could NOT believe that the Jesus he had seen crucified and **dead** on the **cross** could ever come back to life. But Thomas was an honest **sceptic**, because he really wanted to know the **truth**. Jesus could help such a man. And so He **appeared** to and the other disciples. Instead of scolding him, Jesus simply **showed** him

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the **wounds**. Thomas's response was immediate: "My **Lord** and my **God**" (John 20.26ff). Ancient legends tell how Thomas went on to **India** as a **missionary**. There are rumours that Thomas even built a palace for a king's daughter in India, and thus he is the **patron saint** of architects. It is believed that he was **martyred** by a **spear** on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 72 AD in **Mylapore**, near **Madras**. 46 ancient churches in England are dedicated to him.

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**We are open on the following dates**

**July: 2nd, 9th and 16th.**

**8.45am till 10.30am**

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



## 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

Why not drop into our **"Cosy Corner"**?

No need to buy! Just sit and watch the world go by in warm and pleasant surroundings. Enjoy a cuppa, from the Cafe, or read a magazine, or just relax.

### **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

*Editor: Once again this month I am indebted to Sue Johnson (Local Historian) for providing me with information written by the late Mary Dixon.*

The Halifax Guardian on Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1877 wrote the following:-

### **Bradshaw – The New Board School**

The school was opened on Monday morning last, when Mr Hanson and Mr Sykes, members of the School Board attended, and Mr E B Turner the schoolmaster commenced his duties.

Though it has not been generally known, there were few children attended the opening. On Tuesday Mount Zion School was closed and the children were transferred to the new board school. Mount Zion Sunday School was built in 1887.

What was the village of Bradshaw like about this time? To find out we have to consult directories of the time. In the directory of 1874 we read that it was “A straggling village in the township of Ovenden. Here are three mills for the manufacture of worsted goods, and two earthenware manufactories. St Johns Church was built in 1838, and Rev. Morgan is the incumbent. Population returned with Ovenden. Post Office at Joseph Rouses.”

A list of occupations shows how many trades were carried on in the village, which shows what a close knit community it was.

1 Beer Retailer	1 Blacksmith	4 Farmers	3 Brewers
4 Innkeepers	1 Tax Collector	1 Refreshment Room keeper	
1 Boot maker	1 Wheelwright	8 Grocers	2 Cattle Dealers
1 Carrier	2 Worsted Spinners	1 Parson	1 Stuff Mfr
1 Machine Maker	2 Earthenware Mfrs	1 Postmaster	1 Clay Merchant
1 Painter	3 Gentlemen	2 Schoolmasters	1 Plasterer

If you wanted to go to Halifax you either walked or went on the carrier's cart, or if you were fortunate enough to own a horse you went on horseback. The main occupations of the people in the 1840/50 period were farming, mining, handloom weaving. One of the most important pits was Shugden Head, which is near the present Bradshaw Bus terminus. Many of the names of the roads, like Mucky Lane (now Perseverance Road) Colliers Row, and Black Castle all indicate that mining was a chief occupation. As the coal ran out men became unemployed, and many men tried to get work in the towns. The population in 1851 was 3195 but dropped to 2171 by 1861 and to 1941 in 1871. Many cottages became empty and the village people became poorer and poorer. Eventually in 1853 Mr John Lassey a property owner in the area called a meeting of the men in the village, and gave them some land to build a mill. The mill which was called Co-operative Mills, and now known as Bradshaw mill was commenced. The stone laying ceremony was on June 5<sup>th</sup> 1854 and was attended by some 3000 people, and there were scenes of great rejoicing, and the Queensbury Brass Band came. A lot of people had given money for the project and became shareholders. They went to the Golden Fleece Inn then kept by Mr Henry Spencer where they had a good meal. In June 1855 an accident occurred while the mill was being built. One man was killed and another escaped. The chimney



was twice blown down when a severe gale swept through the district in February 1855, and this resulted in the building being made stronger. Soon the mill was built and completed and on 5<sup>th</sup> November 1855 another celebration was held. The cost had been £7,000. Mr Spencer of the Fleece Inn again provided a dinner for 108 men and women shareholders. Flags were flown and Union Jacks appeared everywhere. At the celebrations Mr John Percival, a sergeant in the West Yorkshire Yeomanry spoke about the Boar War, and the Charge of the Light Brigade and the war against Russia. Another speaker said that the work of the company was an honour to Bradshaw and saved it from becoming a deserted village. The mill was eventually closed for the last time on Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 1967 and at the time 70/75 work people were employed. In 1970 the mill chimney was lowered by 30 feet.

Another event of 1878 was of great interest to the people of Bradshaw, for that was the year of the completion of the railway from Halifax to Queensbury. It went through a cutting at Holmfield and through the hillside. If you go down to Holmfield you can still see the old railway bridges, and where the old railway station was. This would be a great timesaver for the people of the area because they could get to many parts of the country from their nearest station. When the tunnel was built it was a feat of engineering and if you walk up the hillside on the opposite side to the school you can see the air shafts which are now filled in or capped.

Another school in the area was Raggalds Inn school which stands behind the Raggalds Inn on Roper Lane. This was founded in 1831 by Michael Stocks of Northowram. It is now converted into a house but it retains some of its old character.



**Summer Crafts  
Fun Morning  
Primary School Children**

**23<sup>rd</sup> July & 27<sup>th</sup> August  
11am till 12.30pm**

**Illingworth Moor Methodist Church**

**All children must be  
accompanied by  
an adult**

**Crafts  
&  
games**

**Some free school uniform  
available**

**Cafe open as usual  
for food and drinks**

## **BANANAS COULD BE LOST TO CLIMATE CHANGE, CHRISTIAN AID WARNS**

Bananas are in danger. Almost half of the world's banana-growing regions may be lost to climate change in the next 50 years, a new report has warned.

Bananas are the world's fourth most important food crop globally — but rising temperatures, droughts, and fungal infections are threatening where most of the world's crops grow, in Latin America and the Caribbean.

A recent study by Christian Aid found that 80 per cent of global banana exports come from this region, but that 60 per cent of the land currently used for the crop will be unsuitable, due to climate change, by 2080.

The director of policy and campaigns at Christian Aid, Osai Ojigbo, said: "Bananas are not just the world's favourite fruit, but they are also an essential food for millions of people. We need to wake up to the danger posed by climate change to this vital crop."

UK consumers eat more bananas than any other European country, eating on average about 85 bananas a year each.

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## Are you feeling a little isolated or want something to do?

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## DON'T STEP ON A BEE DAY – 10TH JULY

Have you ever wanted to step on a bee? Hopefully most of us haven't – but the eye-catching name of this annual event aims to remind people of how important bees are in our ecosystem, and of the need to promote their protection.

Don't Step on a Bee Day highlights the crucial role bees play in pollination, and also that their populations are declining, because of habitat loss, pesticides, and climate change.

If you want to help the bees, here is what you can do:

*Plant Bee-Friendly Flowers:* Grow a variety of flowers in your garden that attract and support bees, such as lavender, sunflowers, and marigolds.

*Avoid Using Pesticides:* Reduce or eliminate these in your garden, to create a safer environment for bees.

*Support Local Beekeepers:* Purchase honey from local beekeepers, to help support sustainable beekeeping practices.

*Create a Bee Bath:* Place a shallow dish of water with stones in your garden to provide bees with a safe place to drink.

*Educate Others:* Share information about the importance of bees and how you protect them with friends, family, and on social media.

# Pizza Menu

EST. 2023  
Halifax - HX2

## PIZZAS

**Margherita** £8.00  
Italian sauce, cheese and herbs.

**Hawaiian** £8.50  
Italian sauce, cheese, prosciutto ham, pineapple and herbs.

**Prosciutto Funghi** £8.50  
Italian sauce, cheese, prosciutto ham, mushroom and herbs.

**Pepperoni** £8.50  
Italian sauce, cheese, pepperoni, pepper and herbs.

**Vegeoni** £8.50  
Italian sauce, cheese, mushroom, red onion, pepper, sweetcorn and herbs.

**Meatyonni** £9.50  
Italian sauce, cheese, prosciutto ham, pepperoni, spicy beef and herbs.

**ADD SPICY MEATBALLS FOR £1.50**

## SIDES

**Garlic Bread** £5.00  
A freshly baked pizza dough covered with garlic butter and herbs.

**Cheesy Garlic Bread** £6.50  
A freshly baked pizza dough covered with garlic butter, cheese & herbs.

**Marinara Meatballs** £7.50  
12 spicy meatballs covered in marinara sauce topped with a sprinkling of cheese.

**Cheesy Tortilla Chips** £5.00  
A box of warm crispy tortilla chips covered in 3 of layers cheese with a choice of 3 dips.

**Fully Loaded Tortillas** £7.50  
3 layers of tortilla chips covered in cheese 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).

*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 and Marinara sauces are homemade recipes made from tomatoes, fresh basil, crushed garlic and a couple of secret ingredients. Our mozzarella is unbeatable - melty, stretchy, creamy and just the right amount of mild tang.*

## TELEPHONE:

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## DESSERTS

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**S'more Dough** £6.00  
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  
**Sweet Chilli** £1.00



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## ALL IN THE MONTH OF JULY

*It was:*

175 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1850 that Robert Peel, Prime Minister (1834-35, 1841-46) died. He founded the Metropolitan Police Service and is seen as the father of modern British policing.

125 years ago, on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1900 that the premiere of Finnish composer Jean Sibelius's tone poem *Finlandia* (*Opus 26*) was given in Helsinki.

100 years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1925 that racing driver Malcolm Campbell became the first person to travel at over 150 mph. He set a new land speed record of 150.87 mph at Pendine Sands in Wales in a Sunbeam 350HP. He also went on to break the 250 mph and 300 mph records, in 1932 and 1935.

90 years ago, on 6<sup>th</sup> July 1935 that the Yangtze River flooded in China. 145,000 people died, while millions were displaced and suffered food shortages and famine.

80 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1945 that WW2 leader Winston Churchill lost the General Election to Clement Attlee's Labour Party.

75 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1950 that the Law of Return was passed in Israel. It granted all Jews the right to immigrate to Israel.

Also 75 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> July 1950 that the first episode of the BBC children's TV show *Andy Pandy* was broadcast in the UK.

70 years ago, on 16<sup>th</sup> July 1955 that Stirling Moss became the first British driver to win the British Grand Prix.

Also 70 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1955 that racing driver Donald Campbell broke the world water speed record and became the first person to break the 200-mph barrier at Ullswater in Cumbria.

65 years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> July 1960 that US President Dwight D Eisenhower and Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev traded threats over the future of Cuba.

40 years ago, on 13<sup>th</sup> July 1985 that the two Live Aid concerts were held simultaneously in London and Philadelphia, as well as at other venues such as Sydney and Moscow. They raised millions of pounds for famine relief in Africa.

30 years ago, on 16<sup>th</sup> July 1995 that Amazon.com first opened its website to the public.

25 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2000 that an Air France Concorde crashed outside of Paris, shortly after taking off for New York. It killed all 109 people on board, along with four people on the ground.

20 years ago, that the 7<sup>th</sup> July (2005) London bombings took place. The coordinated series of four suicide bomb attacks on London's transport system during the morning rush hour killed 56 people and injured more than 700. It was the worst-ever terrorist attack on Britain, and the country's first attack by suicide bombers.

10 years ago, on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015 that NASA's New Horizons space probe, launched in 2006, completed the first-ever flyby of the dwarf planet Pluto, and returned close-up photos.





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### CHURCH of ST. JOHN the EVANGELIST PARISH OF BRADSHAW AND HOLMFIELD

#### ***THE FRIENDSHIP GROUP***

meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 2 pm in the Community Centre of St John's Church, Bradshaw, Pavement Lane, HX2 9JJ.

Each month a different speaker comes along to talk for about 45 minutes /1 hour, followed by tea/coffee and a chat. Cost £2.50 per person including refreshments. Any suggestions for speakers or topics please contact John Kiddle 07746953527

**1 July** *WATERHOUSE ALMS HOUSES* with Architect George Pickles

**5 August** *'LADY LEVER ART GALLERY* — Art historian, Peter Tillotson, is a former Trustee of the Gallery and on the Consultative Committee at National Museums Liverpool. He will be telling us about the history of the collection and showing us some of the paintings.

**ALL WELCOME**

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METHODIST CHURCH

## ANSWERS

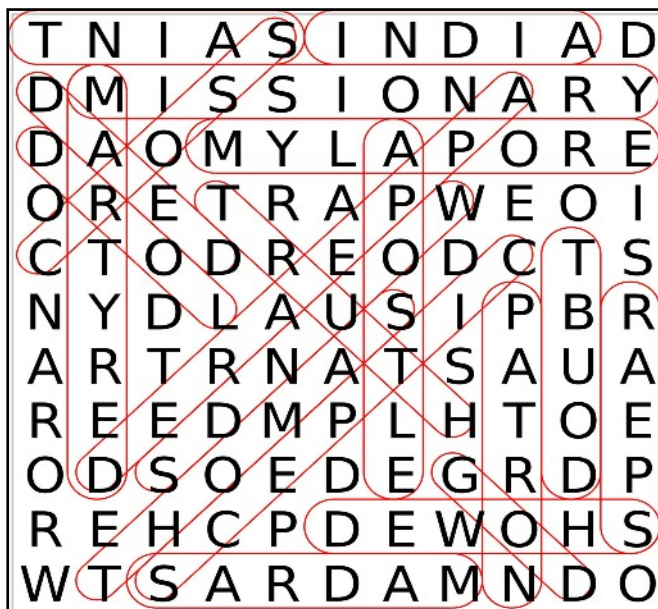
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### WORDSEARCH



### Sequence & Ballroom Dancing



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## Illingworth Cricket Club

What a busy time. The cricket season is gathering momentum with an incredible amount of activity throughout the club both on and off the field.

The senior teams, men and women have had positive starts to the season as have our three junior teams. The 1st XI are getting into their stride and are up to fifth position in the league and have progressed to the Semi Finals of the Parish Cup after beating Bridgeholme, Great Horton and Shelf Northowram, all away from home. The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI is top of their league, by a clear 28 points and have also progressed through to the Crossley Shield Semi Finals after defeating Old Town and Sowerby St Peters. Jake Fellows achieved a club 2<sup>nd</sup> XI record at Blackley with a personal score of 211 not out. A fantastic achievement. The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI is struggling at the bottom end of Division 1 but have been hit by the cup successes of the 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI depriving them of players. The women have so far played just five matches and lost them all but given the level of enthusiasm and their fast developing skills it won't be long before they chalk up their first victory.

Junior activity is underway with Under 9s, 11s and 13s all taking part in the Halifax Junior League. The U9's are leading the way being top of their division, the U11s are in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and U13s are 4<sup>th</sup> so all going well but we can always accommodate more players. Junior training takes place on Friday evenings from 6.30 pm. All Stars Cricket has also started. It is all part of a fun Friday Night project on every Friday night into the Summer starting from 6.30 pm until 7.30 pm for 5-11 year olds designed to introduce both girls and boys to cricket and lots of other games and good exercise. Mums and Dads, Grandparents and friends are all welcome to come along and watch. The bar will be open so adults can enjoy a quiet drink at the same time.

Off the field there is always plenty going on.

We are delighted that Sam Fellows has been selected for the England Indoor Cricket U17 squad to take part in the World Series in Sri Lanka in October, a great honour for both him and the club. A Racing Night was held in the club recently which raised over £1,000 to help him and his family meet the cost of going on the trip which should be an amazing experience for a young cricketer. A huge thank you goes out to all our Sponsors who all help to offset the huge cost of keeping the club going. All match balls have now been sponsored but there are plenty of other opportunities for local companies and individuals to support the club through ground and pavilion advertising and in other ways. Do get in touch if you can help.

New players, members, spectators, visitors and volunteers are always welcome. Come and have a look for yourselves at our facilities. The club will be open on Tuesday and Friday evenings and on match afternoons and for junior and women's match evenings and we will be pleased to welcome you.

### **Illingworth CC Home Fixtures for July/August**

Saturday & Sunday 1 pm start. Weekdays 6.30 pm

Thurs 3 July – U9s v Outlane

Sat 5 July – 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Mount

Sun 6 July – 3<sup>rd</sup> XI v Lightcliffe

Tues 8 July – Women v Barkisland

Thurs 10 July – U9s v Upper Hopton

Sat 12 July – 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Sowerby Bridge

Mon 14 July – U11s v Jer Lane

Tues 15 July - Women v Bradshaw

Thurs 17 July – U13s v Mytholmroyd

Sat 19 July – 1<sup>st</sup> XI v Booth

Sun 20 July – Parish Cup & Crossley Shield Semi Finals

Thurs 24 July – U13s v Warley & Elland

Sat 26 July – 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Triangle

Sun 27 July – 3<sup>rd</sup> XI v Birkby Rosehill

Sat 2 Aug – 1<sup>st</sup> XI v Warley & Elland

Sat 9 Aug – 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v SBCI

Sat 16 Aug - 1<sup>st</sup> XI v Thornton

Sat 23 Aug – 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Copley

Sat 30 Aug – 1<sup>st</sup> XI v Copley

Sun 31 Aug – 3<sup>rd</sup> XI v Blackley

For more information have a look at our web site [Illingworth.play-cricket.com](http://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](https://www.facebook.com/illingworthcc)

*Andrew Smith*

Club President

## **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**

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**Friday 10 am - 5 pm**

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**Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> July and 18<sup>th</sup> August Beechwood Medical Centre at 1 pm**

**Wainstalls (all walks start & finish at Wainstalls bus turning circle)**  
**Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> July and 27<sup>th</sup> August at 1 pm**

**Friday 10 am Illingworth Moor Methodist Church**  
Approx. 4 miles **All of our information is on our website**

**[www.crewheartsupport.co.uk](http://www.crewheartsupport.co.uk) / [crewpartners.hsg@gmail.com](mailto:crewpartners.hsg@gmail.com)**

## **WORLD IS MORE VIOLENT THAN EVER**

Last year there was serious conflict in at least 50 different countries.

“The level of violence happening is certainly at one of its highest levels since the Second World War.” So says the founder of ACLED (Armed Conflict Location and Event Data).

Some experts estimate that at least one in every six people is exposed to some level of conflict. This can range from civil war in Myanmar to warring drug cartels in Mexico, with “fewer conflicts being resolved, either militarily or through peace agreement”, according to the Global Peace Index.

The increase now is largely due to the military coup in Myanmar in 2021, the Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022, and the Israel-Hamas War, which began in 2023. These conflicts have been responsible for more than half the war fatalities recorded in 2024.

The only place that exceeded Myanmar on the index was Gaza, which ACLED reported to be the “most dangerous and violent place in the world in 2024”.

Jeremiah the prophet, who lived in 600 BC, also knew about violence. He observed with sorrow that: ‘Death has climbed in through our windows and has entered our fortresses; it has removed the children from the streets and the young men from the public squares.’ (Jeremiah 9:21)

## SMILE LINES



**Day trip?** A north country choirmaster was rehearsing the hymns for Sunday, telling the choir the hymns they were to sing, and the tunes to which they were to sing them. He concluded the list and said, “Now then, ‘Come ye that love the Lord’, to Southport!”

A moment later a voice called out, “Where are you tekking t’rest of us then?”

### **Church Notices that didn’t quite ‘make it’...**

The preacher for Sunday next will be found hanging on the notice board in the porch.

Churchyard maintenance is becoming increasingly difficult, so it will be appreciated if parishioners cut the grass around their own graves.

**Baptism** The vicar announced that an additional font would soon be placed in the church, so that babies could be baptised at both ends.

**Vote carried** The vicar was ill in hospital and so the churchwarden went to visit. Trying to cheer him up, the churchwarden said: “We missed you at PCC last night. We even put forward a resolution to wish you a speedy recovery. It was passed by 14 votes to 12.”

**Getting ready** Two children watched their grandmother reading her Bible. “Why does she do that?” whispered one. “I expect she’s studying for her final exams,” came the reply.

**Life choice** A small boy returned from Sunday School in tears. When questioned by his mother for the reason of his distress, he gulped: “Jesus wants me for a sunbeam, but I want to be an engine driver.”

**No worries** A 102-year-old lady was asked if she had any worries about the future. She replied: “Not since I got my eldest son into an old people’s home.”

**Vatican** Once asked how many people worked in the Vatican, Pope John XXIII replied: “Oh, about half.”

**Open wide** A lady was very nervous about her appointment at the dentist. She sought courage from her Bible. The verse her finger landed on was Psalm 81:10: ‘Open thy mouth wide and I will fill it.’

**Come in** The choir was practising the anthem. The choirmaster said to the trebles: “Now don’t forget, when the tenors reach ‘The Gates of Hell’, you come in.”

### **Preaching hazards**

Showing your new parish that you are a forceful preacher may not always be a good idea, as the Revd Sydney Smith found out when he first arrived at All Saints Church in Foston in 1806. “When I began to thump the pulpit cushion on my first coming to Foston, the accumulated dust of 150 years made such a cloud that for some minutes I lost sight of the congregation.”



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

**on Sundays, 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> July and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

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*HAPPY*



*HOLIDAY*

*Have you ever found something of value on the street – and wondered what to do with it?  
David R Pickup is a solicitor with a practice in Buckinghamshire...*

## **FINDERS KEEPERS? – FINDING THINGS IN THE STREET**

The gospels have a number of stories about things lost and found. The lost sheep, the prodigal son, and one of my favourites - the lost coin. I wonder if Our Lord had someone in mind when He told that parable? Perhaps He had seen a lady searching high and low, turning the house upside down - could it have been His mother, Mary? Just a thought.

I am always losing things myself; usually essentials like glasses and keys and once my wife. We got separated from each other in a museum in Germany. I spoke to a warder who took me to a room where all the CCTV cameras were, and I was invited to select a wife. In the end, to get her back, I had to make an announcement over the tannoy.

I am also always finding things. Maybe it is because I look downwards all the time. I have found keys, a wallet, a suit jacket, bank cards and a bobble hat on a train. The suit jacket was on a train so I could easily tell the guard. The wallet was outside a station in the drop off zone and I just handed it in. Things lost in other places are best handed to the police station. There they will take down your details and if not claimed they can give it back to you.

If, like me, you often lose things, it is sensible to be careful. Do not put your pin number with bank cards. It is probably not a good idea to keep documents in your car that could be traced to you. Do you have a separate note of important telephone and other numbers if something is stolen? Do not put your address on your key tab.

The bobble hat is another story. It was left on a first-class carriage and I could remember the man and where he was sitting. I gave a full description of the man, the seat and which train he was on to a lady at enquiries at Newcastle station. I do not think it was ever claimed. Between you and me, I suspect he has spent much of his life trying to get away from it.

## **WALKING IS AMAZING – HERE’S HOW TO GET STARTED**

Walking is simply good for you. Even a casual stroll can give your overall physical and mental health a boost.

So says Britain’s leading walking charity, Ramblers.

It also says that the current mantra of ‘ten thousand steps a day’ need not daunt you, as “you don’t need to adhere to this to feel the benefits of getting outside and stretching your legs.” Even walking for just 30 minutes five times a week can help ward off back pain, according to a recent study.

So – here’s five ways to get going....

Walk in the morning – you are more likely to fit it in before the day takes off.

Start gently, set an easy pace.

Keep it short, to start with. Build up your distances gradually.

Aim to build it up to last for at least half an hour.

Work out some simple local routes that suit you. Doctors tell us that ‘movement is medicine’, and this medicine is certainly cost-free.



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

**Activities to be held in JULY & AUGUST**

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.

**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.**

## MURDER

Do you see a lot of murders? On TV, that is. According to the star of Gavin and Tracey, James Corden, television these days has become pretty much “wall-to-wall” murder.

Corden believes that audiences deserve more programmes that feature love and kindness, instead. He says: “If there was an alien species that came to Earth, they would assume that all of us know multiple murderers, and that we’re involved or implicated in murder somewhere.”

So, what is there about a murder mystery that still so attracts us?

## 15TH JULY - ST SWITHUN (OR SWITHIN), SAINT FOR A RAINY DAY

St Swithun is apparently the saint you can blame for rainy summers. It is said that if it rains on his special day, 15<sup>th</sup> July, it will then rain for 40 days after that. It all began when Swithun was made Bishop of Winchester in 852 by King Ethelwulf of Wessex. It was an important posting: Winchester was the capital of Wessex, and during the 10 years Swithun was there, Wessex became the most important kingdom of England.

During his life, instead of washing out people’s summer holidays and damping down their spirits, Swithun seems to have done a lot of good. He was famous for his charitable gifts and for his energy in getting churches built. When he was dying in 862, he asked that he be buried in the cemetery of the Old Minster, just outside the west door.

If he had been left there in peace, who knows how many rainy summers the English may have been spared over the last 1000 years. But, no, it was decided to move Swithun. By now, the 960s, Winchester had become the first monastic cathedral chapter in England, and the newly installed monks wanted Swithun in the cathedral with them. So finally, on 15 July 971, his bones were dug up and Swithun was translated into the cathedral.

That same day many people claimed to have had miraculous cures. Certainly everyone got wet, for the heavens opened. The unusually heavy rain that day, and on the days following, was attributed to the power of St Swithun. Swithun was moved again in 1093, into the new Winchester cathedral. His shrine was a popular place of pilgrimage throughout the Middle Ages. The shrine was destroyed during the Reformation and restored in 1962. There are 58 ancient dedications to Swithun in England.

### *Miscellaneous observations on life today...*

- If you can’t shine, at least twinkle! - *Alistair Begg*
- Worry is like a rocking chair; it will give you something to do, but it won’t get you anywhere. - *Anon*
- Age: the only thing that comes to us without effort. - *Anon*





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**

**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  
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## **TUESDAYS**

**KEEP FIT** from 10 am to 11 am £4.00

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**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 \*\*\***

## **CHURCH CONTACTS**

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### **St Malachy's**

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