

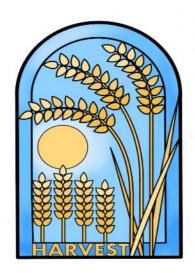
ILLINGWORTH MESSENGER

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









Sunday, 21st September

Harvest Festival Service

led by Rev Tony Morling
at 2.30 pm at Mount Zion

Heritage Chapel, Per Lane, Ogden,

Halifax, HX2 8XG

SEPTEMBER 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

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 SEPTEMBER

All services commence at 10.30 am unless otherwise stated

7th September Mrs Pamela Hales

14th September Miss Alison Dobson

21st September No morning service at Illingworth Moor

Rev Tony Morling Harvest Festival Service at Mount Zion, Per Lane, Ogden at 2.30 pm

28th September Rev Graham Smith Communion



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

SEPTEMBER MESSAGE

One September the reddest and biggest apples could not be reached from my garden but by clambering up ladders from the street. Pedestrians stopped and smiled. Then one said, "Scrumping I see, don't tell the owner!" My protestations that I lived in the house did little to settle her suspicions that I was pinching somebody's apples. Our conversation ended with me offering her some of the fruit, an invitation that she readily accepted and went off smiling!

But that friendly banter raised a question in my mind. Whose apples are they? In a way they are mine because the tree was in my garden. But are they really? I didn't plant the tree and I had offered it scarce attention over the years. But by good fortune I happened to live at a place and a time when I could freely benefit from circumstances that had given me a bountiful harvest. So, to whom should I give thanks?

The psalmist of the Bible offers this reply, "It is God...who tends the earth and waters it, who makes it rich and fertile. He crowns the year with goodness and the pastures and hills are girded with joy". Psalm 65.

Maybe that is why Harvest Festivals retain a deep hold on the public heart, because deep down we know that our lives are made possible because of the delicate balance of seasons, weather, soil and human effort. Such things, the psalmist suggest come from God and to God should praise and thanks be offered. Therefore, at Harvest we're invited to stop and sing:

"All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above; then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, For all his love".

Perhaps, that is a verse we do well to sing throughout the year whenever we eat - even when it is scrumped!

Rev Tony Morling Methodist Minister



From 3 hours per week



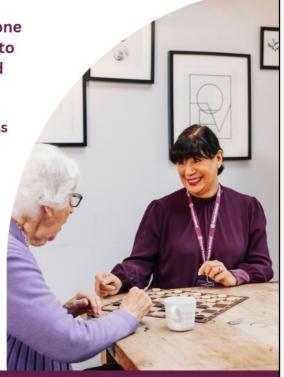
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WORDSEARCH CLUES

On 3rd September, the Church remembers St Gregory the Great (540 – 604AD), one of the most important popes and influential writers of the Middle Ages. He is well remembering, because he also changed the course of history in the British Isles. The son of a very rich Roman senator. Gregory converted as a young man, and then sold his vast estates to found six monasteries in Sicily and a seventh in Rome. He gave generously to the *poor* and became a *monk*.

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Christians in England owe him a great deal. When Gregory came across some *English slaves* for sale in Rome, he asked who they were, and was told, "They are *Angles*." Moved with compassion for these despised men, he replied, "They are not Angles, but *angels*!" He planned to go to England to evangelize the Angles, but *plague* broke out in Italy about 590, and during this time he was *elected Pope*. But Gregory did not forget the Angles. In 596 he sent Augustine to England, and so indirectly became the *apostle* of the English.

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Vicar: Revd Robb Sutherland, 01422 353929

email vicar@holynativity.co.uk

Church Wardens: David Capon 07500860715 and

Michelle Strange 07810560289

Church Pantry: Mondays 2 - 3.30 pm. Providing food and essentials

to people from the Parish in need.

Church Youth Group: Tuesdays 7 pm -8.30 pm

For baptisms, weddings & funerals contact the Vicar or Church

Warden



WHAT'S ON AT ILLINGWORTH MOOR

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

Illingworth Moor Methodist Church

BOYS BRIGADE MONDAY NIGHTS

Anchor Boys: 5-7 years and Junior Section: 8-10 years Arrive 6.20pm to start at 6:30pm until 8 pm

Company Section: 11-18 years
Arrive 7pm to start at 7:15pm until 8:45pm

More info contact Captain Andy on 07833910698.

GIRLS BRIGADE WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Explorers: 5-7 years Starts 5:45pm-7:15pm

Juniors, Seniors & Brigaders: 8-18 years Starts 7pm-8:30pm

> More info contact Claire Hough on 07799646692

We have spaces - come and join the fun!

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

ALL SOULS CHURCH, HALEY HILL, HALIFAX

All Souls Church was designed by Sir Charles Gilbert Scott, and built at the sole expense of Colonel Edward Akroyd. The foundation stone, weighing two and a half tons (and vaguely stated to have 'come from a quarry in Northowram', was laid on 25th April, 1856, with Masonic honours by the Lodge of Probity, 61 (which still exists).

The work of building, carving, painting, and fitting the many stained glass windows was completed in a little over three years, with the Church being consecrated on 2nd November, 1859.

The first Vicar was the Rev. Richard Holmes, M.A., who held the post for about 25 years, until his death in 1883. A plaque was erected to his memory the following year (now gone).

All Souls most notable feature is the tower and spire which stands 236 ft, and can be seen for some distance around. The tower has eight bells, still there, and once had a clock, now long gone.

The nave is 65ft in height, and has a clerestory of 15 windows, each with stained glass depicting a saint. The carved work internally is in excellent condition, and well worth a visit to see.

There are four large stained glass windows, the east window has, 'The Life of Our Lord' and the west window is 'The Last Judgement', both by Messrs John Hardman & Co., while the north transept window has the 'Life of St. John', and the south transept window is the 'Life of St. Peter', both window are by Messrs Clayton & Bell.

Closing in 1978, the Church eventually came under the care of the Churches Conservation Trust (after the tower had been made safe). All Souls is Grade 1 listed. It is staffed by volunteers, and opens on the first Saturday of each month (during the warmer weather).

Entry to the Church is free - we do accept voluntary contributions - and everyone is

welcome to visit. It takes about 15 to 30 minutes to look round. Note that we do not have toilets in the church. The paths around the building can be slippery when wet, so care is advised.

Our next open day is Saturday 6th September from 10 am to 2 pm.

Also the two Heritage Weekends in September are

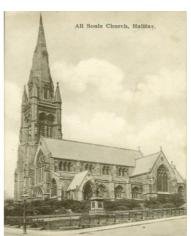
Saturday 13th, Sunday 14th,

Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st, all 10 am $-\,4$ pm.

If you have **Facebook**, our days and times are published there - **All Souls Haley Hill Community**.

We look forward to your visit.

Richard Colton (Volunteer, All Souls Church).



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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.

2nd September Former Vicars of St. John's and stories behind some of the names on the cenotaph, with John Kiddle.

This is the second talk by John in his series about local Bradshaw history.

Any suggestions for speakers or topics please contact John Kiddle 07746953527

ALL WELCOME





ST. MALACHY'S NEWS

Our Parish Priest is Mgr Michael McQuinn

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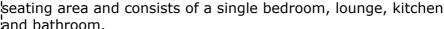
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The Chapel will be open on Saturday, 13th

September from 10.30 am to 3 pm when our primary school Storytellers will be joining us. 'Drop in' colouring workshop with Roger Davies 11.30 am - 1 pm for adults and children. All welcome! **FREE**

Calderdale Heritage Talks - David Glover

24th **September** 7 pm - 8 pm 'Halifax in August 1842 - The People Versus the Establishment'

29th October 7 pm - 8 pm 'Some Calderdale Murders 1858 - 1957

£4.00 Donation

Community Harvest Festival 21st September 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm. All welcome.

ALL IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

It was: 300 years ago, on 29th Sept 1725 that Robert Clive, 1st Baron Clive (Clive of India) was born. This British general helped to found the British Empire in India.

200 years ago, on 27th Sept 1825 that the world's first public railway opened. It was the Stockton and Darlington Railway in north-east England.

150 years ago, on 3rd Sept 1875 that Ferdinand Porsche, Austrian-born German automotive engineer was born. He designed the Volkswagen Beetle and Tiger tank, and founded the Porsche sports car company.

100 years ago, on 7th Sept 1925 that Laura Ashley was born. The Welsh designer and businesswoman was known for her traditional printed fabrics, soft furnishing and women's clothing. Co-founder (along with her husband) of the Laura Ashley textile company and chain of shops. (Died in 1985 when she fell downstairs, aged 60.)

Also 100 years ago, on 8th Sept that Peter Sellers, actor and comedian was born. Best known for the Goon Show, and as Inspector Clouseau in the Pink Panther film series. (Died 1980.)

90 years ago, on 3rd Sept 1935 that British driver Malcolm Campbell set a new world land speed record of 301.13 mph in *Bluebird* at Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah. First person to break the 300 mph barrier.

80 years ago, on 19th Sept 1945 that the Nazi propaganda broadcaster William Joyce (Lord Haw-Haw) was sentenced to death by a British court after being convicted of treason. He was executed on 3rd January 1946.

75 years ago, on 3rd Sept 1950 that Italian racing driver Giuseppe (Nino) Farina became the first-ever Formula One World Champion after winning the 1950 Italian Grand Prix.

70 years ago, on 4th Sept 1955 that Kenneth Kendall became the first newsreader to appear on screen in the UK, reading the *BBC Television News*.

Also 70 years ago, on 22nd Sept 1955 that Britain's first independent TV channel was launched. ITV ended the BBC's monopoly.

Also 70 years ago, 26th Sept 1955 that Bird's Eye frozen fish fingers went on sale in the UK.

60 years ago, on 4th Sept 1965 that Albert Schweitzer, German-born French theologian, philosopher, organist, physician and missionary doctor to Africa, died. Winner of the 1952 Nobel Peace Prize.

30 years ago, on 3rd Sept 1995 that the online auction site eBay was founded (as AuctionWeb). The first item sold was a broken laser pointer.

15 years ago, on 19th Sept 2010 that the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico was finally sealed after gushing oil for almost five months.

10 years ago, on 24th Sept 2015 that the Mina stampede took place. More than 2,000 people were killed in a crush and stampede during the annual Hajj pilgrimage in Mecca, Saudi Arabia.











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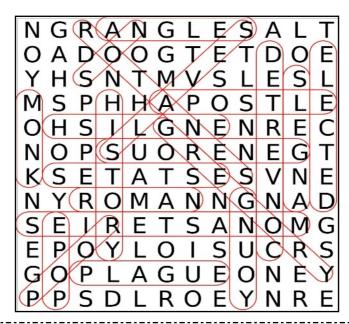
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WORDSEARCH



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Illingworth Cricket Club

Another cricket season is coming to an end but we are ever hopeful that the dry summer weather will continue for a bit longer into the autumn. All three senior teams have continued their very positive start to the season. The 1st XI is 4th in the Premier League not helped by inconsistent

form, behind leaders Booth and also trailing Copley and Thornton with 4 league games still to go. The team did win the Halifax Parish Cup Final in August for the first time in 40 years at Sowerby Bridge by 76 runs in front of a large crowd against a talented SBCI side. A bonus was Ben Robertshaw winning the Man of the Match Award for his quick fire 48 not out at the end of Illingworth's innings which went a long way to putting the game out of reach for SBCI. The 2nd XI is leading the Premier Division 37 points ahead of Booth. They too reached the Crossley Shield Final at Low Moor and although they were defeated by Booth it was a remarkable effort for both senior teams to reach their respective Cup Finals. The 3rd XI in contrast have struggled possibly as a result of the numerous calls on players for 1st and 2nd XI cup matches and as a result are struggling at the bottom of the 1st Division and need a couple of wins to avoid relegation.

There has been much Junior activity too with the Under 9s,11s and 13s all taking part in the Halifax Junior League and building up to the Junior End of Season Presentation Evening in the clubhouse on Friday 12 September. All three teams have had successful seasons. The U9s have finished top of their league. The U11s have had a huge season and have finished second in their league. On top of this they have reached the Cup Final which is due to be played at Southowram on August Bank Holiday Monday where they play Brighouse and again is a tremendous achievement. The U13s finished mid table in their league which again has been a good result for a newly established team. The club is looking to be able to run an U15 team as well in 2026.

At the end of July Illingworth was privileged to host a game between Yorkshire Over 60s and Western Australia Over 60s. Fortunately a lovely sunny day showed the ground and facilities off to their best and the many visitors and followers from all round the County and beyond were suitably impressed both by the ground and the players despite their age.

Off the field there is still plenty of activity too. Plans are being made for all the end of season work on the playing area which needs to be top dressed with soil and re-seeded and hopefully won't be too badly affected by the present lack of rain fall. The club too has started to benefit from the solar panel system which is now generating electricity and saving on the high cost of electricity particularly to provide hot showers for players.

New players, members, spectators and volunteers are always welcome. Do come along and support us.

Illingworth CC Home Fixtures for September –All matches 1 pm start.

Sat 6 Sept— 2nd XI v Blackley

Sat 13 Sept – 2nd XI v Great Horton PC

Sun 14 Sept 3rd XI v Triangle

Sat 20 Sept 1st XI v Shelf Northowram

For more information have a look at our web site Illingworth.play-cricket.com

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Due to holiday commitments there is only one walk in September which will be on Monday, 29th September from Keighley Road Surgery 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 / crewpartners.hsg@gmail.com

EXHIBITION OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II'S WEDDING DRESS AND FASHION TO CELEBRATE CENTENARY

Next year, the largest-ever exhibition of Queen Elizabeth II's clothes will be staged at Buckingham Palace, in honour of the centenary of her birth.

Queen Elizabeth II: Her Life in Style, will include some 200 items – around half of which is to be displayed for the first time.

As well as clothing, jewellery, hats, shoes, and accessories, there will also be design sketches, fabric samples and handwritten notes that give a glimpse of the process involved in dressing the late Queen for her many public appearances.

Caroline de Guitaut, the exhibition curator and surveyor of the King's Works of Art, said: "Her distinctive style became instantly recognisable around the world, bolstering the British fashion industry and influencing generations of designers and couturiers."

The exhibition will include her wedding dress from 1947, her Coronation dress from 1953, and a number of the formal evening dresses she wore for banquets and visiting Heads of State. But there will also be the riding jackets, tartan skirts and silk headscarves that made up her well-known practical everyday style.

'Queen Elizabeth II: Her Life in Style' will be at The King's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, from spring to autumn 2026. Tickets on sale from this November.

SMILE LINES

Using the English language...

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that. . .

electricians could be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, and dry cleaners depressed?

Likewise, bedmakers might be debunked, bulldozer operators degraded, organ donors delivered, software engineers detested, and underwear manufacturers debriefed?

And won't all composers one day decompose? On a more positive note, perhaps we can hope politicians will someday be devoted...

Hymns for People Over 50

Give Me the Old Timers' Religion
Precious Lord, Take My Hand, And Help Me Up
Just a Slower Walk with Thee
Go Tell It on the Mountain, But Speak Up
Nobody Knows the Trouble I Have Seeing

When young children begin to pray...

"Lead a snot into temptation."

"And forgive us our trash baskets, as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

"Give us this day our jelly bread."

"Our Father, who art in heaven, how didja know my name?"

Church Notices that didn't come out quite right...

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the church hall on Friday afternoon.

The Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. All proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Fish and chips

Some tourists touring the north of England stopped to visit a Priory. The Prior gave them a tour of the buildings, ending in the kitchen, where one monk was making fish and chips. One tourist said brightly: "You must be the fish friar," to which the monk gravely replied, "No, I am the chip monk."

School exam

The wife told her husband: "Did you know our neighbour's daughter has just scored a 99 per cent on her maths exam?"

Her husband, sipping tea, replied, "Really? Wonder what happened to the remaining one point?"

"Your son scored it."



CAR BOOT SALE & TABLE TOP SALE AT OSCA FOUNDATION



Forest Cottage, Cousin Lane, HX2 8AD

on Sundays, 14th and 28th September 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.

WALKING FOOTBALL

at Forest Cottage, Cousin Lane, HX2 8AD



Tuesdays at 12 noon

All welcome

For further information contact laynopete@hotmail.com
/ 07808059929



Meets every Monday from 7 pm (exc. Bank holidays)

at Halifax Rugby Union Football Club, Keighley Road, Ovenden, HX2 8AR

BEECHWOOD ROAD LIBRARY



The Library Staff invite you to join them for Coffee and Cakes and more including a raffle on Friday, 19th September from 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm

All donations will be given to Macmillan Cancer Support.

CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF THE PUBLIC RAILROADS

Two hundred years ago, on 27th September 1825, the world's first public railway opened. It was the Stockton and Darlington Railway in north-east England.

Inspired and supported by a prominent Quaker, Edward Pease, and backed financially by many Quakers nationally, it has been described as "the great theatre of railway operations", sparking the explosion of railways across the world and boosting the industrial revolution. About 20 miles of the original 25 mile stretch still exist, now as part of the Northern Rail line.

The technical expertise behind it all came from George Stephenson, an extraordinary self-taught engineer whose expertise, which originated in the mines, stretched beyond railways. His *Locomotion No 1*, built for the Stockton and Darlington line, was the first steam locomotive to carry passengers on a public rail line. He worked with his 18-year-old son Robert, who is known for creating the more famous *Rocket* four years later.

The first Stockton and Darlington train – which in fact ran from Old Etherley Colliery, some distance north of Darlington – was led by a man on horseback with a flag. The motto of the organising committee was "At private risk for public service".

With brakemen stationed between the wagons, the train reached 12 to 15 mph and was greeted by an estimated 10,000 people at the Darlington junction, where some passengers left and more boarded. The average speed was calculated at about 8 mph. Six wagons of coal were given to the poor by way of celebration.

A nine-month festival in County Durham and the Tees Valley – with artwork, spectacles and community events – is marking the bicentenary of the opening of the railway.

As a tribute to his life and achievements, a bronze statue of George Stephenson was unveiled at Chesterfield railway station in 2005. An earlier statue stands in Neville Street, Newcastle.

More info at: https://railway200.co.uk, https://www.railwaymuseum.org.uk

WAS THE CHILDREN'S SUMMER HOLIDAY TOO LONG FOR YOU?

As our children go back to school this month, what do parents really think about the past six weeks?

More than half of all parents found the summer break too long, and a 'challenge' to cope with.

So says the national charity, Parentkind. Its recent poll found

that more than half of parents feel that the ideal length for the summer break would be four weeks. The remaining two weeks could then be redistributed across the rest of the year.

Parentkind then asked the teachers what they would most like. A majority would support a reduction of the summer holiday, but to five weeks, not four.

A full report will be published this month (September) under the charity's National Parent Survey.





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

Activities to be held in SEPTEMBER

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 31st 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.

DOG WALKERS WARNED OF DEADLY RISK

It has not been a good summer to let your dog go swimming.

The hot and dry weather this spring sparked a rise in toxic blue-green algal blooms which have affected lakes and rivers across the UK. Blue-green algal blooms are triggered when colonies of bacteria use warmth and sunlight to reproduce



rapidly. The colourful scum they produce can make people very ill and can kill dogs.

The Dogs Trust says: "We're urging all dog owners to avoid letting their dogs swim in or drink from lakes or rivers that look green, scummy, have surface foam or have warning signs nearby. Blue-green algae is not always easy to spot, so if in doubt, don't let your dogs swim in or drink from the water."

Blue-green algal blooms often persist for several months and do not disperse until cold weather arrives. The blooms have been found from Norfolk and Essex to Birmingham and the Lake District.

Symptoms of blue-green algae poisoning in dogs can begin within minutes and include vomiting, diarrhoea, drooling, muscle tremors, seizures, breathing difficulties, and collapse.

Affected dogs should be taken to a vet immediately. The condition can be fatal as the toxins attack the liver and neurological system, and there is no antidote. Smaller dogs only need to consume a small quantity to be at high risk of death.

The pet charity Blue Cross warns: "Even small quantities of water or licking contaminated water off the coat can be dangerous."

DID YOU SPOT MANY BUTTERFLIES THIS PAST SUMMER?

The wildlife charity Butterfly Conservation is deeply worried about our butterflies. Or rather, the lack of them. It seems that more than 80 per cent of our species have declined sharply in number since 1970s.

Each summer sees the Big Butterfly Count, when the public is encouraged to send in the number of butterflies they have seen over a short period of time. Last year saw the lowest number of butterflies spotted in the count's 14-year history. Even the familiar species like the small white, common blue and small tortoiseshell had their worst summer ever. And a record number of people saw no butterflies at all.

Butterflies have been hit by climate change, the use of pesticides, and damage to their habitats. The drought this summer will have been bad news for their caterpillar offspring, which need growing plants to feed on.

So, this autumn, why not plan a happier year for butterflies in 2026? As you prepare your garden for winter, go to https://www.rhs.org.uk/wildlife/butterflies-in-your-garden for some ideas of how to make your garden butterfly-friendly.



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 until 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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