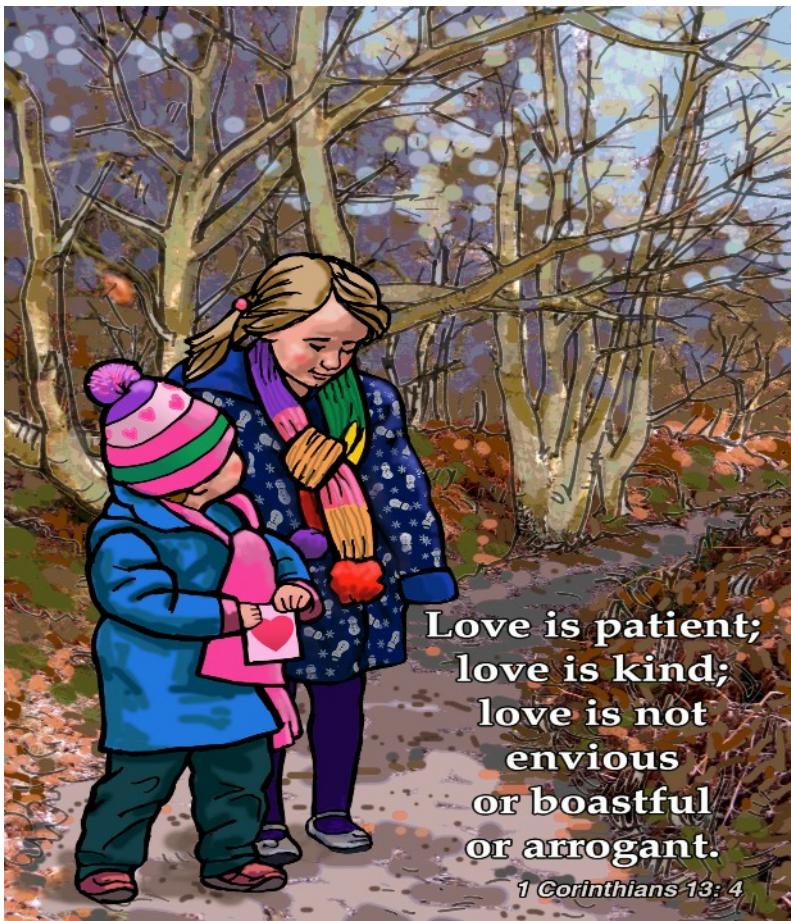




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ILLINGWORTH MESSENGER MAGAZINE

HISTORY AND FUTURE

The magazine was first produced by Dr Lodge in 1960 and started as one sheet of folded A4 paper, produced and edited by Dr Lodge in his bedroom using an old duplicating machine. In 1977 Dr Lodge created a trust to safeguard the magazine and to finance and help administer same.

Sadly Dr Lodge died in 1982 but volunteers came forward to help continue the magazine and since that time the magazine has flourished largely due to the efforts of various people as editors together with numerous other volunteers helping with various aspects of the magazine production and distribution. We are extremely grateful to these volunteers (especially the editors) who have succeeded in producing the magazine for approximately 65 years. A truly magnificent achievement. Latterly the magazine has been printed professionally but continued to be edited and distributed etc by volunteers.

Sadly nothing stands still and over the past few years the trustees have regularly discussed and reviewed the magazine's future. Finances, the ages of the volunteers and trustees and numerous other matters have led to the trustees deciding that now was the time to cease producing the magazine. This decision was taken very reluctantly.

Next month's magazine (March) will therefore be the last magazine to be produced.

We would again like to place on record our sincere thanks to all the volunteers who have helped in producing the magazine over the past 65 years.

If any of our many readers (presently 800 copies per month are produced) would like to have included in the March magazine their memories/thoughts regarding the magazine, please send these to the Editor in the normal way.

Michael D Nicholl – Chairman of the Trustees

FEBRUARY MESSAGE

For the past sixty-five years the *Illingworth Messenger* has been an established part of our community life. First produced by Dr Lodge in 1960, using an old duplicating machine, it has evolved into the 28-page edition which is brimming with articles and professionally printed. Elsewhere in this edition, you'll read that those who have served loyally for many years as trustees, feel that the time has come to cease producing the magazine.

I imagine that that this news will be met by many with a real sense of sadness. Its unique blend of church activities, historical reminiscences, local cricket scores, advertisements, and puzzles has been valued by people of all ages. Personally, I have enjoyed the Smile Lines, which have occasionally slipped their way into a sermon! Many, many people will miss the monthly presence of the *Illingworth Messenger*.

If sadness may be the first reaction to the news that the *Illingworth Messenger* is ceasing, then I suggest that the next one should be one of gratitude. Those who have served as Trustees, have done so with great commitment and devotion, offering innumerable hours of voluntary service. For some, it has been over decades. They are laying down this responsibility believing that this is the 'right time'. Therefore, on behalf of the hundreds of readers, I express our sincerest thanks to all those who have quietly and graciously produced this magazine. Thank you one and all. Your commitment and loyalty have been fantastic.

The March edition will therefore be the last one to be printed. You are invited to offer memories/thoughts regarding the magazine. It will be interesting to hear how the *Illingworth Messenger* has enriched your lives. I'm sure that there will be many expressions of thanks and gratitude, in what is written.

Dr Lodge was motivated by a deep, practical Christian faith, and in that spirit, I finish with a prayer that is said by many people each day:

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Spirit, help me to love the lost, proclaiming Christ in all I do and say.

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Rev Tony Morling
Methodist Minister

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WORDSEARCH CLUES

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE / CANDLEMAS



Candlemas, 2nd February, comes exactly *forty days after Christmas*. In *New Testament* times forty days old was an *important age* for a *baby boy*: it was when they made their *first public appearance*. *Mary*, like all good *Jewish* mothers, went to the *Temple* with Jesus, her first male child - to 'present Him to the Lord'. Thus, we have the *Festival* of the *Presentation* of Christ in the Temple (Luke 2: 22-40). So where does the Candlemas bit come in? Jesus is *described* in the New Testament as the *Light of the World*, and early Christians developed the tradition of *lighting* many *candles* in celebration of this day. *Early*.

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It's odd, really, to think that that confessing one's sins to God should be linked to making pancakes. And yet the beginning of Lent brings us both – Shrove Tuesday is Pancake Day, and is followed by Ash Wednesday, and so Lent begins.

In centuries gone by, the pancakes were made to use up the milk and eggs before the fasting of Lent. More recently, many readers will have childhood memories of the wonder of watching our mothers break an egg, mix it with milk and flour – and out of that gooey mess, to produce a light and delicious pancake.

These days, more of us buy pancake mix, or even ready-made pancakes. It seems we prefer the certainty of ending up with pancakes - to the risk of having made nothing BUT a mess of the kitchen.

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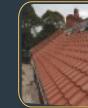
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THE FUNERAL OF QUEEN VICTORIA

Exactly 125 years ago, on 2nd February 1901, the funeral of Queen Victoria took place. She had died at the age of 81 on 22 January, having ruled for nearly 64 years, and her death took her family, courtiers and subjects by surprise in difficult times. The Boer war was still in progress, and the previous year the Prince of Wales had been shot at in Belgium, by a boy who was protesting against the war.

Her third adult child – Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh – had just died, another was near death, and she herself had been confined to a wheelchair, almost blind and often confused. She died at the remote Osborne House on the Isle of Wight, and when it happened there was no-one alive who could remember how to bury a monarch.

Victoria had asked for a full military state funeral, and there were secret instructions concerning mementoes of her personal servant, John Brown. The official service in St George's Chapel was chaotic because of timing errors, but it was followed by an emotional ceremony for the family on 4th February, in the mausoleum the queen had built for her husband at Frogmore, adjoining Windsor Castle, where the Queen was laid to rest beside her much-loved Prince Albert.

The total cost was £35,500 (£4.5 million). Victoria had outlived all the members of her Privy Council alive in 1837; all the members who had sat in the House of Commons at that time; and all nine of her bridesmaids.

What has been described as the godly domesticity of the Victorian era appealed to a mainly Protestant public, centring more on morals than on radical evangelicalism and effective prayer. One historian noted the transformation in the general British attitude from “aggressive, brutal, rowdy, outspoken, riotous, cruel and bloodthirsty” to “inhibited, polite, orderly, tender-minded, prudish and hypocritical”.

THE WINTER OLYMPICS RETURNS TO EUROPE

If you like snow-sports, you are in for a great month. From 6th to 22nd February, Italy will be hosting the 2026 Winter Olympics, officially known as Milano Cortina 2026. The opening ceremony is at football's famous San Siro stadium. The Paralympic Winter Games follows, from 6th to 15th March.

For the first time the Winter Games will have two host cities, Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, with events spread across 15 venues in northern Italy, using existing infrastructure to reduce costs. (Thus, Milan will host indoor events like hockey and figure skating, while Cortina hosts alpine skiing and snowboarding.)

Around 3,500 athletes from more than 90 countries are expected to compete for 195 medals across 16 Olympic disciplines. New this year is ski-mountaineering.

Snow gets an occasional mention in the Bible. Job tells how God “Says to the snow, ‘Fall on the earth’ ... He stops all people from their labour. The tempest comes out from its chamber, the cold from the driving winds. At His direction they swirl around over the face of the whole earth to do whatever He commands them.”

Let's hope that the snow does a good deep swirl around Italy this month.

ALL IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

It was:

300 years ago, on 20th Feb 1726 that William Prescott, an American colonel in American Revolutionary War was born. Famous for giving the order: “Don’t fire until you see the whites of their eyes.”

200 years ago, on 4th Feb 1826 that James Fenimore Cooper’s historical romance novel *The Last of the Mohicans* was published.

175 years ago, on 1st Feb 1851 that novelist Mary Shelley died, aged 53. Best known for her Gothic novel *Frankenstein*.

125 years ago, on 2nd Feb 1901 that the funeral of Queen Victoria took place.

80 years ago, on 11th Feb 1946, that the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament was published. It was the first major English-language update of the Bible since the King James version was published in 1611.

Also 80 years ago, on 14th Feb 1946 that the Bank of England was nationalised.

Also 80 years ago, on 19th Feb 1946 that mathematician and cryptanalyst Alan Turing presented a detailed paper for the national Physical Laboratory that gave the first reasonably complete design of a stored-programme computer.

70 years ago, on 11th Feb 1956 that two members of the Cambridge spy ring, British diplomats Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean, announced that they had defected to the Soviet Union. They had both vanished in mysterious circumstances in 1951.

65 years ago, on 9th Feb 1961 that the Beatles played at the Cavern Club in Liverpool for the first time.

50 years ago, on 11th Feb 1976 that John Curry won Britain’s first-ever Olympic gold medal in figure skating.

Also 50 years ago, on 23rd Feb 1976 that artist the L S Lowry died. Known for his bleak industrial landscapes of north-west England, populated with matchstick men.

40 years ago, on 12th Feb 1986 that the Treaty of Canterbury was signed by Britain and France. It was the agreement to construct the Channel Tunnel linking the two countries. The tunnel opened in 1994.

30 years ago, on 1st Feb 1996 that US President Bill Clinton met Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams at the White House, to discuss the Northern Ireland Peace Process.

Also 30 years ago, on 15th Feb 1996 that the oil tanker Sea Empress ran aground near Milford Haven in Wales, causing a major oil spill along the coastlines of Wales and Ireland.

25 years ago, on 12th Feb 2001 that the Human Genome Project announced the publication of the first complete working draft of the human genome.

Also 25 years ago, on 19th Feb 2001 that the first case of foot-and-mouth disease in the 2001 UK outbreak was detected at an abattoir in Essex.

20 years ago, on 18th Feb 2006 that the Rolling Stones played the world’s largest free rock concert on Copacabana beach, Rio de Janeiro. An estimated 2 million people attended.



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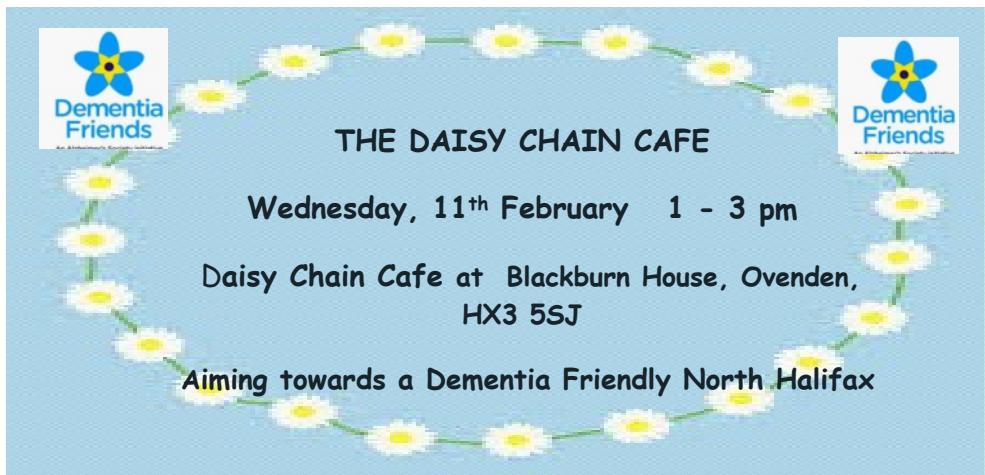
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REMEMBERING THE WORK OF L. S. LOWRY

Fifty years ago, on 23rd February 1976, the artist L S Lowry died of pneumonia. He was known primarily for his bleak industrial landscapes of north-west England, populated with matchstick men, but he also painted original and striking seascapes and impressive portraits.

Laurence Stephen Lowry was born on 1st November 1887 in Stretford. His father worked for an estate agent and his mother was an organist, playing at the local church. Laurence went to Sunday school, but as life later turned difficult, his faith became shadowy. After leaving school he became a rent collector for the Pall Mall Property Company and stayed there until his retirement in 1952. This led to some dismissing him as a 'Sunday painter'.

Lowry's life was restricted by his family debts and his mother, for whom he took responsibility after his father died. He tried hard to please her, but she showed no appreciation for the quality of his art, looking instead for a middle-class respectable life. He became a solitary figure and never married.

Lowry remains popular as an artist, with many imitators, but he never formally taught or gathered a group of followers around him. He holds the record for rejecting British honours—five, including a knighthood (1968). A collection of his work is on display in The Lowry, an impressive purpose-built art gallery on Salford Quays.

During his life he made about 1,000 paintings and over 8,000 drawings. His works often sell for millions of pounds. Buried in Manchester next to his parents, he left an estate valued at £298,459, plus artwork, to Carol Ann Lowry (no relation), whose family he befriended when she was 13, after she asked for help with her own development as an artist.

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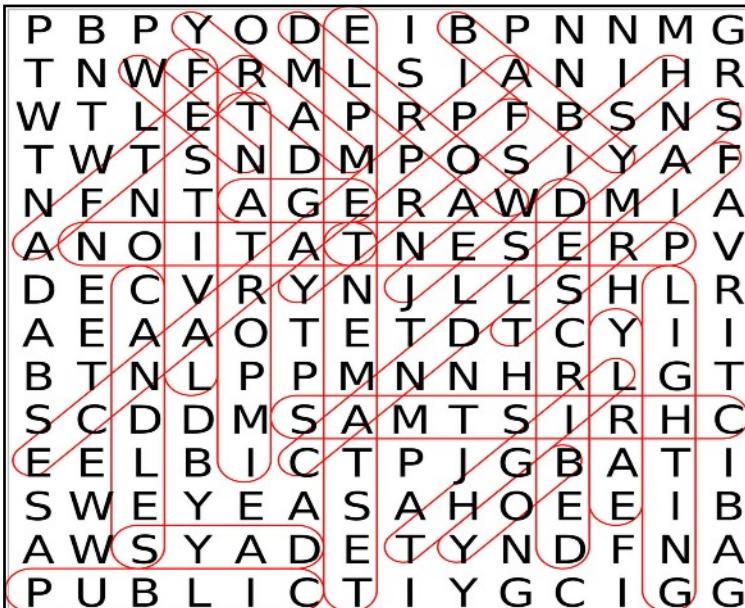
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Illingworth Cricket Club

We are now in the middle of Winter and although preparations for the new season continue there is not a lot of cricket news to tell you at this time of year. So, I thought it was a good opportunity to share my thoughts on the value of Sports clubs to both adults and particularly to children.

Encouraging your child to join a sports club outside of school can be one of the most impactful decisions you make for their well-being and development. Sports clubs offer more than just an opportunity to play games; they provide a holistic approach to personal growth, blending physical health, psychological benefits and social skills in a fun and engaging environment.

Sports clubs offer profound mental health benefits. Physical activity releases endorphins, boosting mood and reducing stress. Participating in a club helps channel energy, develop resilience and navigate challenges in a supportive environment. Achieving milestones and contributing to a team's success enhances self-esteem and builds confidence, which positively impacts other areas of life, including academics and social involvement. Additionally, sports cultivate essential life skills like focus, goal setting and perseverance.

Sports clubs offer a transformative opportunity for children who may not excel academically or gain recognition at school. These clubs provide a platform for them to discover talents, build confidence and shine in ways that boost their self-esteem. By excelling in sports, children learn that their worth isn't tied solely to academics, fostering a sense of pride, purpose and belonging. It's a space where they can truly thrive and feel valued.

Sports foster connections beyond usual social circles, creating friendships built on trust and shared experiences. Hopefully a Sports club can become a second family. Having strong friendship connections that are separate from school also brings many benefits, in that all of your eggs are not in one basket when it comes to the trials and tribulations of friendships! Sports clubs emphasise teamwork, teaching effective communication, collaboration and support skills that are invaluable throughout life. For shy children the structured environment of a sports club can help build social confidence.

Exposure to victories and losses in sport teaches children to celebrate success moderately and face setbacks with grace. These lessons build emotional resilience and teach strategies to overcome challenges. Many clubs also provide leadership opportunities, nurturing responsibility, empathy and problem-solving skills.

Joining a sports club offers a compelling alternative to screen-based activities, promoting a healthier balance between digital and physical activities. This shift reduces the risk of disrupted sleep, poor posture and diminished focus, while encouraging real-world social connections and outdoor experiences.

The benefits of sports clubs extend far into the future. The skills, relationships and values cultivated during participation lay the groundwork for life long health, resilience and fulfilment, whether the person develops a passion for the sport or simply enjoys the camaraderie.

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Andrew Smith

President

14TH FEBRUARY - ASPECTS OF ROMANTIC LOVE

God obviously approves of romance – after all, putting Adam and Eve alone together in the Garden of Eden was His idea.

The history of the Israelites began with three great romances: Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob and Rachel. The on-going history of Israel was deeply affected by later romances: Esther and King Xerxes, David's love affair with Bathsheba, and Solomon's marriage to hundreds of foreign wives. There is even an entire book in the Old Testament devoted to the love of a man and woman: the Song of Solomon!

When we reach the New Testament, we find real love between Joseph and Mary (even when Joseph thought Mary had been faithless, he did not want to harm her). St Paul, though himself a bachelor, nevertheless spent a lot of time urging Christians to love and be kind and faithful and considerate to their spouses. He even wrote 1 Corinthians 13 – the great love chapter that is read at millions of weddings worldwide 2000 years later.

Today, romance is still alive and well in Britain – last year we sent about 25 million Valentines to each other.

And what of the future? Well, just as the Bible begins with a love story, so it ends with one. And *you are involved!* For actually the greatest Love Story of all time is that between God and his people.

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CHILDREN'S POCKET MONEY ON THE RISE

A good way to beat inflation these days is to be a child. The amount of their weekly pocket money has been rising faster than inflation, according to a recent survey by the GoHenry banking service for six- to 18-year-olds.

Last year, on average, youngsters earned £10.73 a week. This was about 8 per cent up from the 2024 average of £9.92. (Inflation has been at most about 3%.)

GoHenry's survey found some of the ways in which children earn their pocket money. The most common job are: Tidying bedrooms - £1.12; Getting ready for school (includes homework) - £1.35; Helping around the house - £1.18; Looking after yourself (includes cleaning teeth) - £1.24; and caring for pets - £1.37

The top-paying jobs are: Looking after plants - £1.91; Being good - £1.46; Practising music - £1.44; Looking after pets - £1.37; Getting ready for school £1.35

ANDY'S MAN CLUB
#ITSOKEYTOTALK



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

SMILE LINES



It hurts

A little girl told her mother one day before lunch that her stomach was hurting. Her mother replied: "That's because it's empty, you have to put something into it!"



That evening the minister and his wife came for dinner. The minister looked a bit rough and explained that his head was hurting him. The little girl gave him a sweet smile and said encouragingly: "That's because it's empty, you have to put something into it!"

Hymns for Professionals

Dentist - Crown Him with many crowns

Contractors - The Church's one foundation

Obstetricians - Come labour on

Golfers - There is a green hill far away

Politicians - Standing on the promises

Librarians - Let all mortal flesh keep silent

God made us

A little girl sitting on her grandfather's lap reached up to touch his wrinkled cheek.

"Grandpa, did God make you?"

"Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago."

"Oh," she paused. "Grandpa, did God make me too?" Her grandfather assured her that He had. Feeling his wrinkled cheek again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't He?"

Post-Valentine

A man confided to his friend that he and his wife had had a serious argument the night before. "It finally ended," he said, "when she came crawling to me on her hands and knees."

"What did she say?" asked the friend, amazed.

The husband replied, "She said, 'Come out from under that bed, you coward!'"

With Valentine's Day and romance in mind....

The Rules of Marriage

Here are the real-life answers from a group of children:

Question: How do you decide who to marry?

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming. - Alan, age 10

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. - Kirsten, age 10

Question: What is the right age to get married?

23 is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then. - Camille, age 10

No age is good to get married at. You got to be a fool to get married. - Freddie, age 6

Question: How can a stranger tell if two people are married?

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids. - Derrick, age 8

Question: What do you think your Mum and Dad have in common?

Both don't want any more kids. - Lori, age 8

Question: What do most people do on a date?

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other.

Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough. - Lynnette, age 8

On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date. - Martin, age 10

Question: When is it okay to kiss someone?

When they're rich. - Pam, age 7

The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that. - Curt, age 7

The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do. - Howard, age 8

Question: Is it better to be single or married?

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them. - Anita, age 9

And the No. 1 Favourite is.....

Question: How would you make a marriage work?

Always tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a train wreck - Ricky, age 10



WALKING FOOTBALL

at Forest Cottage, Cousin Lane,

HX2 8AD

Tuesdays at 12 noon

All welcome

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

Forest Cottage, Cousin Lane, HX2 8AD

on Sundays, 1st and 15th February 2026

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.

EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK : 23RD FEBRUARY TO 1ST MARCH

Do you suffer from an eating disorder? Or are you close to someone who struggles with one? If so, then you will know the long battle that sufferers can wage with anorexia, bulimia, binge eating and EDNOS (or 'eating disorder not otherwise specified'.)

Eating disorders ruin lives. They ruin relationships. They also ruin careers. They are estimated to cost the UK economy about £9.5 billion a year.

This year the annual Eating Disorders Awareness Week website says: "An eating disorder can be isolating, making people feel alone, whether someone has an eating disorder themselves or whether they are supporting someone.

And so it is that "We're celebrating the power of community and the vital role family, friends, and other support networks play in helping someone feel supported, understood, and never alone on their journey from seeking help, undergoing treatment and beyond. How can people with eating disorders be best supported by their employer and colleagues? Visit <https://edaw.beateatingdisorders.org.uk> for details.

Accept what is, let go of what was, and have faith in what will be.



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

Activities to be held FEBRUARY

MONDAYS From 4.30 pm Victoria Jade Performance Ballet, Tap, Singing Drama, Musical Theatre, Street & Jazz. Jade's phone no. is 07868022405
6.30 pm to 8 pm Taekwondo

TUESDAYS 12 noon Walking Football (outside)
2 pm to 4 pm Old Tyme / Modern Sequence Dancing
From 4.30 pm Victoria Jade Performance Ballet, Tap, Singing Drama, Musical Theatre, Street & Jazz. Jade's phone no. is 07868022405
6.30 pm to 8 pm Taekwondo

WEDNESDAYS 10.30 am to 11.30 am Chi Chi Fit Musical Dance Class – for people with learning disabilities and their carers. After class join us for a free tea or coffee and a chat £2.50 per session. More info/book your place 03000120416
From 4.30 pm Victoria Jade Performance Ballet, Tap, Singing Drama, Musical Theatre, Street & Jazz. Jade's phone no. is 07868022405
6.30 pm to 8 pm Taekwondo

THURSDAYS 9.45 am to 10.45 am Keep Fit
11.30 am to 12.30 pm Ladies Netball
2 pm to 4 pm Old Tyme / Modern Sequence Dancing
From 4.30 pm Victoria Jade Performance Ballet, Tap, Singing Drama, Musical Theatre, Street & Jazz. Jade's phone no. is 07868022405
6 pm to 9 pm Youth Club 13 years –19 years
6.30 pm - 8.30 pm Enderby Hall Halifax Gateway Club

FRIDAYS From 4.30 pm Victoria Jade Performance Ballet, Tap, Singing Drama, Musical Theatre, Street & Jazz. Jade's phone no. is 07868022405
7 pm onwards Pool and Darts Night

SATURDAYS Three Ovenden West Riding Girls football teams in the West Riding Junior Girls League aged u/10, u/11 & u/13. New girls welcome. Contact Nial Toolin on 07922089240

SUNDAYS Thirteen Ovenden West Riding mixed gender teams in the Huddersfield Junior League from u/7 through to u/15. New players welcome contact Steve 07727860731

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

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



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 Holmfeld Bowling Club, Holmfeld 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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