



# 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 2024

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**the Church of England Parish of Mixenden and Illingworth**

**Sundays at 10.00 am**

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CHURCH IN JULY AND AUGUST**

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

7th July	Rev Paul Welch	Parade
14th July	Local Arrangement	Action for Children
21st July	Mrs Wendy Tolson	
28th July	Mr David Brackenridge	
<b>28th July</b>	<b>Circuit Leaving Service for Rev. Paul Welch</b>	
	<b>4.30 pm at Brighouse Central Methodist Church</b>	

4th August	Rev Graham Smith	Communion
11th August	Mr Hal Clarkson	
18th August	Mrs Caroline Stead	<b>Cluster Service starting</b>
		<b>at 10.45 am</b>
25th August	Local Arrangement	



**'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.facebook.com/walkingthewaycalderdale>

## MESSAGE FOR JULY AND AUGUST

As I write this, I am getting ready to move sometime in August. I have been the Minister at Illingworth Moor for the past 16 years, while having up to six churches to look after during that time. Two of which are Illingworth Moor and Mount Zion you may recognize locally, while at other times having to travel to Greetland. I have really enjoyed being part of the community in North Halifax and living and working here in Calderdale. Many changes have taken place within society and the church over the past 16 years and I am always grateful for those who have shared the journey over that time. A normal appointment is usually for about five years, but I have certainly gone beyond that. Because of the everyday changes that life brings, each day has been different and is different from any day that has been before and it is this that helps us to embrace life. We have lived through a pandemic, we have seen flooding in other parts of Calderdale, had to deal with public services being cut and this has allowed the Church to contribute to the wider community.

Since I arrived the Piece Hall (one of my favourite places) has been developed and brings life and opportunity into the borough from all over the world. TV shows and films have also helped to make Halifax a prominent destination for visitors and film crews which brings a positiveness into the local economy. There has been a lot of positive things taking place around this beautiful area and this can have a positive effect upon people's well being. New businesses, organisations and charities have been set up and again help to bring much help, support and encouragement to those who need it most. The local schools and staff do a great job in helping the young people of the area and beyond to be educated, supported and helped to be nurtured.

As I leave, I know that the Church is in safe hands helping and supporting the local community as well as those who are part of the Church. I hope I have made some kind of positive difference to the community and the churches in which I have served. I am not moving too far, just over the border into Greater Manchester. I wish every blessing upon this community and thank you for making my time here a blessed time for my family and myself. I want to leave you with the thought that no matter who we are, where we have been or what we have done, we are held and loved by God. There is nowhere we can go or anything that we do that will ever separate us from God's love.

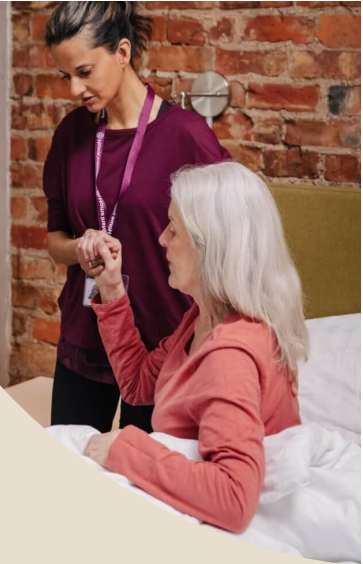
Every Blessing and thank you.

*Rev Paul Welch*

*After 16 years magnificent service to the Calderdale circuit (and Illingworth in particular) Rev Paul and Lynn Welch will be leaving Halifax at the end of August and moving to a Manchester circuit. We would like to place on record our grateful thanks for all their dedication and hard work during this period and wish them all the best for the future.*



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## WORDSEARCH CLUES

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### SEA SUNDAY

14<sup>th</sup> *July* brings us *Sea Sunday*, the day when Christian churches *remember, pray* and *give thanks* for the more than 1.5 million *merchant seafarers* worldwide. If seafarers seem irrelevant to your *daily* life, think again: 90 per cent of everything you buy in the *shops* comes to you by sea. Merchant seafarers quite literally keep our *global economy afloat*.

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To help the seafarers, a worldwide network of *port chaplains* has sprung up. They offer *hospitality* and *friendship*, as well as *practical*, emotional and spiritual support, providing almost a ‘home from home’ in *hundreds* of ports, in more than 50 countries.

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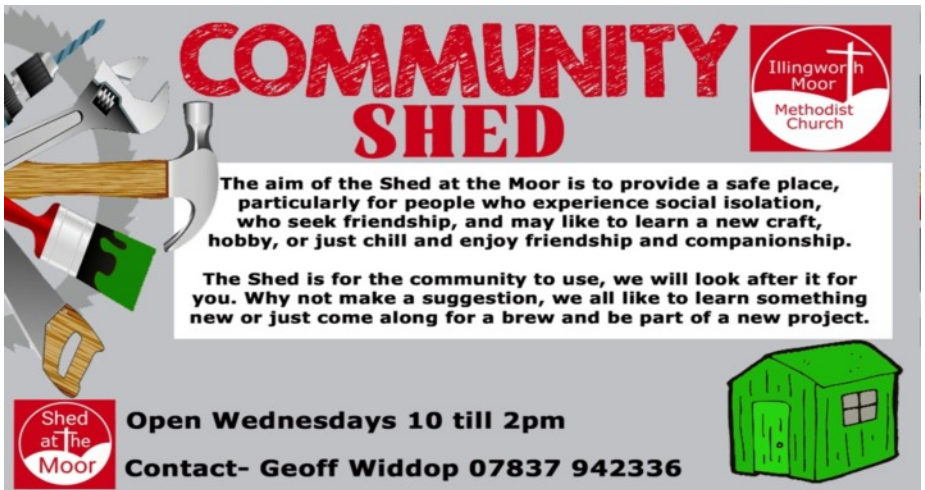
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**COMMUNITY SHED**

Illingworth Moor Methodist Church

The aim of the Shed at the Moor is to provide a safe place, particularly for people who experience social isolation, who seek friendship, and may like to learn a new craft, hobby, or just chill and enjoy friendship and companionship.

The Shed is for the community to use, we will look after it for you. Why not make a suggestion, we all like to learn something new or just come along for a brew and be part of a new project.

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

Shed at The Moor

## WHAT'S ON AT ILLINGWORTH MOOR

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



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

**Junior Section:** 8 - 10 years (arrive 6.15 pm to start at 6.30 pm until 8.15 pm)

**Company Section:** 11 - 18 years (arrive no earlier than 7 pm for a 7.15 pm start - ending at 8.45 pm)

***If anyone can help out, even if only occasionally, please get in touch with Captain Andy on 07833910698.***



### **GIRLS' BRIGADE - WEDNESDAYS**

Explorers: 5-7 years (5.30 pm to 7.15 pm) small number of places available;

Juniors: 7-11 years (6.45 pm to 8.30 pm) now full with a waiting list;

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: This edition's Local History article is taken from the Halifax Courier of December 1974.*

### **'THREEPENNY ORANGE FOR ADMISSION'**

Financial problems setting back the scheme for a new highway out of Halifax, have given the Trafalgar Inn at Haugh Shaw, King Cross, Halifax, a reprieve from demolition and social life there continues.

The Inn where Mr John Burrow currently presides stands at the end of Trafalgar Row, off Haugh Shaw Road, right beneath the walls of Baldwin and Walkers' West Croft Mills. The first licensee seems to have been Mr Nathan Brown, somewhere about 1860. In the house earlier, a Sunday School had been set up by the "Barkerites."

The Rev Joseph Barker was appointed to the Halifax Circuit of the Methodist New Connexion and stationed at Illingworth. He was, however, a natural rebel and broke MNC rules by marrying while still on probation as a minister. He was duly penalised, but continued to question many aspects of Connexional authority and in 1837 his target was a rule that reading, writing and arithmetic should not be taught to children on the Sabbath.

One way or another this firebrand person stirred up so much trouble that MNC societies including Salem, Halifax and Ambler Thorn, Queensbury, were rent by controversy, and "Barkerite" societies were set up to support. What Halifax's Methodist historian, Mrs E. V. Chapman called his "erratic genius" led Barker, via the Quakers and the Unitarians to America where he became an active campaigner for the abolition of slavery.

At Trafalgar, the Barkerite Sunday School children were duly introduced to the three R's, but also they could be coached in elocution and drama.

When plays were staged, however, a charge for admission could not be made, and so oranges were bought at 3 pence a dozen and sold at the door for 3 pence each. Was this a devise of the iconoclastic Joseph himself, or was it that of pupils acting in his manner against a rule which he imposed?





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## **BE CAREFUL OF THE SUN THIS SUMMER – MELANOMA IS ON THE RISE**

Skin cancer cases are expected to top 20,000 for the first time this year, according to a recent study by Cancer Research UK.

While the increase in skin cancers has occurred across all the ages, it is highest in the elderly, who enjoyed cheap package holidays to sunny countries during the 60s and 70s. They were exposed to higher ultraviolet radiation without realising the dangers.

The numbers of people aged 80 and over who develop skin cancers has soared by 57 per cent in 10 years. And while younger people are more likely to take precautions against the sun, those aged 25 to 49 are still predicted to see a seven per cent rise in skin cancers this year. Anyone who notices any unusual changes to their skin should contact their GP.

Cancer Research UK has partnered with Nivea Sun to advise the public to stay in the shade between 11 am to 3 pm, cover up with clothes, a hat and UV-protected sunglasses, and use sunscreen with protection levels of at least factor 30.

Finding safety in shade goes right back to biblical times. The book of Jonah even tells us that: ‘the LORD God prepared a vine, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to deliver him from his discomfort. So, Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the vine.’ (Jonah 4:6)

## ST. MALACHY'S NEWS

Our Parish Priest is Mgr Michael McQuinn

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## REMEMBERING THE FAITH OF ERIC LIDDELL – 100 YEARS AGO AT THE PARIS OLYMPICS

The 2024 Paris Olympics (26 July – 11 August) will soon be here. It was 100 years ago this summer, also at the Paris Olympics, that a young science student at Edinburgh University, Eric Liddell, ran an astonishing race that caught the imagination of millions worldwide.

Liddell had been born in China in 1902, to Scottish missionaries there. Early on, he had made a deep commitment to Jesus Christ, and sensed he was being called to spend his life in serving others. But Liddell was also an outstanding sportsman, playing rugby for Scotland before settling on athletics.

When he was chosen for the Paris Olympics, he expected to run his preferred 100m. But then came the news that the race would be run on a Sunday, and Liddell refused. Quickly, he trained for the 200m and 400m. He took bronze at the 200m, but no one expected much from him at the 400m. Instead, he won, and even broke the world record in the process.

After the Olympics, Liddell felt God calling him to his life's work. He went back to China, to teach in a Christian college. As the Second World War loomed, he sent his wife and children home, but stayed on himself. By 1943 Liddell was confined to a brutal prison camp, where he shone among the fellow prisoners – encouraging them, teaching Bible classes, and praying for both his fellow inmates and the prison wardens. Deeply malnourished, his health failed and in 1945, just months before the war ended, he died, aged only 43.

In 1981 his story was made into the Oscar-winning film *Chariots of Fire*.

A colorful poster for a summer event. At the top, a yellow sun with rays is in the upper right. The text 'Summer Crafts Fun Morning Primary school children' is in red. Below it, a blue banner contains the dates '31st July & 14th August' and the time '10.30am till 12noon' in white. To the left is a red and blue ice cream cone, and to the right is a beach ball. Below the banner, the text 'Illingworth Moor Methodist Church' is in blue. Underneath, 'All children must be accompanied by an adult' is in blue. To the right, a teal speech bubble says 'Crafts & games.' in red. Below that, a blue banner says 'Free School Uniform Shop' in white. At the bottom, 'Cafe open as usual for food and drinks' is in blue. A yellow star is in the bottom left, and a pair of red sunglasses is in the bottom right. A beach ball is also visible on the left side.

**Summer Crafts  
Fun Morning  
Primary school children**

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**Illingworth Moor Methodist Church**

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**Crafts &  
games.**

**Free School Uniform  
Shop**

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

## **CAN YOU HELP TO 'DRY OUT' MARYGATE HOUSE?**

A retreat house on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne is in big trouble. It is very wet! After years of winter wind, gales, and endless rain, the property is suffering extensive damp.

Many thousands of people will know Marygate House, which has served visitors to the island since 1970. It is now run by a small Christian trust who wants to repair the building for future visitors, but it needs a final £20,000 to do so.

A crowdfunder has been set up for donations for the repair work. If you love Lindisfarne and would like to help, please visit: [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Marygate-House](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Marygate-House).

## WHEN WILL YOU GO TO BED ON 4TH JULY?

This month we have a chance to vote for our Members of Parliament, and the leader of the party that can command a majority will form the government. There is a concern that ‘voter engagement’ is low, meaning that we are not very interested any more. The turnout at the 2019 General Election was 67.3% which was slightly up from 2015. The lowest turnout in a General Election was recorded in 1918 at 57.2%, due to the end of the First World War.

Between 1922 and 1997 turnout remained above 71%. At the 2001 General Election the turnout was 59.4%. or people under the age of forty it is much less.

Should we be concerned? Voting turnout has been fairly stable since 1918 at between 60% and 70%. The numbers that vote in this country are similar to most other countries.

For the first time at a UK general election, those voting at a polling station will need to show photo ID. Voters should check now if they have an accepted form of ID, and if not to apply for free ID, called the Voter Authority Certificate .

To answer my own question, I am not sure when I go to bed on election night. I do not always stay up all night. Election excitement begins to wane in the early hours! Politics seems to be a spectator sport for most of us. We enjoy the shocks and surprises and the live results when the spotlight is a constituency.

The Christian teaching on politics is clear. We should respect those in authority and admire those who seek it. Most people enter politics for good reasons. Perhaps we should remind them they are God’s servants.

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## ALCOHOL HARM IS COSTING ENGLAND BILLIONS

The harm caused by too much alcohol consumption costs the NHS £4.9 billion a year – enough to pay the salaries of almost half the nurses in England.

So warns the Institute of Alcohol Studies (IAS) in a new report. Overall, it says that alcohol harm costs England £27.4 billion a year. This includes the £14.6 billion cost of alcohol-linked crime and disorder, and £5.1 billion costs in employees missing work or being less productive.

The data also found that there has been more than a 40 per cent increase in the cost of alcohol harm since 2003. Dr Katherine Severi, chief executive of the IAS, says: “As a country we cannot afford to sit back and do nothing. The Government should develop a comprehensive alcohol strategy to tackle this rising harm.”

Since the pandemic, there has been a big escalation in alcohol deaths, with deaths rising by 33 per cent between 2019 and 2022. Dr Severi warns: “These figures show that this is a very wide social issue and we’re all paying the price for it.”

The book of Proverbs observes: “Wine is a mocker, strong drink is a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise.” (Prov 20:1)

## **BRITISH CHILDREN RANK AMONG THE WORLD'S WORST FOR TAKING EXERCISING AND EATING PROPERLY**

In a recent World Health Organisation (WHO) study covering 44 countries, children in England, Wales and Scotland performed badly when it came to brisk walking and daily consistent exercise. Too many youngsters are also missing breakfast, and not eating enough vegetables.

The survey looked at the exercise levels of children aged 11, 13 and 15 who are living in Europe, Central Asia and Canada. Children in England and Wales are near the bottom of the global table, below Romania, Poland, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Norway and Croatia.

Dr Jo Inchley, from the University of Glasgow, said: "In the UK, we're consistently low on physical activity. And by age 15, just 35 per cent of girls and 51 per cent of boys eat breakfast daily."

There are also big differences due to affluence. It was found that almost twice as many young people from high socio-economic groups are eating vegetables, for example, compared with lower socio-economic groups.

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## **WHEN THE POLICE WILL COME AFTER YOUR DOG**

Keep your dog on a lead around livestock, or it could be seized by the police.

Under laws being drawn up, police will be given more powers to seize and detain dogs who they believe have ‘terrorised livestock’ on farms.

The move follows increasing tensions in rural communities since Covid produced many unsocialised ‘lockdown puppies.’ Farm animals worth an estimated £2.4 million were severely injured or killed by dogs in 2023 alone. That was up nearly 30 per cent from 2022, according to figures from the insurer NFU mutual.

Under current laws, only the owner can be prosecuted when dogs worry livestock. Police have not been able to deal with dogs who attack farm animals while out roaming on their own. But under the new law, they can be seized.

Former environment secretary Therese Coffey says, “No longer will victims of this crime feel helpless after suffering devastating attacks. Those who carelessly let dogs attack livestock will no longer get off scot-free.”

David Barton, the NFU’s livestock board chair, said livestock worrying can have a significant financial impact on farmers, as well as causing them “stress and anguish” to see their animals suffer.

## ANSWERS

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## WORDSEARCH



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ROAD  
LIBRARY**

The Staff at Beechwood Road Library are looking forward to welcoming old and new members to visit them during any of the following opening hours:

**Monday 10 am - 5 pm**

**Thursday 10 am - 5 pm**

**Friday 10 am - 5 pm**

**Saturday 10 am - 1 pm**



**ILLINGWORTH ARLFC**

**Be part of the best sport in the world and  
join the rugby league family.**

**Why not contact us using our social media  
platforms and find out if you or your family  
members can join our ever growing club.  
Boys and Girls welcome!**

**HAVE FUN - GET FIT - CHALLENGE YOURSELF**

**Facebook Page: Illingworth ARLFC**

**Instagram: illygirlsrugby OR Illingworth ARLFC**

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

## ALL IN THE MONTH OF JULY

### *It was:*

750 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> July 1272 that Robert I (Robert the Bruce) was born. He was King of Scotland 1306-29.

*125 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1899 that the Gideons International was founded. The evangelical Christian association places free Bibles in hotel rooms, hospitals, schools, military bases and prisons around the world.*

90 years ago, on 4<sup>th</sup> July 1934 that Marie Curie, Polish-born French physicist died. Twice winner of the Nobel Prize for her work on radioactivity. The first woman to win a Nobel prize.

*75 years ago, on 27<sup>th</sup> July 1949 that the first successful test flight of the de Havilland Comet, the first commercial passenger jet, took place. The jet went on into production.* Also 75 years ago, on 29<sup>th</sup> July 1949 that the BBC began broadcasting regular weather forecasts on TV.

*70 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1954 that the BBC launched the first daily television news programme in the UK.*

Also 70 years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1954 that the first part of J R R Tolkien's epic fantasy novel *The Lord of the Rings* was published.

*65 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> July 1959 that the first hovercraft crossed the English Channel. The SRN-1 had been designed by British inventor Christopher Cockerell.*

60 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> July 1964 that NASA launched its Ranger 7 space probe on a mission to the Moon. On 31<sup>st</sup> July it sent back the first close-up images of the lunar surface.

*50 years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> July 1974 that the US Supreme Court ordered President Richard Nixon to surrender the White House tape recordings that had been subpoenaed by the House Judiciary Committee in April. The White House released the tapes on 5<sup>th</sup> August, and Nixon resigned on 9<sup>th</sup> August, before he could be impeached.*

40 years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> July 1984 that York Minster in England was struck by lightning, which set fire to the roof and destroyed the south transept.

*30 years ago, on 15 July 1994, that the Rwandan genocide ended. Up to 1.1 million people were killed by the Hutu-led government and other militias between April and July.*

Also 30 years ago, on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1994 that Tony Blair was elected leader of Britain's Labour Party. He became Prime Minister in 1997.

*25 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1999 that the Scottish Parliament was officially opened by Queen Elizabeth II.*

20 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2004 that Francis Crick, British molecular biologist and biophysicist, died. He was joint winner of the 1962 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for discovering the molecular structure of DNA.

*15 years ago, on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2009 that the Staffordshire Hoard was discovered by a metal detectorist in Hammerwich, a village in Staffordshire. It is the largest hoard of Anglo-Saxon gold and silver ever found, and consists of around 4,600 items dating from the 7<sup>th</sup> century.*



Well we are right into the cricket season now with fixtures coming thick and fast over the weekend and through the week. The weather so far could not have been a greater contrast to last year with rain and cold being the dominant feature so far but hopefully there is some summer weather on its way.

The three senior teams have in the main made a positive start to the season. The 1st XI are 4th in the Premier League, 16 points behind Thornton and have progressed to the 3rd Round of the Parish Cup but there are plenty of challenges to come in a long season. The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI are 5th in their Premier Division. The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI are 3<sup>rd</sup> in their league behind Copley and Blackley so there is much to celebrate but there is a long way to go.

Junior activity is underway with Under 9s, and 11s both taking part in the Halifax Junior League and doing well but we can always accommodate more players. Even if you have never played before there is still time to start. 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 to introduce both girls and boys to cricket and lots of other games and good exercise. Mums and Dads, Grand parents 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.

Club scorer and scoring coach Sarah Pollard recently made her international debut by scoring in the recent Women's International at Headingley between England and Pakistan.

The club has recently been successful in an application for Grant assistance towards installing solar panels on the Pavilion roof together with a back up battery which will make a big difference to its future sustainability.

The club will once again be hosting a Polling Station for the forthcoming General Election on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> July and meanwhile work continues to get the ground ready for its big day on **Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> August** when it will stage the prestigious **Halifax Parish Cup Final** for the first time in its history and when a bumper crowd is expected.

New players, members, spectators 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 match evenings and we will be pleased to welcome you.



### **Illingworth CC Home Fixtures for July/August –All matches 1 pm start.**

Sat 6 July – 2nd XI v Bridgeholme

Sat 13 July – 1<sup>st</sup> XI v Bradshaw

Sat 20 July – 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Mount

Sat 27 July – 1<sup>st</sup> XI v Luddenden Foot

Sun 28 July – 3<sup>rd</sup> XI v Birkby Rose Hill

Sat 3 Aug - 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Triangle

Sun 4 Aug Halifax Parish Cup Final at Illingworth

Sat 10 Aug – -1<sup>st</sup> XI v Booth

Sun 11 Aug - 3<sup>rd</sup> XI v Low Moor

Sat 17 Aug - - 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Booth

Sat 24 Aug - - 1<sup>st</sup> XI v Sowerby Bridge

Sat 31 Aug 1<sup>st</sup> XI v Copley

For more information have a look at our web site [illingworthcc.co.uk](http://illingworthcc.co.uk) or ring Andrew Smith on 07979-645379.

*Andrew Smith*

**Club President**

*Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.*

*John Wesley*

## SMILE LINES



### **Miscellaneous observations:**

- ~ I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.
- ~ If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
- ~ A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.
- ~ To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
- ~ Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
- ~ In filling out an application, where it says, "In case of emergency, notify ..." I answered, "a doctor."
- ~ Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for President, and 50 for Miss America?

### **Signs found outside churches**

- ~ It is unlikely there'll be a reduction in the wages of sin.
- ~ If you don't like the way you were born, try being born again.
- ~ Looking at the way some people live, they ought to obtain eternal fire insurance soon.
- ~ This is a ch\_\_ch What is missing? (U R)
- ~ Forbidden fruit creates many jams.
- ~ In the dark? Follow the Son.
- ~ Running low on faith? Stop in for a fill-up.
- ~ If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd.

### **Sky at night**

The scientific theory I like best is that the rings of Saturn are composed entirely of lost airline luggage.

### **Those church bulletin notices that went wrong somewhere....**

- ~ This Sunday morning following services we will have our monthly fellowship.
- ~ Glory of God to all and peace to his people on earth
- ~ Join us for a skirt presented by the Drama Team.
- ~ We will have a Super Bowl party this Sunday night. We will also have our regular service.
- ~ Applications are now being accepted for two-year-old nursery workers.
- ~ The pastor will light his candle from the altar candles. The ushers will light their candle from the pastor's candle. The ushers will turn and light each worshipper in the first pew.
- ~ Song Lyrics: What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear.
- ~ (For the group of ladies called 'Mums Who Care' and pray for the children in school). When their meeting was cancelled one week: There will be no Mums who care this week.
- ~ Diana and Don request your presents at their wedding.





## *Sequence & Ballroom Dancing*

**Forest Cottage, Cousin Lane,  
Illingworth, HX2 8DA**

**Everyone Welcome - Singles and  
Couples**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays 1.45 pm to 4 pm**

£2.50 per person includes tea and biscuits

For more information ring 01422 248080

*Be happy with the little that you have.*

*There are people with nothing that still  
manage to smile.*



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



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

**On Sundays 7th and 21<sup>st</sup> July**

**and 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> August**

**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**

## **1984 - THE BURNING OF YORK MINSTER**

Forty years ago, on 9<sup>th</sup> July 1984, York Minster was struck by lightning, which set fire to the roof and destroyed the south transept.

It was the most recent of five fires that have occurred there over the years: the causes have ranged from workmen burning coals (1753) through arson using torn-up hymnbooks (1829) to an unattended candle (1840) and a tarpaulin catching fire (1971). Although night lightning was the official explanation in 1984, some suggested that God might have been reacting to the very recent appointment as Bishop of Durham of the Rt Revd David Jenkins, a famously controversial cleric whose comments had seemed to cast doubt on the virgin birth and the Resurrection. He had been consecrated at York Minster three days earlier.

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, described that idea as “ridiculous”, though some – including a few members of the fire service – felt that arson by objectors could not be ruled out. As many as 114 firefighters from over North Yorkshire were involved in tackling the blaze. Insurance cover on the Minster had just been increased by its treasury department: the damage to the south transept, with its wooden vaulted roof, amounted to £2.25 million.

York Minster is a huge landmark and tourist attraction in the city: many consider it to be one of Europe’s most impressive Gothic buildings. The glass in its famous 16<sup>th</sup> century Rose Window, which had recently been renovated, cracked into 40,000 pieces, but the new lead edges held it all together.

Queen Elizabeth attended the rededication ceremony in October 1988. This year a new exhibition called *Out of the Ashes* tells the story of the blaze and marks its anniversary.

## **DEMAND FOR FOODBANKS INCREASES**

The demand for emergency food parcels distributed by the Trussel Trust’s foodbank network has nearly doubled in five years, with a record amount being handed out over the past 12 months alone.

Between April 2023 and March 2024, 3.1 million food parcels were given out; 65 per cent of which went to families with children.

Now the chief executive of the Trussell Trust, Emma Revie, has called on political leaders to set out policies that ensure that foodbank use will become obsolete in the UK.

She urges: “We must not let foodbanks become the new norm. A supportive social-security system is the bedrock on which we end hunger for good. Building on this, we need much more effective employment and financial support for parents, carers and disabled people. And action to ensure everyone can have the security we all need to access opportunities and have hope for the future.”

Families with children and working-age adults are among the most frequent users of foodbanks, but there has been a 27-per cent increase in the number of pensioners needing emergency food in the past year.



## **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

Monday: 6.30 pm to 9 pm (except Bank Holidays) **ANDY'S MAN CLUB**

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

*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 at very competitive prices.*

**For further information on all activities give Steve a call on 07727860731.**



**ILLINGWORTH MOOR METHODIST CHURCH  
THE GOOD AS NEW SHOP**

Open every Friday from 10 am to 3.30 pm

Donations always welcome.

**Opens 3rd Saturday of each month**

**20<sup>th</sup> July and 17<sup>th</sup> August 10 am -12 noon**



**WALKING FOOTBALL**

at Forest Cottage, Cousin Lane, HX2 8AD

**Tuesdays at 12 noon**

**All welcome**

For further information contact [revpwelch@gmail.com](mailto:revpwelch@gmail.com)

**CREW is a local registered charity  
"Aiming to keep Calderdale fit and healthy"**

We have an exercise class at Forest Cottage every Thursday at 9.45 am

**We have walk-it health walks of 60 - 150 minutes**

**Monday 1 pm Beechwood Medical Centre - 1st and 29<sup>th</sup> July**

**Keighley Road Medical Centre, Illingworth - 8<sup>th</sup> July & 12<sup>th</sup> August**

**Wainstalls (all walks start & finish at Wainstalls bus turning circle)**

**Wednesdays 1 pm 24<sup>th</sup> July & 21<sup>st</sup> August**



**Every 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)**



**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:

**Join us on 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 until the 30<sup>th</sup> September**

**We run day trips to the seaside or places of interest during the summer**

**THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES RUN EACH WEEK AND TAKE PLACE AT ILLINGWORTH MOOR METHODIST CHURCH, HX2 9LL**

**THERE WILL NOT BE ANY PILATES CLASSES ON THURSDAY, 4TH JULY DUE TO THE HALL BEING IN USE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION**

### **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 – 12 noon £3.50

### **WEDNESDAYS**

**CRAFTY CLUB** from 10 am - 12 noon £2.00

*Join the friendly group for knitting, sewing & card making .*

*Refreshments available from the Church Cafe*

### **THURSDAYS**

**INTERMEDIATE PILATES CLASS** from 9.45 am – 10.45 am £4.00

**BEGINNERS PILATES CLASS** from 11 am – 12 noon £4.00

*To improve core stability and strength*

**THE FIRST SESSION AT EVERY CLASS IS FREE**

**\*\*\*NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME AT ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES\*\*\***

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