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N&E Friday Flyer – 12 January 2018

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The **Friday Flyer** is a weekly round-up of news and what's on in North and East Halifax.

Information about ward forum meetings and other ways to have your say will also be advertised here. Please click the links for further information on the [N&E Blog](#).

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Latest News

Congratulations to Colin Skeath on Receiving his MBE

We would like to congratulate Colin Skeath, a retired police inspector from Halifax who has been recognised in the New Year Honours for his services to policing the communities of Calderdale and his charity work with an MBE. You may remember that last year Colin gave a talk at Mixenden Activity Centre about his trip around the UK . He set off with his nephew, Davis, to circumnavigate the UK mainland in an open Canadian canoe and 86 days later the journey of around 2500 miles was complete. Colin was the Halifax Town Centre Inspector since 2012 and retired after 27 years as a police officer in January 2017. The last ten years of his career was spent in Calderdale where he was a response Sergeant before becoming the Inspector for Halifax. Through this role Colin met and worked with numerous partners to deliver the best service possible to the communities he served. Colin was also the Inspector on duty during the Boxing day floods of 2015 and remembers the day as one of the toughest 18 hours in his career, as he and colleagues across the district pulled together to come to the aid of people across the Calder Valley.

West Yorkshire Police Chief Constable Dee Collins said: "I am delighted that Colin and Diane have been recognised in the New Year's Honours and congratulate them both. [More...](#)

Moorside Junior Wardens clean up Brant Avenue

Moorside Community Primary School Junior Wardens took part in a clean-up along Brant Avenue opposite the school on Wednesday 10 January. In the space of just half an hour the Junior Wardens had accumulated a total of five bags of discarded/wind-blown litter which was mostly made up of plastic. To follow on from the clean up the Junior Wardens are now looking at designing a leaflet to encourage people to correctly discard of any litter and help lower the negative impact that it can have on the environment. [Pictures and more...](#)

Calderdale Council on being Winter Wise

It's getting cold out there! Calderdale Council have produced a short film for a guide to staying Winter Wise. Winter is a time when people are at more risk of injury or illness. By thinking ahead you can reduce risk and be prepared should the cold weather hit suddenly. You can also download the download the [Stay Winter Wise booklet...](#)

Get Involved / Have Your Say

Explore your Best Energy Deal at Beechwood Library next week!

Have you thought about switching your energy provider, but not found the time to do it? Come to our free drop in session with Ofgem and Citizen's Advice and we'll help you find your options there and then. **Monday 15 January**, 3pm to 5pm. [What to bring with you...](#)

Enter the RSPCA Picture Perfect Pet Competition

RSPCA Halifax, Hudds & Bradford want to see your perfect pets wow the camera and will be judging all entries on 'cuteness and all round best photo'. Entries cost just £1 and you could be in with a chance of winning: £25 iTunes Voucher + Luxury Pet Hamper. [How to enter...](#)

Police Contact Point at Northowram Library

PCSO 82 Nicholas Mance will be holding drop in sessions at Northowram Library for anyone to raise concerns about the neighbourhood. [Dates and times...](#)

Power Calderdale – Community Energy for Community Buildings

Calderdale Community Energy is holding an event at Hebden Bridge Town Hall on **Tuesday 6 March, 9:15am-1pm** specifically for those who own, operate and love community buildings—community centres, schools, churches, mosques, and children's centres. The event is FREE but places are limited to just voluntary and community organisations. [Book a place...](#)

The Illingworth Messenger – December 2017 / January 2018

There's a lot going on in and around Illingworth and the combined December / January edition of the Illingworth Messenger contains details of events, activities, local news and much more. [Read it now...](#)

Christmas Tree Recycling

Once the mince pies have lost their appeal and the turkey is gone the one thing left to remind you of a good Christmas is your real tree. Have no fear as you can recycle your Christmas tree at Ogden Water. Each year Calderdale Countryside Services receive thousands of trees, some that have their roots cut off and others potted. No matter what the state of your tree they can use it. [More on tree recycling...](#)

Fat Cat Print Supporting SmartMove for the Homeless and Vulnerable

SmartMove Calderdale have teamed up with Fat Cat Print of Greetland to support homeless and vulnerably housed in Calderdale. For every individual or company that buys a woolly hat between **1 January** and **1 April 2018**, plain or embroidered, Fat Cat Print will donate a warm hat and a warm pair of socks to a homeless or vulnerable person. [More information...](#)

Calls for Calderdale Cafes to Join the Chatter and Natter Scheme

After the appearance of Alexandra Hoskyn of the Chatter and Natter scheme on BBC Breakfast, there have been calls for cafes in Calderdale to join the scheme. A Chatter & Natter table creates a space for people to talk, whether it's for literally five minutes while you drink a brew, or an hour of good conversation. [How to join...](#)

Events and What's On

***This weekend!* Retro Games Drop in Session at Halifax Central Library**

@RetroEventsLtd is coming to the new Central Library on **Saturday 13 January**. If you fancy playing some classic video games such as Crash Bandicoot or Sonic the Hedgehog, why not go along! This is a FREE event aimed at the whole family, **9.30am-4pm**. [More...](#)

***This weekend!* Calderdale Heritage Walks: Cricket, Chapels, Clubhouses**

There will be a walk on **Sunday 14 January - Cricket, Chapels, Clubhouses & More**. Old Town is an ancient settlement with written records going back to Domesday. It has retained a range of buildings from 1600's through to the 20th century. Meet Jo Bird at **2pm** by the entrance to the Cricket Club on Mill Lane, Old Town. [Details and programme...](#)

Trios Neighbourhood Cafe Opens to the Public

Trios Neighbourhood Cafe has now opened to the public at the Threeways Centre on Nursery Lane. The cafe is open **8:30am-3:30pm** and take-away orders can be placed on **07730 360125**. WiFi is available in the cafe. [More...](#)

Halifax Antiquarian Society: Winter Lectures 2018

The first of the Halifax Antiquarian Society Winter Lectures will be on **Tuesday 16 January, 7:30pm-9:30pm** at **Carlton United Reform Church** and will be **Small Town Saturday Night: Popular Music in Halifax from WW2 until the 1960s**. Non members are welcome. [Details...](#)

Sequence and Ballroom Dancing at Forest Cottage

Newcomers welcome to join a dance group for just £2 per session (including tea and biscuits!). Mainly Sequence and some Ballroom dancing, singles and couples are welcome. **Tuesdays & Thursdays – 1.45pm to 4pm** at Forest Cottage Community Centre. [Contact...](#)

Holocaust Memorial Day 2018

Calderdale Interfaith Council in partnership with Calderdale Council is commemorating the **Holocaust Memorial Day 2018** on **Monday 29 January** at **1pm–2pm** at Crossley Heath School. For 2018, the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust has chosen the theme, **'The power of words'**. Crossley Heath School pupils will be participating in the commemorations by displaying artwork, reflecting on their work and sharing poetry. [Further details...](#)

Halifax & District Irish Society – Over 50's Luncheon Club at Pellon Social Club

Enjoy on stage entertainment, a buffet lunch, raffle, bingo and more every month at The Pellon Social Club... [details...](#)

LGBTQ History Month: Healthy Identities Training

On **Tuesday February 13** as part of LGBTQ history month, Barnardo's Healthy Identities is hosting training around LGBTQ awareness for health and voluntary professionals across Calderdale. The event is free but you are asked to register at Eventbrite. [Register now...](#)

Local Cinemas and Theatres

[Vue Halifax](#) – [The Rex Cinema](#) - [Hebden Bridge Picture House](#) – [The Victoria Theatre Square Chapel Centre for the Arts](#) – [Halifax Playhouse](#) – [King Cross Library Film Club](#)

Children and Young People...

Next week! Group Boosting Self Esteem for Girls and Young Women

A new group is being launched, looking to boost self-esteem and confidence for girls and young women age 13 – 25 years. The group will run from the **Monday 15 January, 4pm-5:30pm** for four weeks at the Calderdale WomenCentre. [How to join...](#)

Eureka! Home Educator Day

Eureka! runs regular Home Educator days where no other educational groups are booked in for the day, so you and your family can explore the museum and take part in our unique, educational shows and activities. The next day planned is **Friday 19 January, 10am-4pm**. Bookings taken on a first come, first served basis. [Information and how to book a place...](#)

Ducklings Swimming Lessons at Sowerby Bridge Pool

The lessons start with Ducklings for children aged 3 up to 5 who are accompanied in the water with a responsible adult. Your little superstar will be guided by a fully qualified swimming teacher and learn the basic skills of swimming through a range of games to help build water confidence. [Times and details...](#)

Write to Record Rock School at Orange Box

Throughout January on **Mondays, 6:30pm-8pm** are music workshops for young people aged 11-16 years. Square Chapel's Rock School takes place in the state-of-the-art rehearsal rooms at Orange Box young people's centre. Suitable for beginners and those with some experience, acoustic strummers and all out rockers, it's a great place to learn to play your instrument better, meet other musicians, form a band, write songs. [Find out more...](#)

Calderdale College Open Evening

Calderdale College is hosting an Open Evening on the **Tuesday 23 January, 4:30pm-7pm** which is a perfect opportunity to meet the fantastic tutors who can answer all of your queries and get a feel of what it is like to be a Calderdale College student. [Read more...](#)

Harry Potter Night at Bankfield Museum

Visit Calderdale's very own answer to Hogwarts, Bankfield Museum for a spelltacular evening celebrating Harry Potter night on **Thursday 1 February, 6-8pm**. Choose your house and take part in four Hogwarts lessons. The History of Magic with the incredible story teller Robin Simpson. £10 per child. [Book now...](#)

Kids' Gymnastics Classes at Threeways Sports and Fitness Centre

It is good to see gymnastics back at the centre, and we hope sessions develop in 2018. The Gymnastics Programme is one of the most popular aspects of the Sports and Fitness Centre. Children's gymnastics classes are available for families throughout Halifax. [Details...](#)

Sure Start Children's Centres Newsletter Spring 2018

The Sure Start newsletter for **Spring 2018** includes details of the new baby clinics, a what's on guide for all our Children's Centres and how to follow each individual Centre on a specific Facebook page. Have you thought about getting a better deal on your energy bills? With [NHP Energy Levels](#) you could boost your energy and save money. The newsletter gives details of the drop-in sessions January to March 2018 when Ofgem and Citizens Advice will show you how to go [Energy Shopping](#). The newsletter also includes dates for Sure Start training courses taking place in both Lower Valley and North & East Halifax from January to March 2018. [Read it now...](#)

Sports Membership Scheme for Disabled Children and Young People

Calderdale Sports Services have been running a new membership project aimed at assisting and promoting the inclusion of SEND children and young people. The scheme enables children and young people 5-25 to access swimming and gym provision across all Sports Services facilities. The cost is £10 per month with no joining fee. [Apply now...](#)

Health and Staying Well

Join the conversation – #itsokaytotalk

Andy's Man Club every Monday in Halifax and Hebden Bridge, **7pm at The Shay Stadium**, Halifax, HX1 2YS: **7pm at The Town Hall, Hebden Bridge**, HX7 7BY. Andy's Man Club is a talking group, a place for men to come together in a safe environment to talk about issues/problems they have faced or currently been facing. [Read more...](#)

CREW and Heartbeat Walks Winter and Spring 2018

CREW Heart Support Group has published the programme for walks in the winter 2018. The next walk will be around Norland Moor on **Tuesday 23 January** and be led by Brian Birkby. Meet at the **Spring Rock Inn** at **10am** for a 5 mile walk. [Programme and shorter walks...](#)

Healthy Minds 'Winter Reflections' Workshop at Shibden Park

'Winter Reflections' is a course from Healthy Minds that will be running in **January** at the Mereside Centre in **Shibden Park**. Set in the beautiful surroundings of Shibden Park, you will explore the art and heart of reflective writing to improve your mental health and wellbeing. The 3 week course will be on **Thursdays 11, 18 and 25 January**. [Register now...](#)

Healthy Minds 'The Art of Being' Course at Bankfield Museum

'The Art of Being' is a course from **Healthy Minds** that will be running in **January & February** at Bankfield Museum. Over 4 sessions beginning **Friday 12 January**, this course will explore a range of activities including meditation, gentle yoga and interactive mindfulness activities which enable you to build them into your everyday life. [More...](#)

Better Living Team's Free 10 Week Family Club

Are you and your family looking to be more active and lead a healthier lifestyle? The **Better Living Team's** FREE 10 week family club gives you the opportunity to work with instructors who can help you with this in a fun yet informative way. The next course starts on **Saturday 13 January** for 10 weeks **10am -12pm** or **1pm – 3pm**. [Details...](#)

Relaxation Workshop from Insight Healthcare

This Workshop will be on **Monday 15 January 2018 6pm to 7:30pm** and will look in detail at relaxation techniques and how you can implement them into your everyday life. It will be great for you if you are interested in improving your self-care and wellbeing or are experiencing stress and anxiety. The event is free but you do need to [register...](#)

Insight Healthcare Calderdale Mindfulness Workshop

Insight Healthcare is holding a Mindfulness Workshop on **Tuesday 16 January, 6pm – 7:30pm**. You must be over 18 and registered with a GP in Calderdale to attend this mindfulness workshop. The event is free to attend but places must be booked. [Book now...](#)

Get Back on Track with Sports Membership Offer

If you're looking to kick start your New Year then why not take advantage of Sport Calderdale's special New Year offer. If you join the fitness membership during January you can get 12 months for the price of 11. [Offer details...](#)

Unite and become a Dementia Friend in a Dementia Friendly North Halifax

Dementia could affect us all. Because public understanding is quite poor, people with dementia often feel misunderstood, marginalised and isolated which means that they're less likely to be able to live independently in their own communities. If you live in North Halifax, interested in the training and want to become a North Halifax Dementia Friend then join us at various venues over the coming months. [More information...](#)

CREW Exercise Classes 2018

Just a reminder that CREW Heart Support Group have a number of exercise classes as details of which can be found on the Halifax N & E Blog. [Current classes...](#)

Local Activities for the over 50s in Illingworth and Bradshaw

The LA Group was set up in 2011 by a group of residents primarily in the 50+ age group. The group offers a range of activities and classes to help promote their health and well-being of people over 50 in the Illingworth, Bradshaw and surrounding areas [see what they're up to...](#)

Healthy Minds 'Anger Management' Workshop

The '**Anger Management**' workshop explores ways you can identify triggers and practise calming techniques. The workshop will take place on **Wednesday 28 February, 12:30 – 2:30** at the new Health Minds premises at 1 King Street. [Workshop details...](#)

Talk to Samaritans if Things are Getting to You

Samaritans' vision is that fewer people die by suicide. Every six seconds, someone contacts Samaritans, and every 90 minutes someone takes their own life.

You don't have to be suicidal to call Samaritans.

Samaritans offer a safe place for you to talk any time you like, in your own way – about whatever's getting to you. You don't have to be suicidal.

Whatever you're going through, you can call FREE any time, from any phone, on **116 123**.

Bored or lonely? Looking for something to do but need some help?

Talk to the Staying Well Hub today – call us on 01422 255402 or [self-refer here...](#)

Local Sports Centres

- [Threeways Sports Centre](#) – Tel. 01422 321155
- [OSCA Sports Complex](#) – Tel. 07974 077143
- [Northbridge Leisure Centre](#) - Tel. 01422 341527
- [Sowerby Bridge Pool](#) - Tel. 01422 288078
- [Halifax Swimming Pool](#) - Tel. 01422 366624

Volunteer opportunities

Disability Support Calderdale – Looking for Volunteers

Disability Support Calderdale is running seated fitness sessions for older people at Elland and Ovenden and is looking for volunteers who have an interest in fitness and exercise. There is a qualified fitness instructor who is running the sessions. This is a good learning opportunity for those who want to be involved in the fitness field. [Contact details...](#)

Volunteers Needed for Winter Homeless Shelter

The Gathering Place winter homeless shelter runs from Jan – Mar. If you are interested in volunteering as a Befriender, Evening Team Leader, Morning Support, Evening or Morning Cook, Kitchen Assistant or as an Overnight Volunteer, please get in touch. [Volunteer now...](#)

Project Search in Calderdale Helps Young People with Learning Disabilities

A new scheme in Calderdale is helping young people with learning disabilities to prepare for life in the workplace. Calderdale Council, Calderdale College and Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust launched 'Project Search' in September 2017 and it's already having benefits for the 12 young adults involved. [Find out more...](#)

NHP Work Support

It doesn't matter if you've never used a computer, or you're not confident about writing and you don't know where to start. We have time to talk to you in confidence and to help you with your job search and other things you want help with. Drop in to one of our Work Clubs or ring 01422 255402 or **check out our new website** – <https://nhpworksupport.com>

Work Clubs in North and East Halifax

- **Mondays** - 3pm- 5pm - at Beechwood Road Library
- **Tuesdays** - 10am -12 Noon - at Mixenden Library
- **Wednesdays** - 10am – 12pm at St Augustine's Family Centre, Hanson Lane
- **Wednesdays** - 10am – 12pm at King Cross Library
- **Thursdays** - 1.30-3.30pm - at Beechwood Road Library

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- [Asset Portfolio Officer \(West Yorkshire + Transport Fund\)](#)
- [Part-Time Store Colleague – Pets at Home](#)
- [Office Assistant – Halifax Windows Ltd](#)
- [Pharmacy Assistant – Ovenden pharmacy](#)
- [Customer Assistant – Lidl, Halifax](#)
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- ★ **Submit an event** to an online calendar
- ★ **Advertise** your service or community group

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