



North and East Halifax Friday Flyer

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The **Friday Flyer** is a weekly round-up of news and what's on in North and East Halifax. We hope you will find this informative and useful. [Let us know what you think!](#)



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2018 Christmas Events



Latest News

Changes to Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs)

Two changes are coming to Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) which will reduce contractual costs and help manage waste disposal while at the same time ensuring that all Household Waste Recycling Centres remain open and continue to operate their existing hours. From **Monday 3 December**, plasterboard, hardcore and rubble will now only be accepted at Halifax, Brighouse and Todmorden HWRCs, with a charge per bag.

The second change is the introduction of a Resident's permit on a trial basis, to Brighouse and Elland HWRCs, starting on the **Monday 26 November**. Every vehicle visiting Brighouse or Elland HWRC will need a resident permit in order to deposit waste or recycling. Permits will be issued free of charge by the site office, on production of photo identification to prove residence in Calderdale. More information is available [here](#).

Park for free in Calderdale on Saturdays up to Christmas

Calderdale Council is offering free parking in a number of car parks in Halifax as well as in five car parks across the towns of Brighouse, Elland, Hebden Bridge, Sowerby Bridge and Todmorden, on **Saturdays** before Christmas. There will also be free on-street parking in Halifax from **3:00pm** every **Thursday** up until Christmas, to support the late night shopping.

Ward Forums

- **Mixenden Ward Forum – Tuesday 11 December**

Get Involved / Have Your Say

Fundraising Ideas for Forget Me Not Children's Hospice

Christmas is a very special time for our families. A time to share magical moments and make precious memories that will last forever. That's why **Forget Me Not Children's Hospice** wants to make Christmas as magical as possible – but they need your help. They have 12 festive and fun ways you can get involved. From donating to our shops, playing the raffle, volunteering or cycling to Lapland (well, sort of), there's something for everyone! [See the ideas...](#)

RSPCA Christmas Meal Appeal

This December the **RSPCA Halifax, Huddersfield, Bradford & District Branch** is calling on their supporters to help them give the animals in their centre the best Christmas possible. Although the RSPCA staff work really hard to make the animals feel comfortable, happy and loved all year round, Christmas is always hard as nothing can compare to the surroundings of a loving home and lots of treats. Get an animal a [Christmas Meal Ticket...](#)

Events and What's On

***This weekend!* Sowerby Bridge Christmas Lights – with Memory Lane Café**

The Sowerby Bridge Christmas lights switch on will take place outside the Village restaurant on **Friday 7 December, 6:00pm**. Festivities will start at 5:00pm, so join the **Memory Lane Café** for some mulled wine, and carols round the tree. All welcome!

***This weekend!* Illuminating Halifax – Piece Hall, Square Chapel, Minster and more...**

Square Chapel, The Piece Hall and Halifax Minster present Illuminating Halifax **Friday 7 December-Monday 10 December** at various times at Square Chapel Arts Centre, The Piece Hall & Halifax Minster. Free to attend. Square Chapel Arts Centre, Halifax Minster and The Piece Hall, are lighting up their buildings in a weekend of spectacular light. [Find out more...](#)

***This weekend!* Community Carols at Buttershaw**

The Christingle Family Service will be at St. Michael's on **Sunday 9 December, 4:00pm**. There will be Community Carols at the Sandale Community Hub near St. Aidan's on Buttershaw on **Sunday 23 December, 3:00pm** with refreshments being served. All are welcome. [Read on...](#)

***This weekend!* Christmas Services at Halifax Minster**

Halifax Minster has published the programme of services for December with **Carols at All Souls**, Holey Hill on **Sunday 9 December, 4:00pm**. [Check all the Christmas dates...](#)

A Jolly Square Chapel Christmas!

Loads of things happening at the **Square Chapel Arts Centre** in the run up to Christmas from festive films, Christmas choirs and concerts and bright and buoyant brass bands. A Jolly Square Chapel Christmas Brochure can be downloaded [here](#). [Book now...](#)

Citizens Advice Calderdale – Open Day

Citizens Advice Calderdale is holding an Open Day on **Monday 10 December, 10:00am-3:00pm** at the office on Harrison Road, Halifax. There will be a number of bitesize sessions repeated through the day. Also, see about the current vacancies. [More info...](#)

Next Daisy Chain Cafe at Halifax Rugby Union Club

Just to remind you that the next **Daisy Chain Cafés** will be on **Wednesday 12 December, 1:00pm-3:00pm** and **Wednesday 9 January, 1:00pm-3:00pm** at **Halifax Rugby Union Club**, Ovenden Park, Keighley Road. For more information contact Karen Scanlon on **0300 555 0266**. [Find out more...](#)

Snow White at Victoria Theatre

Once again, we will have all the ingredients for a perfect family panto, with a dastardly villain, a hapless comic and a hilarious panto dame, as well as spectacular sets and costumes, fabulous songs and dances and bags of slapstick fun! **Snow White** runs at the **Victoria Theatre** in Halifax, West Yorkshire from **Thursday 13 December 2018** until **Saturday 5 January 2019**. [Book a place...](#)

Christmas Fayre at St. Malachy's School

St. Malachy's Catholic Primary School, Illingworth, Halifax will be holding a Christmas Fayre on **Friday 14 December, 2:15pm-4:00pm**. For just £1 per family entrance fee you can visit Santa's Grotto and there will be a toy stall, raffles and tombola with hot and cold refreshments available. [More...](#)

Walk Away the Pounds at St. Columba's Church Hall

Every **Thursday, 10:30am** there is a '**Walk Away the Pounds**' session. A DVD is shown detailing the walking moves and with the music. This is open to all ages, men and women and is just £3 per session. Comfortable clothes and non-slip shoes will be needed. [More...](#)

Sure Start Children's Centre Supporting Lighthouse Project

Period poverty hit the public consciousness in December 2016 following the release of Ken Loach's hard-hitting film '**I, Daniel Blake**'. Recently a car load of toiletries have kindly been donated by Children's Centre staff ready to be dropped off at **Calderdale Lighthouse Project** – and still more to drop off. [Read on...](#)

Over 50's Luncheon Club – Dates for October to December 2018

The **Halifax and District Irish Society** organise the "Over 50's Luncheon Club" which takes place at The Pellon Social Club. Meetings are usually held every 2 weeks but keep an eye out for the entertainment listings to confirm this. The Luncheon Club usually operates from **12 noon** to about **3pm**. (Open from **11.15am**). [Information and entertainment listings...](#)

The Illingworth Messenger – December 2018 and January 2019

There's lots going on in and around Illingworth and the December / January edition of the **Illingworth Messenger** which contains details of events, activities, local news and much more! The messenger is advertising the Christmas services as well as the Boxing Day lunch at Illingworth Moor Church for those who will be alone through the festive season. [Read it 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

***This weekend!* Elves Christmas Workshops at the Piece Hall**

Join Cinnamon the Elf and the Piece Hall's Heritage and Learning team for a range of festive craft activities including Christmas tree decorations, tea light holders and felted robins. Workshops will be at 10:00am, 11:30am, 1:30pm and 3:00pm on **8, 9, 15 and 22 December**. The £7 per child ticket includes a gift for each child. [Book now...](#)

***This weekend!* Kidocracy at the Piece Hall**

Kidocracy is an interactive show on **Saturday 8 December** and **Sunday 9 December, 12:00pm-1:00pm** at the **Piece Hall**. Hosted by Keith Farnan appearing as Brehon, an ancient Irish know-it-all who gives children an island to rule. They must elect leaders, write anthems, come up with rules and deal with all sorts of crises because running the world isn't all fun, fun, fun – there's stuff to be done as well. [Book a place now...](#)

***This weekend!* Dads 'R' Us Christmas Party**

Dads'R'Us will be holding a Christmas Party on **Saturday 8 December, 9:30am** at **Illingworth Methodist Church**. There will be a chance to meet Santa, party games, buffet and plenty more. All the family is welcome to this event so bring your partners as well. [Find out more...](#)

***This weekend!* Nativity Festival Christmas Fair at St. Michael and All Angels Church, Shelf**

There will be a **Nativity Festival Christmas Fair** at **St. Michael & All Angels Church, Shelf** (opposite Lidl) on **Saturday 8 December, 2:30pm-5:00pm**. There will be a life size nativity, plus lots of other crib scenes. Hot dogs, games, Santa's Grotto and much more. [Read on...](#)

***This weekend!* Father Christmas's Grotto in the Jungle!**

Father Christmas will be in his grotto on **Saturday 8 December** at the Jungle Experience at **Manor Heath Park, Halifax**. Take part in a Christmas crafts session (aimed at children aged 3+) then visit Santa in his grotto and receive an early Christmas gift. [More...](#)

Cinderella Magic Wand Workshop at Shibden Hall

On **Saturday 15 December** meet Cinderella and her Fairy Godmother at **Shibden Hall** in this magical costumed workshop. Help Cinderella with her chores and discover old toys. Create your magic wand and cast a spell to send Cinderella to the ball. [Book now...](#)

Christmas at Illingworth Community Children's Centre

Illingworth Community Children's Centre will be holding a special FREE Christmas event on **Saturday 15 December, 11:00am-1:00pm**. BOOKING is essential if you want to see Santa so please ring the centre on **01422 243633** to secure your place! [Book now...](#)

Christmas at Eureka! Children's Museum

Elves open the doors to Santa's Grotto from **11:00am** every weekend, and then daily from **Wednesday 19 December**. The grotto is opened **an hour earlier at 10:00am just for visitors with autism**, and the Eureka! team can change the lighting and music, or even removing Santa's beard (he's magic, so it doesn't hurt). [Toddler days and more...](#)

Sure Start Children's Centres Autumn Newsletter

Sure Start Children's Centres, North Halifax Partnership has published the Autumn Newsletter which includes information about the family learning courses that are taking place **September – December 2018**, along with the accredited courses on offer. It also includes their What's On Guides, which shows the weekly groups on offer across the Children's Centres and services provided by partner agencies. [Download now...](#)

Mini Movers Stay and Play Group Comes to Moorside School

There is a new, weekly community Stay and Play Group for children 0-3 years, run by **Kevin Pearce Children's Centre** Staff and housed in the new **Moorside Community Primary School**. The group will be run every **Wednesday, 1:45pm-3:10pm** (term time only). [More...](#)

Applying for a School Place for September 2019

Children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 are due to start primary school in September 2019. To apply for a school place you must apply online by **15 January 2019** at www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions. The application process opens on **19 November**. [More...](#)

Health and Wellbeing

Domestic Abuse – in Whatever Language at Whatever Time

Do you need some support or someone to talk to about the abuse? Christmas, for some families is a time of celebration, but unfortunately for some the expectations of being there to provide and support can make Christmas a challenging time. Calderdale Staying Safe has published a series of guides to in different languages to support those who may not know what services are available in Urdu, Czech and Polish. [Read more...](#)

Staying Well at St. Columba's and New Website

Find out more about what's happening at the newly refurbished St Columba's Church Hall by visiting the new website starting with a **Brew & a Chat** on **Monday 10 December, 10:30am-12:30pm** organised with Calderdale Staying Well. [Check the website...](#)

Better Lives at Number 42 Outreach Sessions

Better Lives at No 42 are holding a number of outreach sessions for those who find it difficult to get to the service in Halifax. The new sessions are in Halifax, Ovenden, Hipperholme and Todmorden helping with health & well-being, promoting independence, support for carers and information about technology such as pendant alarms. [Session details...](#)

Bertie's Top 10 Tips for a Warmer, Healthier Home

Winter is coming...are you prepared for cold weather? Be as snug as Bertie Bug with his top tips to keep your warm healthier and warmer for less. Financial assistance – small grants and loans – are available for boiler replacements or repairs, loft/ attic room insulation and cavity wall insulation for eligible households. [More information...](#)

Singalong with Steve at Blackburn House

Join a Singalong with Steve at **Blackburn House**, Nursery Lane, Ovenden **2:00pm on the last Wednesday of each month**. Aimed at those aged 60 plus, Steve Brown is a professional musician with a wide range of experience. [Find out more...](#)

Sequence and Ballroom Dancing at Forest Cottage

Newcomers are welcome to join a dance group, mainly Sequence and some Ballroom dancing, singles and couples are welcome for just £2 per session (including tea and biscuits!). Dancing takes place every **Tuesday & Thursday – 1:45pm-4:00pm** at **Forest Cottage Community Centre**, Cousin Lane, Ovenden. [Contact details...](#)

New Sexual Health Clinic at Threeways Sports Centre

The Integrated Sexual Services of Calderdale Sexual Health and Calderdale and Huddersfield HIV Services have a new clinic at Threeways Sports Centre every **Thursday**. Services include – contraception, STI screening, Pregnancy test and advice, condoms and C-cards... [More...](#)

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

Volunteering Opportunities

Support Age UK at Christmas

Age UK Calderdale and Kirklees are asking for your support this Christmas in various ways. Volunteers are needed for bucket collections, help with the Carol Concert and much more. For further information, please phone **01422 252040** or email enquiries@ageukck.org.uk

Young and Want to Make a DIFFERENCE? Time Out is Looking for Volunteers.

Time Out is a project for young people, created by young people to give a space to allow you to develop in whatever way suits you best. Fortunately, mental health is no longer a taboo subject and Time Out is recruiting volunteers to spread awareness of the help available for those with issues of self-harm, body image or self-esteem. [Find out more...](#)

Volunteering Opportunities with Citizens Advice Calderdale

Thanks to a grant from the Community Foundation for Calderdale through the #iwill project and The Big Lottery, Citizens Advice Calderdale is offering a chance to improve employment skills whilst making a difference to people living in Calderdale. Existing volunteers support the charity through photography, website development and literature design. [Learn more...](#)

Volunteering, is it for you?

Bored? Need a new challenge? Meet new people – Gain work experience – Increase your confidence. There will be a session at **Illingworth Community Children's Centre** on **Monday 4 March 2019, 12:30pm–2:30pm** which will give you information about becoming a volunteer with North Halifax Partnership Sure Start Children's Centres. [Find out more...](#)

Training Opportunities

***This weekend!* FREE Cycle Maintenance Training**

CityConnect is offering FREE cycle maintenance courses on **Saturday 8** and **Saturday 15 December, 10:00am-4:00pm** at Forest Cottage Community Centre, Cousin Lane, Ovenden including safety check, wheel, tyre and tube removal, puncture repairs and much more. [Details...](#)

16-19 Years Old? – Call in to C&K Careers for a Chat

C&K Careers based at their public centre on Alexandra Street in Halifax don't just offer help with your work and learning options, their door is open if you need support or advice too. Young people can drop in any time for a chat **Monday – Friday 10:00am-4:00pm**. [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 0300 555 0266 or **check out our website** – <https://nhpworksupport.com>

Work Clubs in North and East Halifax

- **Mondays** - 3pm- 5pm - at Beechwood Road Library
- **Tuesdays** – 2pm – 4pm - 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

Latest Jobs

- **Administrator – National Fostering Agency, Elland**
- **Customer Service Advisor – Leeds Building Society, Halifax**
- **Accounts Administrator Customer Services Advisor – NFU Mutual, Elland**
- **Various Vacancies – Citizens Advice Calderdale**
- **Various Posts – Sure Start Children's Centres NHP**
- **Customer Advisor – B&Q Halifax**
- **Customer Assistant – Marks & Spencer, Halifax**



[Click here](#) - Jobs and apprenticeships on our Latest Jobs page

And Finally!

Want to know what's going on in other parts of Calderdale?

Did you know there are blogs covering the [Central Halifax](#), [Lower Valley](#) and [Upper Valley](#) areas too? And regular email newsletter updates. Follow the links!

Christmas Presents from the Phoenix Shed

There's just still some time left to order something special from The Phoenix Shed. What will it be, from this range of very sturdy, well made timber presents? A bird nesting box (£15), seed feeder (£12), a bird table (£40), a Hedgehog House (£40), a bespoke walking stick, or pole (from £25), planters for the garden (from £15), a garden bench (from £100) or maybe a garden tripod for you washing basket (£12)? Whew, there are so many things you could get.

Very special Christmas gifts, all reasonably priced and specially made for you.

All of the things that we make at the Phoenix Shed can be tailored to your own requirements. However, we do have some items in stock, so just give Chris a ring on **07930 207537** to ask for details.

By the way – being all older men, we do tend to specialise in RUSTIC!

Hot news! We currently have a very, very special '**Benny the Beluga Whale**' walking stick. The head is made from Silver Birch (debarked) and the shank is made from Cotoneaster. A very comfortable and sturdy stick if ever there was one. The socket and spigot joint is reinforced with a hardened steel pin. Christmas offer only £35. Remember, this is a unique stick, so we only have the one.



Don't forget all the other presents still available from other walking sticks to bird boxes, benches and garden planters. See more [here](#).

Friday Flyer - Contact Us:

- ★ **Recommend a friend** to get the Friday Flyer by emailing us
- ★ **Publicise an event** in the Friday Flyer
- ★ **Submit an event** to an online calendar
- ★ **Advertise** your service or community group

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