

Calderdale News & Events

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EVENT DIARY August & September

Music

Ellie Sax & Friends 11 August 2023. By popular demand Ellie Sax is back with her biggest and best show yet! Having toured the world with her saxophone playing at some of the world's most exclusive events, festivals and nightclubs, Ellie Sax & Friends will perform at The Piece Hall with Ibiza classics and all the top dance tracks you know and love brought to life. Box office: 01422 525 200.

Event

The Halifax Agricultural Show 12 August, 9am to 5pm at Savile Park, Halifax, HX1 3EA. Tickets £12 and £7 for over 65s and children (under 5s free). Family ticket £32. The Halifax Show offers a full range of classes; horses, cattle, handicrafts & produce, horticulture, vintage vehicles, pets and poultry.

Event

Fun-Raising Race Night: 12 August, 7pm onwards. Join a fun race night for just £2 entry. It's like a day at the horse races, except cards represent horses in a series of races. Place your bets and see how you get on. All in one of the area's friendliest venues, Old Rishworthians Rugby Club, Copley Village, Halifax,

Theatre

Lecture: Markets and Lost Shops of Halifax 23 August, 2pm. Presented by David Glover at the Square Chapel in Halifax – call the box office on 0343 208 6016 to book your tickets: Covering the days when goods were sold outdoors in Old Market, then onto Halifax's Borough Market of 1896 and later shops. With lots of nostalgic photos!

Music

Halifax Minster Organ Recitals Thursdays: 10th, 17th and 24th August. 12.15pm onwards, with a light lunch available. Tickets via www.halifaxminster.org.uk/events or simply turn up on the day. The venue is the lovely and historic Halifax Minster, which is always worth a visit and is located on Dispensary Walk, Halifax.

Activity

Short Led-Walks in Rastrick Wednesdays 9th and 23rd August. Two free, short walks on both dates: Starting with a 2km walk at 10am, with gentle inclines and generally smooth surfaces.

The 1km walk is at 11am and is entirely on flat pavements. The 1km option is aimed at wheelchair users and people with mobility limitations. Walk leader on both walks. Meet at the Space@Field Lane community centre, Burnsall Road, Rastrick, Brighouse HD6 3JT.

Event

Gallows Pole & Coiners Exhibition Heptonstall Museum is currently hosting an exhibition exploring the lives of

the Cragg Vale Coiners, the notorious band of counterfeiters who produced fake coins and who were the subject of the recent BBC series, Gallows Pole. The museum is open Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday every week, 11am until 4.30pm. Entry is £3. The Old Grammar School, Heptonstall, Hebden Bridge HX7 7PG.

Music

Music in the Gardens 2pm till 4pm on 6th, 20th August and 17th September. From uplifting brass bands to choral harmonies,

the Friends of Tolson and Ravensknowle present a packed summer programme of music in the memorial gardens. Tolson Memorial Gardens, Huddersfield, Ravensknowle Park, Wakefield Road, Moldgreen, Huddersfield HD5 8DJ

Theatre

Theatre, Horror: NIGHT TERRORS – The Ghost Stories of E F Benson 7 September, 7.30pm at the Square

Chapel, 10 Square Road, Halifax. A spine-tingling evening of three tales of the supernatural from E.F. Benson's brilliant collection of ghost stories. Call the box office on 0343 208 6016.

Event

Halifax Heritage Festival: Creativity Unwrapped

Tour Experience a free guided tour with one of The Piece Hall's knowledgeable Heritage Guides. This bespoke themed tour will focus on the creativity that has been at the heart of The Piece Hall since 1779. Tours run daily from 8 – 17 September, 1.30pm – 2.30pm. Free but pre-booking essential via box office on 01422 525 200.

Event

Elland Show 17 September, 11am to 4pm. At Elland Cricket Club, Hullenedge Rd, Elland HX5 0QY. Vintage Stalls & Vehicle Show. Aircraft flypast, fairground, food, music, birds of prey,

RSPCA dog show.

HEALTH UPDATE

Don't let hearing health take a backseat! Regular hearing checks are vital for all ages. Early detection of any hearing issues can lead to timely interventions and a better quality of life. Whether you're a young adult, a busy professional, or enjoying your golden years, taking care of your hearing ensures better communication, social connections, and overall well-being. Schedule your hearing check-up today and embrace a world of clearer sound. Remember, hearing better means living better! Call Hearing Check Sowerby Bridge on 01422 756015 sponsored content



AUGUST NEWS

How's Your Driving? As we get older, it's important to check that our driving is still safe. When you reach the age of 70 you will have to re-apply for your driving licence every three years and this is also a good time to ask yourself a few questions about your driving: Do I regularly find myself getting confused or stressed behind the wheel? Do I think my reaction times and reflexes are slowing? Is my eyesight getting worse and affecting what I can see? Do my family or friends seem concerned about my driving? Do other drivers often react badly to my actions? It may be time to ask your GP for advice or consider having a driver assessment to get a professional's view. Organisations providing driver assessments include RoSPA (0121 248 2000, rospa.com) and IAM RoadSmart (0300 303 1134, iamroadsmart.com).



Victoria Theatre Accessibility Improvements On the Way Plans to improve the facilities and visitor experience at the Victoria Theatre in Halifax are moving forward, with planning approval granted and a contractor for the works due to be appointed. Some key access improvements are included in plans, with a new lift taking visitors to the Green Room Bar for the first time in the venue's history and two new accessible toilets being installed. This will vastly improve the visitor experience for those with access requirements.

Halifax Leisure Centre Update Plans for the new Halifax Leisure Centre and Swimming Pool have moved a step closer following a review of the leisure services offered by the Council in the town. In November 2022 the Council was forced to pause the development of the new Leisure Centre at North Bridge after the anticipated cost of delivering the project had become unsustainable. The review which followed covered the options available to the Council for providing leisure services in Halifax in the future. Working with an Architect and a Cost Consultant, the Council has simplified the plans for the scheme, removing some of the facilities, such as the Wellness Suite, steam room and sauna, to make sure it can be delivered using the available project budget. No date has yet been set for work to re-commence, but the project does at least seem to be moving forward again.

Stone-Carving Festival A Big Hit

Crowds gathered at Halifax Minster to watch stonemasons compete in the region's first stone-carving festival on the 24th and 25th July. Stonemasons from across the UK and Europe came together to compete in a festival, organised by the West Riding Stone Carving Association and sponsored by local building firm Marshalls. The competitors including experience stonemasons, apprentices and people new to the craft were asked to produce a stone carving from a single sandstone block, donated by Marshalls on the theme of Yorkshire Wildlife. The carvings were auctioned off on the final day of the festival, with funds jointly split between Halifax Minster and the West Riding Stone Carving Association. Representatives from the West Riding Stonecarving Association teach a foundation course for beginners with no experience and always welcome new members. They are based in Halifax and you can call them on 0751 993 1784.



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