

# Calderdale News & Events

*The newsletter for older people & their families & friends  
from CALDERDALE FORUM 50 PLUS*



## EVENT DIARY November & December

### **Todmorden Cricket Club Bonfire & Fireworks Display: Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Gates from 5.30pm; Bonfire Lit 6.30pm, Fireworks 8pm. Bar & beer tent, food stalls, kid's rides & other attractions. Adults £5, Children £2.50. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Please don't bring your own fireworks or sparklers. The Venue is Todmorden Cricket Club, Burnley Rd, Todmorden.

### **Elland Round Table Bonfire & Fireworks - Sat 4th Nov**

Includes Bonfire, two firework displays, Elland Silver Band, Hellfyre Magpies Firedance Display Team, food stalls, fairground. Entry: adults £6, kids £3. 5.30pm onwards at Hullenedge Recreation Ground, Hullen Edge Road Elland.

### **Piece Hall Christmas Markets: 10-12th, 17-19th, 24-26th Nov**

A Christmas Market over three long weekends showcasing some of the regions favourite independent food and drink producers, artisan makers and pop-up street food. Featuring 50 unique stalls with everything from homeware, jewellery, gifts and delicious food to take home. In addition, there will be live music, the carousel, Christmas tree and our resident bars, restaurants and retailers. Free.

### **Ballet: The Nutcracker. Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Start time: 7:30 pm Running time: 2hrs 30mins. Tickets from: £41.25. A lavish ballet of the festive season, featuring a live orchestra with over 30 musicians. A highly accessible ballet, full of familiar music such as the Waltz of the Flowers and the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy. This ballet continues to capture the hearts and imaginations of all generations across the world. Victoria Theatre, Halifax - Box office - 01422 351158

### **Shibden Hall Winter Craft Fair - Sat & Sun 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Nov**

A great family event, ideal for some pre-Christmas shopping. Taking place in the main hall. There is an entrance fee to get into the hall, but this is reduced for this event. 10am - 4pm. Venue is Shibden Hall, Lister's Road, Halifax HX3 6XG.

### **Todmorden Book Festival – 17<sup>th</sup> till 25<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Todmorden Book Festival runs over nine days each year and was established in 2018. The programme focuses on the work of new and established writers, with fiction, non-fiction and poetry events for adults and children. More info and tickets from Todmorden Information Centre, 15 Burnley Road, Todmorden, OL14 7BU, in person or over the phone on 01706 818181. Full programme of events is on the event website: [www.todmordenbookfestival.co.uk](http://www.todmordenbookfestival.co.uk)

### **Hebden Bridge Christmas Market – Sat & Sun 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Over 60 stalls selling seasonal crafts and foods from around the world. Running from 9am till 5pm both days. Located in Lees Yard and Crown Street, Hebden Bridge HX7 7BZ.

### **Repair Cafe Mytholmroyd – Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Experts will look to repair, clothes, bikes, furniture, electrical, mechanical items (not microwaves) and a knife sharpening service. Hot drinks and refreshments. 1pm – 4pm at Mytholmroyd Community Centre, Caldene Avenue HX7 5AF.

### **Halifax Borough Market's Christmas Market – Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec**

Join them on at Albion Street on Saturday the 2nd of December for their annual Christmas Market, featuring a selection of local independent traders, including: wood crafts, clothes, cakes, international food, pottery, ceramics, gin and vodka.

### **Project Colt's Charity Christmas Fayre – Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec**

A huge range of things to do and buy, including handmade gifts and décor, soaps, toys, sweets, wreaths, glass art, jams, plus food & drink, choir, tombola & much more. 11am – 3pm, Project Colt, Bridgefield Mills, Elland Bridge, Elland HX5 0SG.

### **Charles Dickens & his Halifax connections – Weds 6<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Historical presentation by renowned local historian David Glover. 2.15pm at Square Chapel, 10 Square Rd, Halifax. Box Office: 0343 208 6016.

### **Bankfield Museum Christmas Craft Fair – Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Dec**

A free pre-Christmas event for all the family at the wonderful Bankfield Museum, Ackroyd Park Boothtown Rd, Halifax. 10am – 4pm. Free event.

### **Elland Brass Band in the Spiegeltent, Piece Hall – Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Join Elland silver band at 11.30am or 2pm for a concert of festive favourites. Performing in the Spiegeltent, within the Piece Hall. Tickets £15. Book via the Piece Hall box office 01422 525200.

# HEALTH UPDATE

## Hearing Check Sowerby Bridge!

Microsuction has emerged as the preferred method for audiologists when it comes to removing earwax. This gentle and effective procedure involves using a small, handheld suction device to safely remove excess wax from the ear canal. Unlike traditional methods such as ear syringing or using cotton buds, microsuction offers numerous advantages that make it highly recommended by professionals, including Hearing Check Sowerby Bridge. Call 01422 756015 to book an appointment now. sponsored content

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# NOVEMBER NEWS

## Have a warm winter at your local library

Calderdale's libraries are once again the place to go this winter if you want a safe, warm place to spend some time. All of Calderdale's libraries will offer a "Warm Welcome" to everyone. In each library you will find free hot drinks as well as a range of services and activities. Call in to your nearest branch to find out more. Todmorden Health Centre is running a similar service, with soup and sandwiches, every Thursday 12pm till 6.30pm until the end of March.

## Printing at your local library

You can also now print directly from your smart-phone at Halifax Central, Brighouse, Hebden Bridge, Elland, King Cross, Sowerby Bridge and Todmorden Libraries. Call in to your nearest branch to find out more.

## Getting ready for winter – by our home care partner, Bluebird

When you're preparing for winter, it's a good idea to focus on using your network. Ask your family, neighbours or friends if they could call or visit you more often if a period of cold weather stops you getting out and about. They can help you with food deliveries. Ask a family member to set up online food ordering for you – being familiar with the routine of getting a supermarket delivery at home can be very reassuring. Speak to your friends, family or carer if you are feeling unwell, down or need some practical help. Don't ignore small problems. Ask for help before they become bigger problems. Call Bluebird Care on 01422 230055 to discuss your home care needs. sponsored content

## Calderdale dementia inclusivity event

Calderdale Dementia Friendly Community are running a special dementia-themed event, "An Audience with Scott Mitchell", on Thursday, 9th November, 10am - 12:30pm at Halifax Town Hall. The indelible memory of Dame Barbara Windsor, an iconic figure in cinema and television, continues to inspire, even after her passing in 2020. Now, her devoted husband and caregiver, Scott Mitchell, is poised to recount their poignant seven-year battle with dementia. Dementia, a relentless and incurable condition, touches the lives of over a million individuals in the UK.

This event is for you if you want to make your organisation inclusive for individuals living with dementia, offering valuable insights and guidance on creating dementia-friendly environments. Regardless of their size, all community and faith groups and organisations interacting with the public, including businesses, are invited to join Scott on this insightful journey. Tickets are available <https://bit.ly/3ZPs0tK> or search for "Scott Mitchell" or "Calderdale Dementia Friendly Community" on Eventbrite.

## Overcoming digital exclusion

If you're already online, you can help your loved ones get online too by directing them to Get Online Week's fantastic free courses. Find out more at <https://learnmyway.com>

Calderdale Council website has lots of useful information and support if you don't have digital devices, internet access, or basic IT skills. Find out more at <https://new.calderdale.gov.uk/benefits/money/digital>

Free Internet Browsing: Digital exclusion impacts people's ability to look for employment, access essential services and training, and learn what support they can access. All Calderdale residents can browse the internet for free at any of Calderdale libraries.

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