

Calderdale News & Events

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



Welcome to Calderdale Forum 50 Plus's July 2025 Newsletter

Welcome to our JULY newsletter. This month's edition includes some really interesting upcoming events, with local festivals, carnival and fêtes vying for your attention with music of all kinds. Calderdale continues to offer a rich range of cultural opportunities through the summer. You can also find full details and a more complete range of events on our website's Big Calendar: www.calderdaleforum50plus.com/events-activities/

WHAT'S ON – JULY 2025

10 July: Lunchtime Organ Recital at Halifax Minster

An organ recital by Leander van den Bos. A chance to hear the wonderful organ of Halifax Minster in an hour-long recital with a buffet lunch served from 12.15pm. The recitalist is Leander vanden Bos – Dutch organist, pianist and continuo player -who will perform this recital as part of the 2025 Halifax Minster Summer Festival. Join them for a hot and cold buffet lunch from 12.15pm (£7) or from 1pm to 2pm for the recital. Where: Halifax Minster, Dispensary Walk, Halifax HX1 1QL.

13 July: Three Valleys Gospel Choir annual summer concert at St Mary's Church, Todmorden

Stasia Chalova, their Musical Director, and young people have been learning to sing and play instruments through the work of the fabulous Music for the Many. All profits to be split between Music for the Many and St Mary's Church. Please come and join them for what should be a magical musical afternoon. Lots of tea and cake available as always! Doors open 2pm. Concert at 2.30pm.

19 July: Bethel Chapel Repair Café in Shelf

This Repair Café is a great opportunity to get your items fixed and ready to use again. From 10am to 1pm at the Bethel Chapel, Shelf, HX3 7RS.

19 July: The Life and Work of Edward Crossley 1841 – 1905

Bryan Harkness shares the fascinating story of Edward Crossley, who became the managing director of Crossley Carpets at the young age of 23. Crossley's newfound status allowed him to build Bermerside House at Skircoat in Halifax. From 11am to 12.30pm at Heptonstall Bowling & Social Club, Acre Lane, Heptonstall HX7 7LT.

23 July: Grand Official Opening of the Phoenix Men's Shed by Kate Dearden MP

The Phoenix Men's Shed offers a warm and inclusive environment where men over the age of 50 can gather twice a week. The shed moved to Shaw Lodge Mills, Shaw Lane, Halifax HX3 9ET a year ago from temporary accommodation. To attend the opening from 10am please contact Chris Freeman by email at twowisebirds@hotmail.co.uk or by calling 07930 207537.

24 July: One Night in Dublin at the Victoria Theatre, Halifax

The ultimate feel-good Irish music tribute show! With songs from The Pogues, The Saw Doctors, The Dubliners, The Fureys, Flogging Molly, The Dropkick Murphys and more, One Night in Dublin is a must see for anyone who loves Irish music. It's like St. Patrick's day every night!

27 July: Dean Clough Artisan market

Enter a vibrant world of creativity and craftsmanship at the Dean Clough Mills Artisan Market. 10am to 3pm at Dean Clough Mills, Halifax.



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Age Friendly Calderdale

Age Friendly Calderdale is the movement working to ensure Calderdale is an age friendly place where people have strong social networks and live in vibrant communities. The movement is led by the Calderdale Ageing Well Alliance and you can find more details on our website (details below) and we will bring you news updates each month and more soon on how you can get involved!

Consultation: Talking Transport in Calderdale

A series of “Talking Transport” meetings are being held throughout July and Hebden Bridge is to host one. These meetings are led by local Councillors who have responsibility for transport, in partnership with the organisers, West Yorkshire Combined Authority, and the relevant local authority (Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds or Wakefield). Operators of transport services in the area are invited to answer questions about their services. Hebden Bridge Town Hall, Thursday 17 July from 5pm to 7pm.

Tips To Beat Summer Burglars

West Yorkshire Police are reminding everyone that summer can see a rise in opportunist burglaries. Their latest tips to help keep your home secure include checking your doors and windows meet minimum safety standards (PAS 24); consider installing dawn till dusk internal and external lighting; use a doorbell camera or other CCTV and use any signage that comes with it. Consider fitting a front door chime that sounds when it gets opened. Keep valuable in your home out of sight of passers-by. Double check windows and doors are locked when you go out – it's all too easy to forget a patio door or ground floor window that's been left open.

Albany Arcade Revamp Completed

The transformation of Halifax Borough Market continues to progress, with the completion of work in Albany Arcade the latest milestone for the project. Work in the Albany Arcade area of the market is now complete, with new bespoke gates, audio and visual equipment to allow the area to host better events, and acoustic panels installed to improve sound quality. New pop-up stalls have been added to the area, allowing temporary trading for short-term lets from a day to a week. Why not pop along and take a look.

Final design stage for new Halifax Leisure Centre

Calderdale Council have appointed contractors Tilbury Douglas to focus on the final designs, costings and programme ahead of construction of the new Halifax Leisure Centre. Councillor Jane Scullion, welcomed the news saying: “*We're ambitious about the project, and we have to make sure that it is financially viable and can be delivered successfully. We've secured government funding of over £12 million to support the project and continue to seek additional external funding opportunities.*

Don't Miss the Sounds of Life

Over half of people aged 55+ and 80% of those over 70 experience hearing loss—but early detection can make all the difference. Addressing hearing issues keeps you connected, improves communication and enhances your quality of life. Our partner Hearing Check offers comprehensive assessments to help you hear better and live better. Don't wait—book your hearing check **by calling 01422 756015**.

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