Calderdale News & Events

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

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Welcome to Calderdale Forum 50 Plus's February 2026 Newsletter

Welcome to our FEBRUARY newsletter including a selection of events taking place throughout the month. You can find a full range of news, social groups and many more events for this month and March on our website at: **www.calderdaleforum50plus.com/events-activities/**

WHAT'S ON – FEBRUARY

7th | Halifax Youth Band Festival in Halifax Minster. An afternoon of music featuring performances from eight Training & Youth Bands, from 1.30 to 6pm.

8th | Halifax Model Railway Club Open Day. A great family day out with 14 layouts, a trade stand and Bring and Buy Stall. A great event for all the family. From 1.30 to 4pm at Deal Street, Halifax.

11th | FREE Afternoon Tea Dance. Kirklees Dementia Hub are hosting a free afternoon tea dance including singalongs, a school choir, tea and cake. Huddersfield Town Hall from 2 to 4pm. Call 07387 019180 to book.

12th | History Talk: Trams of Halifax and area. Local historian David Glover presents a talk on the trams of Halifax and the wider area. Foundry Street Community Centre, Sowerby Bridge at 2.30pm.

13th | The Posh Club comes to Todmorden. A Ritzy afternoon tea and classy cabaret for the over-60s at Todmorden Town Hall. Tickets £5. Call 07349 261500 to book.

15th | Afternoon Ceilidh at The Studio Rooms, Halifax. Including live band Redwing and Pie & Peas (a fundraiser for the Young at Heart Concert). 2 to 4.30pm. Tickets £16 from Anne - tel: 01422 200334.

18th to 21st | The Little Mermaid at Halifax Playhouse. Halifax Light Opera Society Juniors take you on an adventure "Under the Sea". Evening and matinee performances available.

21st | Ceilidh in Todmorden. Come on down and join the dancing – plus stalls, vegan cafe and bar at Tod Community College from 7 to 10pm. Tickets available on the door.

22nd | Calderdale Heritage Walk: Dean Clough in Detail. A three-hour look at an amazing site with captivating mill buildings, once home to Crossley Carpets. Meet David Glover at 1.30pm at the "Welcome to Dean Clough" sign, Dean Clough (road) HX3 5AX.

27th | Age UK Race Night. It's set to be a great night of racing, laughter, and friendly competition in support of Age UK Calderdale & Kirklees. Tickets £5 includes food and bar. Call 07843 368152 to book.

28th | Hebden Bridge Vintage Fair. New fair with independent fashion, homeware and mid-century furniture sellers from across the North of England plus live music! 10am to 3pm at the Town Hall.

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NEWS FEBRUARY 2026

Using the NHS App: a simple guide

If you own a smartphone or tablet, it may be worth using the NHS App; a free, secure way to access NHS services and your health information online) With the help of Age UK Calderdale & Kirklees we have compiled a guide to using it. It can save time, reduce phone calls, and help you stay more in control of your healthcare. You can still contact your GP surgery by phone or in person if you prefer – the app simply gives you another option. Age UK are also a great help if you are seeking support with digital devices (smart-phones, tablets etc). **The guide is available on our website – search NHS App.**

Council Tax updates – single person occupancy

Calderdale Council are currently checking Council Tax records to make sure Single Person Discounts are applied correctly. If your circumstances have changed and you no longer qualify, please let them know as soon as possible to avoid issues with future bills. **You can report changes online on the Council website or visit Customer First at Horton Street, Halifax.**

Don't forget to re-apply for your postal vote

If you applied to vote by post before 30 January 2024, you will need to re-apply as it will expire on 31 January 2026. If your postal vote expires, you will need to make a new application. There are local elections on 7 May 2026 in Calderdale and **you can apply online or call the Electoral Services Unit on 01422 393103.** If your postal vote expired in January 2026, they will remind you to re-apply in advance. This applies to electors who applied for their postal vote before 30th January 2024.

Volunteer for Community Transport Calderdale

Volunteers are the backbone of what they do at Community Transport Calderdale. The volunteers enable them to help older and vulnerable people go to everything from medical appointments to social clubs. They are looking for more volunteers and you can easily arrange a short chat with them to find out what's involved and your availability. The role also comes with full mileage expenses paid at 50p/per mile and does not affect your insurance. **Call 01422 888080 for details.**

Podcast – Preserving Strength & Fitness In Later Life

We've recorded a podcast with Mike Stamp, an Ageing Well Practitioner based in Calderdale. Mike and his colleagues are based at GP surgeries and work with older people, helping them to preserve and build their strength, fitness and mobility through physical activity. In a wide-ranging chat we explored the part that strength and fitness have to play in maintaining a full and healthy lifestyle, whilst helping to prevent issues such as falls. **If you or a family member have internet access you can listen to the podcast on our website.**

Cars and floodwater: How deep is too deep?

Motorists are being warned of the dangers of driving through floodwaters. Experts stress that just 30cm of moving water can float an average family car, and even less for smaller vehicles. Floodwater poses hidden dangers, including concealed hazards and uncertain depths. Attempting to drive through cannot only damage vehicles, but also increase flooding risk for nearby properties. Residents are urged to slow down near surface water and avoid driving through if unsure of its depth

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