

# Calderdale News & Events

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



## Welcome to Calderdale Forum 50 Plus's May 2026 Newsletter

Welcome to our MAY newsletter including a selection of events taking place this month. You can find a full range of news, social groups and many more events for this month and June as well on our website at: [www.calderdaleforum50plus.com/events-activities/](http://www.calderdaleforum50plus.com/events-activities/)

### WHAT'S ON – MAY

**7<sup>th</sup> | Lunchtime Organ Recital at Halifax Minster.** A chance to hear the wonderful organ of Halifax Minster in an hour-long recital with a buffet lunch served from 12.15pm.

**9<sup>th</sup> | Beneath the Stars Choral Music Concert, Brighouse.** An evening of contemporary choral music inspired by the beauty and power of the natural world. Brighouse Methodist Church at 7pm. Also on the 10<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity & St. Jude's Church, Halifax.

**10<sup>th</sup> | Calderdale Heritage Walk: Lost Shops of Halifax.** Do you recall Modelle, home of ladies' fashion? Or Jack Lees, Woods Music and Nicholl, Brown & Coyle? Meet David Glover at 2pm at the top of Woolshops, HX1 1RU by the Wellington Regiment memorial.

**16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> | Sowerby Threads Together Exhibition.** An exhibition of contemporary & traditional hand-crafted textiles and art at Steep Lane Baptist Chapel. 10am to 4pm Saturday, 1pm to 4pm Sunday.

**16<sup>th</sup> | Dementia Has Got Talent: Join-In Event.** A great and FREE afternoon for anyone living with dementia or caring for a family member who is. 2pm to 5pm at Pellon Social Club.

**17<sup>th</sup> | Halifax Model Railway Club Open Day.** 15 layouts, a trade stand and Bring and Buy Stall. A great event for all the family. 10am to 4pm with refreshments all day including lunch. 2-4 Deal Street, Halifax.

**17<sup>th</sup> | Halifax Symphony Orchestra: Curtain Up.** An afternoon of music from the musicals: The Phantom of the Opera, Mamma Mia, Les Miserable, and many more. 3pm at The Victoria Theatre.

**19<sup>th</sup> | Cragg Vale Coiners History Talk.** A history talk about the infamous Yorkshire Cragg Vale Coiners. Holdsworth House Hotel, Halifax, HX2 9TG from 6.30pm. Call 01422 240024 for tickets.

**23<sup>rd</sup> | Todmorden Carnival.** A day out providing fun and entertainment for all the family! From 12.30pm. The theme for this year's Carnival is 'Return to the 80s!'

**25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> | Pennine Spring Music Festival.** Singers and players from the local area and further afield gather to rehearse and perform in St. Thomas's Church in the beautiful village of Heptonstall.

**27<sup>th</sup> | Born in Song: Music in 19th Century Halifax with David Glover.** The story of 19th century music in Halifax with William Priestley and Mrs Sunderland. 7pm at Mount Zion Methodist Chapel.

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### Halifax Bus Station temporary stand closures

According to the information supplied by Metro, stands at the bus station will be closed, one at a time, with services from the closed stands using stand K for the duration of each closure. Stands affected are P: 5 to 10 May, Q: 12 to 17 May, R: 18 to 24 May, S: 26 to 31 May, T: 1 to 7 June.

### Report: “Digital-first GP” access risks excluding older people

Re-engage, who provide volunteer-led activities for older people have published a report that suggests “digital-first GP” access risks excluding older people. Here’s what they say about the report: “We have discovered that one in three people aged 75 and over can only get to see their doctor if they book digitally, and the same proportion feel they are cut off from care. With nearly 90% of older people still trying to make appointments by phone or in person, we believe many of them are being cut off from their doctor.” In the report the charity’s Chief Executive adds: “We must give older people the opportunity to voice their opinions on health policies that directly affect them.”

### Age Without Limits Day – get involved

Age Without Limits Day 2026 will be on 10 June and this year’s theme is all about the power of asking questions, to challenge negative assumptions about age and ageing. The Age Without Limits Campaign is asking communities to mark the third, national Age Without Limits Day. This could be through highlighting the day at a regular group that you’re part of, or hosting a coffee break at work, or gathering friends for a conversation. **Find plenty of inspiration on hosting an event on the Age Without Limits website.**

### Calderdale Stroke Support Group walks & socials

Calderdale Stroke Support Group (SAVG) is a voluntary group helping people cope with the aftermath of stroke as they work towards rebuilding their life. They meet twice a month: On the second Monday at 2pm – 4pm at the Maurice Jagger Centre, Winding Road, Halifax HX1 1UX; And on the last Wednesday at 10.30am -12.00 at the Mereside Café, Shibden Park, Halifax HX3 6XG.

### Access the Dales: Free all-terrain wheelchair hire and guided walks in the Yorkshire Dales

Access the Dales is a charity that provides free hire of all-terrain wheelchairs, helping people with limited mobility enjoy the great outdoors. They also offer free guided walks, making nature more accessible for everyone. **To find out more and access their hub locations call 07715 964621 or see their website - [www.access-the-dales.com](http://www.access-the-dales.com)**

### A New Network putting older people at the heart of Calderdale



A new Age Friendly Network for Calderdale has been launched to bring together residents, community groups, businesses, and public services with one shared goal: making Calderdale a place where people are socially connected and can age well in healthy, vibrant communities. **To join the network use the QR code (left) or ask for a paper sign-up form from Age UK (Halifax Woolshops).**

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