



# HONLEY FLYER

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The official newsletter of Honley Village Community Trust CIO, Reg Charity No 1195759

## What's happening at Honley Village Community Trust

### The Village Hall

The Village Hall has been buzzing with activity, and there's so much to look forward to this Christmas season.

Firstly, a huge thank you to the Medicare team and the wonderful volunteer's who made the recent vaccination drive a roaring success, with an impressive 6,000 - 7,000 over 65's and vulnerable people in the village and nearby areas receiving their Covid boosters. Our Markets have been a hit, and the final one for this year is on Saturday, December 2nd. It's the perfect place to soak up the festive vibes, find delicious treats and unique gifts for your loved ones. The Markets will be back next year from March, please keep an eye out for them starting up again. A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the markets, it's so lovely to see so many people from the village and further afield coming along to support our local stall holders.

The Christmas spirit is already in the air with our **Wreath making workshop on 24th & 25th November** and **Friday 8th December** hosted by the very talented **WooBwoo**.

Our Christmas Market on Saturday 2nd December is followed by a fun **Children's Craftin Workshop** on the **Sunday 3rd**. Moms and dads, bring your little ones for some Free Christmas crafting!

And don't forget the **Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, 10th December, from 2 - 4pm**, featuring a disco, party games, party food, and a special visit from Santa himself.

While there's nothing planned for the grown-ups this year, maybe next year we can change that with a little help! 😊 Thank you to all the fantastic volunteers and the wonderful people in our village. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

**To book your place at our Christmas Wreath Workshop, Childrens Crafting Workshop and Childrens Christmas Party, please contact Sharon at The Sweet Stop, Honley.**

### The Welcome Club



Each Monday's we regularly welcome over 45 wonderful people. Chair Zumba, day trips, quizzes, and heartwarming conversations, we've been on a delightful journey together. As we wrap up this fantastic year, we have already started the festive season with Xmas Card Crafting and we're eagerly anticipating our Christmas party in December, a perfect end to a year filled with laughter and connection. Thanks to everyone for joining us.

### Magdale Land

A major project during the last few months has been the construction of a Bee Bank above the orchard. A small group of volunteers embarked on a journey of research to create a perfect design. In just a week during the beginning of October, this eco-friendly haven was built and we thank them all for their hard work and commitment. But what's the buzz all about, you might ask? The Bee Bank is here to encourage solitary bees, of which there are nearly 250 species in the UK. Solitary bees create short tunnels in which the females lay their eggs. They carry out a vital role in pollinating our crops, flowers and trees ensuring a thriving orchard and vibrant wildflowers in the future. This project was funded by a grant from Natural Kirklees. If you are a dog owner, we kindly request that you keep your furry friends off the Bee Bank so it can establish itself properly. We want it to flourish and become a welcome home for these precious pollinators.



In August, the grass was cut, and thanks to the River Holme Connections volunteers we were able to sow wildflower seeds gathered from Magdale and a local site of Special Scientific Interest (SSI). We are hopeful to see the fruits of their labor in the

coming years. In our Oak woodland, we also planted a variety of wildflower bulbs. During August and September, we started work on clearing the undergrowth along the goit from the Mag to the Dam. We made great progress, but there's still more to do.

Our volunteers did an amazing job completing the steps up the banking from the River Holme to Magdale Fields, providing a rope support to assist walkers using this route. In October we had an Arboricultural Consultant assess the safety of the trees on Magdale. There is no immediate action needed, but we do have some tree work planned to reduce any potential risk from falling branches or trees. We're working on a schedule to tackle this over the next year. Thank you to Holme Valley Parish Council who funded the Tree safety survey. Looking ahead to the New Year we hope to collaborate with Eden Forest CIC to improve the paths along Magdale Dam, introduce more marginal plants and create floating fish refuges which will include lilies. This work will be supported by grants from Holme Valley Parish Council (already approved) and the Environment Agency (awaiting approval). Shortly we'll be unveiling a map of Magdale and its various tracks, so you can explore our beautiful slice of nature even more easily. It'll be posted on our noticeboards and website. We can't express enough gratitude for our incredible volunteers, who make all of this possible. We're always open to welcoming new faces, so if you'd like to join us on the second Sunday of each month, please don't hesitate to get in touch. You'll find all the important dates on the noticeboards at Magdale. **Steve Hemming Tel. 07717 766071** [www.honleyvillagetrust.org.uk](http://www.honleyvillagetrust.org.uk)



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invited to the book launch at Leeds Children's Hospital. In the picture Emily Baxter and Oliver Cahill represented OPUS and can be seen with representatives from Kidney Research UK, paediatric staff from the Hospital and the creators of publishers Get Better Books. Oliver, who had a kidney transplant when he was younger, commented "The book provides children with an insight into the journey which lies ahead of them and helps them to understand the procedures in receiving a new kidney. This would have been a great help for me when I had mine done. It was wonderful to see how the children responded to the books and a pleasure for OPUS to be able to help in this way."

With Xmas coming along the team at OPUS will be making further donations to Kidney Research UK as part of their Secret Santa and Xmas celebrations and encourage other local businesses to consider doing the same. If you would like to donate visit [www.kidneyresearchuk.org/support/donate/](http://www.kidneyresearchuk.org/support/donate/). (Please reference **RE 4094043** when making donations)

OPUS will be on duty as usual this Christmas, as they are all year round for your complete electrical, plumbing and heating services as well as joinery and decorating works. **Call their office on 01484 613203** or find out more via

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## OPUS Group – working to serve Honley & Kidney Research UK

We are pleased to announce that local company OPUS is sponsoring The Honley Flyer for a second successive edition. This time OPUS has dedicated its sponsorship to Kidney Research UK, the largest kidney research charity in the UK, whose urgent mission is to end kidney disease. They fund advanced research that changes lives, and they're dedicated to understanding the causes of kidney disease, its treatments and finding a cure to stop it.

OPUS recently raised over £2,000 to help develop a new book for young patients facing a kidney transplant, called "My New Kidney" and were

### Rainbows Returns To Honley

A new Rainbow unit (2nd Honley Rainbows) starts Every **Tuesday from 9th January 2024, 5-9pm**, The Village Hall To register your daughter/draughtdaughter/neice please visit: [girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/](http://girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/)

### UNIFORM DONATION BOX

To donate any unwanted Rainbows, Brownies or Guides uniforms, please drop them in the box at The Village Hall, Honley,

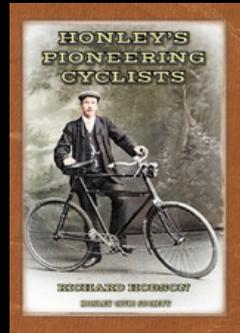


### VOLUNTEERS

We would love to hear from you. Please register your interest at: [girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/register-to-volunteer/](http://girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/register-to-volunteer/)

### ON YER BIKE!

During lockdown at the start of the pandemic, Richard Hobson, a resident of Honley, found himself with free time while stranded in Australia. He delved into researching the activities of 19th-century Huddersfield cycling clubs. Honley Victoria Cycling Club intrigued him, as it showcased the remarkable record-breaking attempts and road racing undertaken by locals after long work hours. Richard has encapsulated this history in his new 40-page book, "Honley's Pioneering Cyclists," published by Honley Civic Society. The book recounts daring journeys to London and the evolution from penny-farthing to modern bicycles, some of which were locally crafted. You can purchase it for £5.00 at various local stores, including Holme Valley News, Zebra in Honley, READ bookshop in Holmfirth.



### HONLEY PROBUS CLUB

We meet on the first and third Tuesday of every month at the Community Centre, Stony Lane, Honley. We start with a welcome coffee and chat from 10am. Following a short meeting we have an interesting speaker until 12noon.

Our meetings are men only, except at certain meetings. As a Club we organise meals out, visits and have a bowling section which regularly bowls inside and outside. We welcome new members who are retired or semi-retired, please come along and try a meeting.

**5th December - David Cockman – Flash Mobs**

**19th December – Carol Service 11.00 St Marys, Honley**

**2nd January – George Chambers – 4th Lord St Oswald**

**16th January – Francis Hickinbottom – Fungi**

**6th February – Sandie Nicholson – My Holme Valley Photographs**

**20th February Stephen Dorrill**

Further details visit [www.HonleyProbusClub](http://www.HonleyProbusClub)

### EAR WAX REMOVAL SERVICE

We are a local business based in Honley offering this service using microsuction and irrigation techniques.

Weekly clinics and offer a home visiting service for those who genuinely cannot get to a clinic (a small charge applies).

**Price £40 one ear, £70 two ears.**

To book an appointment or for more information please **07787 768389**

### HONLEY HEALTH CARE LTD

Room 15, Honley Surgery,  
Marsh Gardens, Honley, HD9 6AG  
[HonleyHealthCare.co.uk](http://HonleyHealthCare.co.uk)



### An Exciting New Partnership



The Honley Business Association (HBA) and the local Honley Junior, Infant and Nursery School are delighted to announce the forging of a strong and effective partnership. By linking together, the partnership will aim to shape a thriving

community by delivering an enhanced learning environment for the children in Honley whilst driving awareness amongst staff, pupils, and their families to support local business and events. Linda Goodall, headteacher says she is excited to see where this official partnership will go; 'We are thrilled to link with the HBA. We welcome any exciting opportunities that will benefit our pupils learning and development in and out of school. Whether it be for more pupils and their families to be inspired to get further involved in village life, or to benefit from unique opportunities local businesses may provide our children'. Rachel Valli, Chairwoman of the HBA is delighted to support this initiative for the business community as this will provide a whole range of opportunities to make more people aware of services and businesses, ultimately boosting local business. 'The partnership will be primarily co-ordinated by local businesswoman, Laura Hanson who as well as being a member of the HBA also has children at the school. As a member of Friends of Honley Junior, Infant and Nursery Schools (FOHJINS) communication will be the key to this partnership with each organisation becoming advocates for one another to build a better community. For further information, to discuss an idea or if you are interested in your business supporting the Honley JIN School Christmas Fayre (Friday 15th December) whether via a stall or through sponsorship opportunities please contact [laura@laurahansonmortgages.co.uk](mailto:laura@laurahansonmortgages.co.uk).

### HMVC Ladies Circle Coffee Morning

Saturday, 25th November 2023  
at Honley Village Hall  
from 10.30am until 12.30pm

Tickets cost £5, which will include -  
Entry, your first cup of coffee/tea and mince pie (gluten free /vegan/veggie options will be available) and one raffle ticket, which will be attached to your entrance ticket. We very much hope that you will join us at, what we hope will be a happy and relaxed occasion.

Tickets are available from  
**Barbara Lewis - 01484 358213**  
email: [barmee@icloud.com](mailto:barmee@icloud.com)



# Christmas Markets

Saturday 2nd December 2023 - 10am - 3pm

This much-loved village market returns yet again by popular demand, extending across The Village Hall & Church Street for you to enjoy even more locally produced gifts and food.

### Market In The Hall - The Village Hall

You'll find over 20 wonderful local stall holders, the perfect place to pick up your Christmas Gifts, cards and a delicious treat.

**PLUS** you can taste the delights of homemade cakes, warming soup, yummy quiche and much more in our pop up cafe. Our raffle this month will be support the new Rainbows which returns in the New Year.

### Church Street Market

Try the delicious outdoor BBQ and treat yourself to a Mulled Wine to keep you warm whilst you browse over 30 festive stalls, making your way up to the top of Church Street.

### Visit Santa in his fabulous Grotto

Honley Conservative Club, £3.50 per child  
Discounted by Honley Business Association as a gift.

### Lego & Crafts for Children

You'll find lots of fun for the Children in The Library with Crafts and Lego to play with  
10am - 4pm

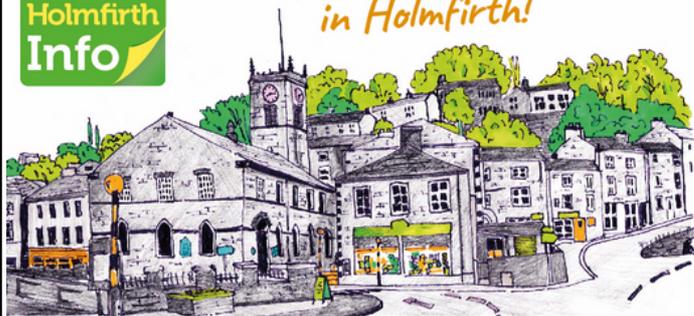
### St Mary's Church

If you are looking for musical entertainment you don't need to look far, please pop by and listen to these talented musicians

**11am - Honley Ladies Choir**  
**12noon - Honley Male Voice Choir, with conductor Steven Roberts**  
**1pm - Honley Band**  
**2.15pm - Cafe Orchestra**



Find out what's happening  
in Holmfirth!



[www.holmfirth.info](http://www.holmfirth.info)



### Honley Ladies Choir Christmas Concerts

Holly Jolly Christmas - featuring U3  
**Thursday 14th December 7.30pm,**  
St Paul's Church, Armitage Bridge

Fanfare for Christmas with Meltham and Meltham Mills Band  
**Saturday 16th December 2pm,**

St Philip's Community Centre, Birchencliffe

Both concerts are £10 per ticket including festive treats. online from [www.honleyladies.org](http://www.honleyladies.org) or call **07704 882350**.

### St Mary's Church

**Sunday 10th December**

4pm - 'A Blue Christmas'

A service to remember those who have died and for people who find Christmas difficult.

**Sunday 17th December**

9.30am - Holy Communion

6pm - A service of Carols & readings

### Christmas Eve

9.30am - Holy Communion

3pm - Christmas Cracker

A family friendly Christmas service.

11pm - Christmas Holy Communion

### Christmas Day

10am - Family Christmas Celebration

All are welcome to join us on this very special day St Mary's Church, Church Street, Honley.

### Nobody Puts Elf on the Shelf!

Santa's Elves have escaped & are hiding in shop windows around Honley & Holmfirth between 30th Nov & 31st Dec. Pick up your trail sheet from **The Sweet Stop, Honley, just**

**£2**, all proceeds go support Honley Village Community Trust CIO



Honley Junior infant  
and Nursery School

## CHRISTMAS FAIR

**FREE ADMISSION**  
**GAMES, STALLS, REFRESHMENTS**  
**SWEETS, CRAFTS, TOMBOLAS**  
**ELF TRAIL, GLITTER TATTOOS**

**Friday December 15th**

**Jaggar Lane Junior School site**

**Join us for carol singing in the  
playground after school 3.30-4pm**

**Then head inside for festive fun 4-6pm**

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### Christmas Raffle

Don't forget to buy your Raffle Ticket for the fantastic Christmas draw - all prizes gifted from Honley Business Association members.

### Letters To Santa

Don't forget to post your letter to Santa in the **FREE** Santa Post Box in *Chain Reaction* clothes shop at the entrance to Church Street and across the road at *The Sweet Stop*. **Last Santa postal day is 17th December.**

**Please pay a visit to all the lovely businesses in the village and see what Honley has to offer.**



### FREE Childrens Christmas Craft Workshop

**Sunday 3rd December, 2-4pm**  
3 - 11 years  
The Village Hall, Honley

Fun filled session making Snowglobe, Xmas Card, Cracker & Decorations, Light up bottles & much more

### Children's Christmas Party

**Sunday 10th December, 2-4pm,**  
3 - 11 years, £4 per child, The Village Hall, Honley

DJ Mike Andy, party games, Karaoke, party food, refreshments. PLUS a little visit from Santa

**Book your place at The Sweet Stop, Honley**

# THINGS TO DO LOCALLY

DAY	EVENT / ACTIVITY	TIME	WHERE IT'S HAPPENING
Monday	The Welcome Club	1 - 3pm	The Village Hall, Honley
	Slimming World	5.45pm	Liberal Club, Honley
	Brownies	6.15 - 7.45pm	The Village Hall, Honley
Tuesday	<b>Trinity Mother &amp; Babies</b>	<b>9 - 11.15am</b>	<b>Trinity Church, Honley</b>
	<b>Cup or Tea OR Coffee Drop In</b>	<b>1 - 6pm</b>	<b>The Library, Honley</b>
	<b>Knit and Natter</b>	<b>1.30 - 2.30pm</b>	<b>The Library, Honley</b>
	<b>Dancefit</b>	<b>10 - 11am</b>	<b>The Village Hall, Honley</b>
	<b>Ballroom &amp; Latin American Dance Class</b>	<b>1 - 2pm, 7 - 8pm &amp; 8 - 9pm</b>	<b>The Village Hall, Honley</b>
<b>Every 1st &amp; 3rd Tues</b>	<b>Honley Probus Club</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Community Centre, Stoney Lane</b>
Wednesday	Friendship Group	2 - 4pm	Trinity Church, Honley
	Over 55's	1.30pm	Community Centre, Stoney Ln
	Yoga	6.30 - 7.30pm	The Village Hall, Honley
Every 2nd Wed	Honley Civic Society	7pm	St Mary's Church, Honley
Thursday	<b>Coffee Morning served by The Mothers Union</b>	<b>10 - 11.30am</b>	<b>St Mary's Church, Honley</b>
	<b>Yoga</b>	<b>10.30 - 11.30am</b>	<b>The Village Hall, Honley</b>
	<b>Friends of Greencliffe Cemetery</b>	<b>1 - 4pm</b>	<b>Greencliffe Cemetery, Honley</b>
	<b>Weight Watchers</b>	<b>5.15pm - 7.15pm</b>	<b>The Village Hall, Honley</b>
Friday	Babies Into Books (Term Time)	10 - 11am	The Library, Honley
	StoryTime (Term Time)	2 - 2.30pm	The Library, Honley
	Banda Na Rua Group Drumming	7.30 - 9.30pm	Neiley Pavillion, New Mill Road
Saturday	<b>Lego Club</b>	<b>10 - 12 noon</b>	<b>The Library, Honley</b>
	<b>Athletics club (5 to 12 years)</b> No booking needed, £2.50 per day	<b>10:30 - 12 noon</b>	<b>Neiley Playing Fields, Honley</b>
<b>Every 1st Sat</b>	<b>Market In The Hall</b>	<b>10 - 3pm</b>	<b>The Village Hall, Honley</b>
Sunday	Church Service	10.30am	Trinity Church, Honley
Every 1st Sun	Friends Of Honley	10 - 12noon	The Library, Honley (outside)
Every 2nd Sun	Magdale Land Volunteers	10 - 12noon	The Chapel, Green Cliff cemetery

## Without You It Wouldn't Be Possible

We recently held a Thank You brunch at The Village Hall to recognise all our wonderful volunteers and all they do to support us. We couldn't make a positive impact in our village without you - Thank You. If you're interested in lending a hand or just curious to learn more about our work, please check out our website at [www.HonleyVillageTrust.org.uk](http://www.HonleyVillageTrust.org.uk).

Your support means the world to us, and together, we can do great things!



## SAVE THE DATES

### Honley Male Voice Choir

'Patrons Evening' Concert,  
St Mary's Church Honley  
**Friday, 22nd March 2024**  
starting at 7.15pm



### Library Open Day

**Saturday 6th**  
**January, 2 - 4pm**

Various stalls  
including  
children's activities,  
homemade cakes &  
a raffle

## Strictly Comes to Honley

Has the new series of Strictly Come Dancing got your feet twitching? We have a new Ballroom & Latin American dance class starting **Tuesday 28th November, 8pm-9pm at The Village Hall.**

Professional dance coach June has been dancing for over 50 years and is also a qualified wheelchair dance instructor offering the elderly and those living with dementia a programme of seated dance routines.

So, whatever your reason to learn to dance, contact **June on 07854 270 466** to reserve your place.

Other classes also available on Tuesdays:-  
Dancefit - 10am-11am,  
Ballroom/Latin - 1pm-2pm &  
Ballroom/Latin - 7pm-8pm



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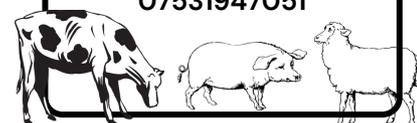
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The Welcome Club	Carol Roberts, 01484 662537
Yoga	Susan Hague, 07979 370323

Ballroom Dance Classes  
Over 55's  
Honley Library Activity  
Village Hall Bookings  
Notice of Future Events

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Pat Barr, [pat.bar@outlook.com](mailto:pat.bar@outlook.com)  
Jenny Lockwood, 01484 414868  
Peter Bonds, 01484 660 348  
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