



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

Magdale Land

In August we had our last session this year clearing more Himalayan Balsam and hope that this will have an impact on the number of these invasive plants next year. Later in the month the grass was cut but it was too wet to bail, so we ended up turning it over and raking it to the side of the meadows. We are looking to provide a more permanent solution to bailing the grass and taking it offsite next year.

In October we focussed our attention on Southgate Woods where we cleared undergrowth, particularly in the area where we planted saplings in the Spring. Our plans over the next couple of months are to undertake some footpath improvements and our annual leaf clearance on Spider Alley and Lovers Walk.

We are pleased to be a participant in the **Nature's Holme** project that is funded by DEFRA and aims to increase biodiversity throughout the River Holme catchment. As part of the planning stage a woodland management plan has been developed for Magdale's woodland areas, a botanical survey has established a baseline for our meadows, and soil samples have been taken. Plans will need to be approved by DEFRA but we hope that funding will enable us to enhance the biodiversity of Magdale meadows and woodland over the long term.

We have a core group of volunteers but could do with more people to keep on top of our work in managing Magdale and Southgate Woods. If you would like to join us on the second Sunday each month you'll be made very welcome. The dates for our meetings are in the noticeboards on Magdale or please contact me - **Steve Hemming** Tel. **07717 766071**



The Village Hall

It's been a busy few months at The Village Hall and we have more to look forward to throughout November & December too.

September saw our very first **Art Exhibition**, which was a huge hit—thanks to all our local artist who exhibited their work and to everyone who came out to support! It was a huge success and we are set to make it an annual event, bigger and better next year with all proceeds going to local Honley Charities.

Our **children's Halloween Fancy Dress Party** was a blast, with kids (and some parents!) dressed up in amazing costumes. Thanks to our wonderful DJ there was lots of dancing, and games which went down a treat and every child left with a goodie bag. Over 50 children and parents attended our Halloween crafting, bringing their pumpkins along to carve into spooktacular designs ready for Halloween. Thanks to everyone who continues to support these events, they are great fun and we love seeing all the smiles on the childrens faces.

Looking forward to December we have our annual **Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, 14th December 2-4pm** —tickets are available at The Sweet Stop. We are also hosting our annual **FREE Children's Christmas Craft Workshop on Sunday, 15th December, from 2-4pm**, where kids can get creative with everything from snow globes to christmas decorations and cards.

On **Saturday 30th November** why not join the very talented **Woo B Woo** as she guides you to create your own stunning **Christmas Wreath** for your door. Everything is provided for you, all you need to bring is your creative flare. Over the years we have seen some wonderful designs leaving the village hall along with lots of smiles.

There's always something happening at the village hall, check out the schedule on the back for all the classes, as well as social media for our forthcoming events.

We wish you all a wonderful Christmas & very best wishes for the New Year.



A BIG Thank You

We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to **Peter Bonds**, who after 10 years as a trustee of the Honley Village Community Trust will be retiring at the end of the year. Peter and his wife, Jo, have been invaluable to the Trust, managing the village hall, organising and holding memorable events from children's parties and fashion shows to Christmas wreath workshops and launching our first Art Exhibition, to name but a few. Peter's green thumb has brightened the hall's exterior each summer with our stunning flower baskets display & bedding plants, and he has grown our monthly markets into what they are today - a huge success. Although he's stepping down at the end of the year, Peter plans to keep fundraising for the trust and local charities, starting with a series of live music nights at The Village Hall, the first being held on **Saturday, March 29th 2025** — an evening of **Jazz, Blues, and Funk Fusion with Julie Edwards**. Tickets will be on sale in the New Year at the Sweet Stop priced just £10 (BYOB). Thanks again Peter for all your enthusiasm, passion and commitment to the trust.



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Christmas Services

at St Mary's Church, Honley &
St George's Church, Brockholes

Sunday 15th December, 4pm St Mary's

Blue Christmas - A space for those who find Christmas difficult for any reason.

Sunday 22nd December, 6pm St Mary's

Community Carol Service

A service of readings and carols

Tuesday 24th December, 3pm St Mary's

Christmas Cracker

Tuesday 24th December, 6pm St George's

Christmas Cracker

Midnight Communion, 11pm St Mary's

Wednesday 25th December, 10am St Mary's

Family Communion

Honley Christmas Markets

Saturday 7th December

Honley Together celebrate Christmas with an array of markets, food, drinks and music taking place throughout the village. Be sure not to miss any of the festivities.

The Village Hall

10am - 3pm

Along with our Face Painter we have over 22 stalls from Christmas decorations, cards and gifts to tasty treats & condiments. PLUS don't miss our wonderful pop up cafe serving tasty homemade savouries, soup and cake along with hot chocolate, tea & coffee.

Honley Business Association Church Street

10am - 3pm

28 stalls including BBQ and drinks stalls selling mulled wine and hot drinks

The Scout Hut

10am - 4pm

Enjoy a bacon butty, cakes and hot drinks along with a variety of stalls including Christmas Decorations produced by all sections from squirrels through to explorers. You'll also find a chocolate tombola stall, bran tub/lucky dip, and a craft room with colouring & sticking etc.

Honley Library

10am - 3pm

Pop along for the BIG LEGO display reveal, plus a treasure hunt to find the stars & browse the Christmas gifts stall. You'll also find Honley Library at the Church Street Market where you can try your luck at the sweet tombola.

Santa's Grotto

11am - 3pm

Honley Con Club & car park you will find HBA Santa's Grotto with lots of family entertainment.

St Mary's Church

Musical entertainment

11am - *Holme Valley singers*

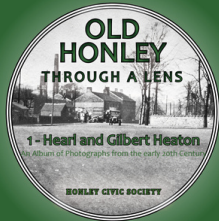
12noon - *Cafe Orchestra*

1pm - *Honley Band*

Taylor's Foodstore

In store you'll find a number of stall holders selling locally produced items, be sure to check them out while you're buying your groceries.

A Huge THANK YOU all the volunteers that make all these events possible



New book on Honley's History
OUT NOW -

OLD HONLEY THROUGH A LENS Volume 1.

This 40 page book with around 20 photographs from the cameras of Hearl and Gilbert Heaton, well known in Honley at the beginning of the 20th century. Each image of the village, dating from the first half of the 20th century, is accompanied by a descriptive commentary, some of which have not been published before.

On sale at **Zebra, Holme Valley News, Honley** and **READ** bookshop in Holmfirth, priced just **£5** it would make an ideal gift.

OVER 55's CLUB

Come along and join the Over 55's every **Wednesday from 1:30pm to 4pm at The Community Centre, Stoney Lane, Honley!**

It's a friendly group where everyone is welcome to enjoy a range of activities, good conversation, and refreshments. If you're looking to meet new people and keep active this winter, we'd love to welcome you! For more info contact **Pat Barr** on **07931 314231**

NEW SEND PARENT GROUP -

1st Wednesday of the month

5-7pm at **Honley Library**

(except January when it's on the 2nd Wednesday)

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THEATRE
HONLEY PLAYERS

For three nights only in November, Elementary Five Productions will perform their successful production **'The Man in the Shadows'**, a Sherlock Holmes Mystery, at Southgate Theatre, Honley.

Tickets are available for **Thurs 28th, Friday 29th & Saturday 30th November** online via Southgatetheatre.org or at **Zebra** in Honley.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The theatre is a community theatre run purely by volunteers. If you would like to find out more please pop along on a Tuesday evening at 6.30pm. You will be made very welcome



OPUS – Working to serve Honley & Kidney Research UK

OUR SPONSOR



The books were published and we were delighted to be invited to the launch at Leeds Children's Hospital



This edition of the Flyer is sponsored by regular supporter **OPUS, Honley's trusted multi trade company.** OPUS is a local company providing the highest standard of electrical, plumbing, heating joinery services, as well as property maintenance and refurbishment. When we last met up with Director Oliver Cahill (issue 131) he told us about OPUS' support of **Kidney Research UK**, the UK's largest kidney research charity, whose 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.

Once again OPUS dedicates Flyer sponsorship to Kidney Research UK. Oliver told us about some of the challenges the OPUS team have completed this year on behalf of Kidney Research UK.

These include raising over **£2,000** to publish "**My New Kidney**" a book for young patients, over £500 when team member Rob ran the Manchester Marathon in April, a further £750 when Emily ran the Great North Run, and as we go to print, Tom, is in training for a charity boxing match. All told **OPUS will raise close to £4000** for Kidney Research UK this year, and hopefully awareness of a life changing disease. Oliver wanted to take this opportunity to thank you, the local community, for your support - Thank you!

With Christmas approaching the good people at OPUS will continue to support Kidney Research UK through their Xmas celebrations and invite other businesses to consider doing the same. If you would like to donate visit www.kidneyresearchuk.org/support/donate/ and use reference **4094040** so donations via the Flyer can be recognised.

For new installations, repairs and maintenance, OPUS will be on duty as usual this Christmas, as they are all year. Call 01484 613203 or find out more via **Instagram/opusgroupuk Facebook/OPUS or LinkedIn/OPUS** and experience the service our qualified staff make!



Robert's fundraiser for Kidney Research UK

£506

Raised by 27 supporters



Friends of Honley Old Woods

Over the last couple of years a group of enthusiastic volunteers from **Friends of Honley Old Woods** have been developing Knowle Top into a more bio diverse area -

bird & bat monitoring, pond clearance and orchid preservation. We are now extending the work into North Side, itself a rare heathland habitat for orchids, butterflies and other wildlife. The first task, with support from **Kirklees and River Holme Connections**, is to remove many self seeded saplings from the area to reopen the ground to sunlight and nurture more heathland growth. If you would like to find out more or are interested in joining our group then please contact **Jackie at jhirst54@gmail.com**



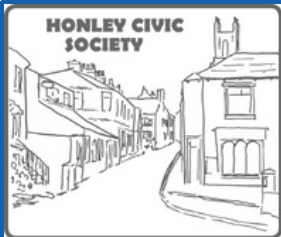
Honley Probus Club meets every **1st and 3rd Tuesday** of the month at **Honley Community Centre, Stony Lane, Honley.**

There's ample street parking and level access. Starting at 10am with a welcome coffee and chat, a brief formal meeting at 10.45am, followed with a speaker and finishes by 12 noon. Our meetings are very informal and open to men who are semi or fully retired. A warm welcome awaits with your first taster meeting being free of charge. The club arranges occasional visits and meals out. Wives and partners are welcomed at certain meetings

Our speakers are:-

- 17th December** - Carol Service at St Mary's followed by members Christmas lunch.
- 7th January** - Alan Tinsdeall - Hade Edge
- 21st January** - Les Chadwick - World Wide Wanderers
- 4th February** - Martin Rowley - Can a drinks can save your life?
- 18th February** - Pam Cooksey - The five sons of Joseph Woodhead.

Further information together with contact information can be found on the Clubs website, simply **type Honley Probus Club into your browser!**



Following the closure of the Parish Rooms, **Honley Civic Society** meetings will **move to the Village Hall from January 2025.** Still gathering on the second Thursday of the month from

September to May, the time will return to 7.30pm and end around 9pm. We have a full programme of speakers planned and look forward to welcoming existing and first time members to our new surroundings. In **January**, the speaker will be **Amy Whithead, with A Study of Upper Oldfield.** We look forward to seeing you

Friends of Honley Library are delighted to announce that after a lot of hard work (particular thanks to **Malcolm Ellis** and **architects AHR**) and a last-minute bat survey, planning permission has been granted to extend the library and secure its future. The recent **Auction of Promises** held in October raised an incredible **£3670.85.** Thank you to **Dixon & Franks** for hosting the auction and to all the businesses and individuals who supported the event. Fundraising began in May and the recent Auction brings the total to **£55,000** towards match-funding for grant bid. We hope to hear soon about the Future of the Community Ownership Fund, which was put on ice following the general election. In November, FoHL partnered with Honley JIN School and Day Care to run a **Sponsored Read** to encourage independent reading skills. Find out how much was raised on social media or by becoming a member of FoHL via the website. More fundraising will take place in 2025 so keep an eye out for exciting events.



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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	Brockholes Bowling Club
	Brownies	6 - 7.45pm	The Village Hall, Honley
Tuesday	Trinity Mother & Babies	9 - 11.15am	Trinity Church, Honley
	Roundway Luncheon Club	12.15pm	Roundway Ind Living Comp, Honley
	Cup or Tea OR Coffee Drop In	1 - 6pm	The Library, Honley
	Knit and Natter	1.30 - 2.30pm	The Library, Honley
	Dancefit	10 - 11am	The Village Hall, Honley
	Rainbows	5 - 6pm	The Village Hall, Honley
Ballroom & Latin American Dance Class	7 - 8pm & 8 - 9pm	The Village Hall, Honley	
Every 1st & 3rd Tues	Honley Probus Club	10am - 12noon	Community Centre, Stoney Lane
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
Thursday	Coffee Morning served by The Mothers Union	10 - 11.30am	St Mary's Church, Honley
	Yoga	10.30 - 11.30am	The Village Hall, Honley
	Friends of Greencliffe Cemetery	1 - 4pm	Greencliffe Cemetery, Honley
	Weight Watchers	5.30pm - 7.30pm	The Village Hall, Honley
Monthly 2nd Thursday	Honley Civic Society (Sept - May)	7pm - 9pm	Parish Rooms, Church Street
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	Lego Club	10 - 12 noon	The Library, Honley
	Athletics club (5 to 12 years) No booking needed, £2.50 per day	10:30 - 12 noon	Neiley Playing Fields, Honley
Every 1st Sat	Market In The Hall	10 - 3pm	The Village Hall, Honley
Sunday	Church Service's	9.30am	St Mary's Church
		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



HONLEY MALE VOICE CHOIR
Wishes you all a very Happy Christmas
and a Prosperous New Year

SAVE THE DATE
Friday, 28th March 2025, 7.15pm
A Concert for our Community
St Mary's Church, Honley
Free Entry

Conductor: Steven Roberts
Accompanist: Catherine Hall-Smith

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday 15th February 2025
St Mary's Church
Matinee performance
An afternoon with the very talented
professional singer **Nicola Mills**
Look out for more info in the New Year




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Membership is key to the **Honley Village Community Trust**, and we'd love for you to join us! For just **£2 a year** or a **lifetime membership of £25**, you can make a big difference. Your support helps keep The Village Hall running smoothly and contributes to maintaining the beautiful land at Magdale. Together, we can ensure these wonderful spaces continue to thrive for everyone to enjoy. Simply fill out the enclosed membership envelope and drop it off at one of our collection points in the Village. A huge thank you from us in advance.

Contact information

Trinity Singers	Marran Smith, 01484 322326	Ballroom Dance Classes	June, 07854 270466
Trinity Mother and Babies	Debbie Fawcett, 07742 120 069	Over 55's	Pat Barr, pat.bar@outlook.com
The Welcome Club	Carol Roberts, 01484 662537	Honley Library Activity	Jenny Lockwood, 01484 414868
Yoga	Susan Hague, 07979 370323	Village Hall Bookings	Peter Bonds, 01484 660 348
		Notice of Future Events	Honleyflyer@gmail.com