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LV Friday Flyer – 7 December 2018

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The **Friday Flyer** is a weekly round-up of news and what's on in the Lower Valley. We hope you will find this informative and useful. **Let us know what you think!**



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2018 Christmas Events and more..



Latest News

Changes to Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs)

Two changes are coming to Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) which will reduce contractual costs and help manage waste disposal while at the same time ensuring that all Household Waste Recycling Centres remain open and continue to operate their existing hours. From **Monday 3 December**, plasterboard, hardcore and rubble will now only be accepted at Halifax, Brighouse and Todmorden HWRCs, with a charge per bag.

The second change is the introduction of a Resident's permit on a trial basis, to Brighouse and Elland HWRCs, starting on the **Monday 26 November**. Every vehicle visiting Brighouse or Elland HWRC will need a resident permit in order to deposit waste or recycling. Permits will be issued free of charge by the site office, on production of photo identification to prove residence in Calderdale.

More information is available [here](#).

Park for Free in Calderdale on Saturdays up to Christmas

Calderdale Council is offering free parking in a number of car parks in Halifax as well as in five car parks across the towns of Brighouse, Elland, Hebden Bridge, Sowerby Bridge and Todmorden, on **Saturdays** before Christmas. There will also be free on-street parking in Halifax from **3:00pm** every **Thursday** up until Christmas, to support the late night shopping.

Get Involved / Have Your Say

RSPCA Christmas Meal Appeal

This December the **RSPCA Halifax, Huddersfield, Bradford & District Branch** is calling on their supporters to help them give the animals in their centre the best Christmas possible.

Although the RSPCA staff work really hard to make the animals feel comfortable, happy and loved all year round, Christmas is always hard as nothing can compare to the surroundings of a loving home and lots of treats. Get an animal a [Christmas Meal Ticket...](#)

***This weekend!* Overgate Firewalk 2018**

Brand new for 2018, on **Saturday 8 December, 5:00pm-8:00pm** at **Overgate Hospice** see Firewalkers jump out of their comfort zones and into the fire! The fire is real. The embers are red hot. Temperatures reach over 500 degrees C. [Dare you Firewalk?...](#)

Fundraising Ideas for Forget Me Not Children's Hospice

Christmas is a very special time for our families. A time to share magical moments and make precious memories that will last forever. That's why **Forget Me Not Children's Hospice** wants to make Christmas as magical as possible – but they need your help. They have 12 festive and fun ways you can get involved. From donating to our shops, playing the raffle, volunteering or cycling to Lapland (well, sort of), there's something for everyone! [See the ideas...](#)

Events and What's On

***This weekend!* Elland Lights Switch On – 7 December**

You are cordially invited to bring in Christmas with the switching on of the Elland lights on **Friday 7 December from 6:00pm** at the **Band Stand** in Elland town centre. There will be music from Elland Silver Band, choir singers, refreshments and competitions. [More...](#)

***This weekend!* Sowerby Bridge Christmas Lights – with Memory Lane Café**

The Sowerby Bridge Christmas lights switch on will take place outside the Village restaurant on **Friday 7 December, 6:00pm**. Festivities will start at 5:00pm, so join the **Memory Lane Café** for some mulled wine, and carols round the tree. All welcome!

***This weekend!* Christmas Tree Festival at St. Andrew's Church, Stainland**

St. Andrew's Church, Stainland will be holding a Community Christmas Tree Festival **Friday 7 December, 7:00pm-9:00pm** and on **Saturday 8 December, 11:00am-3:00pm**. There will be star themed trees decorated by local groups, with the usual stalls and live music. [More...](#)

***This weekend!* Polar Express at The Rex – Courtesy of Elland Children's Centre**

FREE Event – join **Elland Children's Centre** at the **Rex Cinema** in Elland on **Sunday 9 December, 11:00am** to see Polar Express. Just call Elland Children's Centre on **01422 266197** to book your free ticket for one adult and one child! [Book now...](#)

***This weekend!* Illuminating Halifax – Piece Hall, Square Chapel, Minster and more...**

Square Chapel, The Piece Hall and Halifax Minster present Illuminating Halifax **Friday 7 December-Monday 10 December** at various times at Square Chapel Arts Centre, The Piece Hall & Halifax Minster. Free to attend. Square Chapel Arts Centre, Halifax Minster and The Piece Hall, are lighting up their buildings in a weekend of spectacular light. [Find out more...](#)

***This weekend!* Lapland in Lightcliffe**

Lapland In Lightcliffe will be taking place on **Saturday 8 December, 10:00am-6:00pm** with market stalls and Santa's grotto at The Lightcliffe Club on Wakefield Road. This will be followed by a kid's party 6:00pm-8:00pm. [Read on...](#)

Citizens Advice Calderdale – Open Day

Citizens Advice Calderdale is holding an Open Day on **Monday 10 December, 10:00am-3:00pm** at the office on Harrison Road, Halifax. There will be a number of bitesize sessions repeated through the day. Also, see about the current vacancies. [More info...](#)

Snow White at Victoria Theatre

Once again, we will have all the ingredients for a perfect family panto, with a dastardly villain, a hapless comic and a hilarious panto dame, as well as spectacular sets and costumes, fabulous songs and dances and bags of slapstick fun! Snow White runs at the Victoria Theatre in Halifax, West Yorkshire from **Thursday 13 December 2018** until **Saturday 5 January 2019**. [Book a place...](#)

Christmas Celebration at Elland Christian Centre

Elland Christian Centre, on Newcombe Street will be holding the annual carol concert on **Sunday 16 December, 6:00pm**. There will be a mix of traditional carols, choir items and contemporary band items followed by refreshments. Entry is FREE. [More...](#)

Children & Young People

This weekend! Father Christmas's Grotto in the Jungle!

Father Christmas will be in his grotto on **Saturday 8 December** at the Jungle Experience at **Manor Heath Park**, Halifax. Take part in a Christmas crafts session (aimed at children aged 3+) then visit Santa in his grotto and receive an early Christmas gift. [More...](#)

This weekend! Kidocracy at the Piece Hall

Kidocracy is an interactive show on **Saturday 8 December** and **Sunday 9 December, 12:00pm-1:00pm** at the **Piece Hall**. Hosted by Keith Farnan appearing as Brehon, an ancient Irish know-it-all who gives children an island to rule. They must elect leaders, write anthems, come up with rules and deal with all sorts of crises because running the world isn't all fun, fun, fun – there's stuff to be done as well. [Book a place now...](#)

Applying for a School Place for September 2019

Children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 are due to start primary school in September 2019. To apply for a school place you must apply online by **15 January 2019** at www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions. The application process opens on **19 November**. [More...](#)

Cinderella Magic Wand Workshop at Shibden Hall

On **Saturday 15 December** meet Cinderella and her Fairy Godmother at **Shibden Hall** in this magical costumed workshop. Help Cinderella with her chores and discover old toys. Create your magic wand and cast a spell to send Cinderella to the ball. [Book now...](#)

Christmas at Eureka! Children's Museum

Elves open the doors to Santa's Grotto from **11:00am** every weekend, and then daily from **Wednesday 19 December**. The grotto is opened **an hour earlier at 10:00am just for visitors with autism**, and the Eureka! team can change the lighting and music, or even removing Santa's beard (he's magic, so it doesn't hurt). [Toddler days and more...](#)

Local Cinemas and Theatres

[Vue Halifax](#) – [The Rex Cinema](#) – [Hebden Bridge Picture House](#) – [The Victoria Theatre Square Chapel Centre for the Arts](#) – [Halifax Playhouse](#) – [King Cross Library Film Club](#)

Health and Staying Well

Better Lives at Number 42 Outreach Sessions

Better Lives at No 42 are holding a number of outreach sessions for those who find it difficult to get to the service in Halifax. The new sessions are in Brighouse and Hirstwood helping with health & well-being, promoting independence, support for carers, information about technology such as pendant alarms.

[Session details...](#)

Activities to Stay Well, Live Better in Elland and Calderdale Lower Valley

Check out what's happening in Elland, Rastrick and the rest of the Lower Valley with the **Staying Well** Activity Guide. Download the full guide [here](#).

Bertie's Top 10 Tips for a Warmer, Healthier Home

Winter is coming...are you prepared for cold weather? Be as snug as Bertie Bug with his top tips to keep your warm healthier and warmer for less. Financial assistance – small grants and loans – are available for boiler replacements or repairs, loft/ attic room insulation and cavity wall insulation for eligible households. [More information...](#)

Different Strokes Calderdale Moves to Halifax

Different Strokes Calderdale is moving to Halifax. This is a UK charity providing active, self-help and mutual support younger stroke survivors. The Calderdale group is a place for younger stroke survivors to meet other people affected by stroke and take part in activities to aid rehabilitation. [Find out more...](#)

Wednesday Bereavement Support and Social group at the Canon Winter Centre, Elland

The Wednesday Bereavement Support and Social group at the **Canon Winter Centre**, All Saint's Church, Elland HX5 0JF usually meets on the **1st Wednesday** of the month **2:00pm to 4:00pm**. [Find out more...](#)

Chit Chat Group at Canon Winter Centre, Elland

The Chit Chat group at the **Canon Winter Centre**, Elland meets on the **2nd and 4th Wednesday** of the month. Meetings start with tea, coffee and biscuits, along with a chat, both with new found friends and friendships renewed. Activities at meetings range from board games to Beethoven. [Find out more...](#)

Domestic Abuse – in Whatever Language at Whatever Time

Do you need some support or someone to talk to about the abuse? Christmas, for some families is a time of celebration, but unfortunately for some the expectations of being there to provide and support can make Christmas a challenging time. Calderdale Staying Safe has published a series of guides to in different languages to support those who may not know what services are available in Urdu, Czech and Polish.

[Read more...](#)

Avoid Investment and Pension Scams

The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) has some guidance in the ScamSmart section of the website. In conjunction with the recent TV advertising, there is advice and guidance on avoiding scams. Pension scams can be hard to spot. Scammers can be articulate and financially knowledgeable, with credible-looking websites, testimonials and materials that are hard to distinguish from the real thing. [Find out more about avoiding scams...](#)

Do you know someone who's feeling lonely?

Talk to the Staying Well Hub – call us on 01422 392767

Local Sports Centres

- [Brighthouse Swimming Pool and Fitness Centre](#) – Tel. 01422 28806
- [Halifax Swimming Pool](#) - Tel. 01422 366624
- [Sowerby Bridge Pool](#) - Tel. 01422 288078
- [Northbridge Leisure Centre](#) - Tel. 01422 341527

Employment and Training

This weekend! FREE Cycle Maintenance Training

CityConnect is offering FREE cycle maintenance courses on **Saturday 8** and **Saturday 15 December, 10:00am-4:00pm** at Forest Cottage Community Centre, Cousin Lane, Ovenden including safety check, wheel, tyre and tube removal, puncture repairs and much more. [Details...](#)

16-19 Years Old? – Call in to C&K Careers for a Chat

C&K Careers based at their public centre on Alexandra Street in Halifax don't just offer help with your work and learning options, their door is open if you need support or advice too. Young people can drop in any time for a chat **Monday – Friday 10:00am-4:00pm**. [More...](#)

Everyday Activism – Local Campaign Training

Campaign Bootcamp's Everyday Activism project is a new local training programme that supports people to learn how to campaign on issues that matter to them. Problems such as budget cuts, discrimination, inequality and lack of good jobs are making the daily lives of people across the UK increasingly precarious, unstable and stressful. [Find out more...](#)

Work Club at Elland Children's Centre

FREE guidance & support with job searching & CV writing for families & young people looking for work, training, volunteering opportunities, apprenticeships or short courses. Held **every Monday – 1:00pm to 3:00pm** at Elland Children's Centre, go along for a cup of tea and a chat or call Elland Children's Centre on **01422 266197** for more information.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering Opportunities with Citizens Advice Calderdale

Thanks to a grant from the Community Foundation for Calderdale through the #iwill project and The Big Lottery, Citizens Advice Calderdale is offering a chance to improve employment skills whilst making a difference to people living in Calderdale. Existing volunteers support the charity through photography, website development and literature design. [Learn more...](#)

Support Age UK at Christmas

Age UK Calderdale and Kirklees are asking for your support this Christmas in various ways. Volunteers are needed for bucket collections, help with the Carol Concert and much more. For further information, please phone **01422 252040** or email enquiries@ageukck.org.uk

Young and Want to Make a DIFFERENCE? Time Out is Looking for Volunteers.

Time Out is a project for young people, created by young people to give a space to allow you to develop in whatever way suits you best. Fortunately, mental health is no longer a taboo subject and Time Out is recruiting volunteers to spread awareness of the help available for those with issues of self-harm, body image or self-esteem. [Find out more...](#)

Latest Jobs

- Administrator – National Fostering Agency, Elland
- Customer Service Advisor – Leeds Building Society, Halifax
- Accounts Administrator Customer Services Advisor – NFU Mutual, Elland
- Various Vacancies – Citizens Advice Calderdale
- Various Posts – Sure Start Children’s Centres NHP
- Customer Advisor – B&Q Halifax
- Customer Assistant – Marks & Spencer, Halifax

And finally...

News from other areas

We link to lots of groups and services in your area and try to bring information about events and activities together in one place. Did you know there are blogs covering the [Central Halifax](#), [Halifax North & East](#) and [Upper Valley](#) areas too? And regular updates!

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- ★ **Recommend a friend** to get the Friday Flyer by asking them to email us
- ★ **Publicise an event** in the Friday Flyer
- ★ **Advertise** your service or community group

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