



The Community Hub



It's was a wet, cold start to 2023 but thankfully temperatures have been warming up recently and there's a Spring feeling in the air with brighter mornings and longer days. The cover photographs are courtesy of **Mathew Sutcliffe** and **Conrad Sexton** and really show just how beautiful our village is in all weathers at this time of year.

We hope you enjoy reading our latest news and updates. Find out more about our free Warm Space groups which will run at the hall until end of March and take a look at our Timetable to see if you can find a new hobby for yourself this year. We have a few new additions to our offering which have just been introduced, you can find out about them on Pages 2 and 3. Read about the exciting events we have planned for the next few months and pop the dates in your calendar!!

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* Village Hall News & Updates

* Tai Chi classes

Wednesdays 11:30am-12:30pm

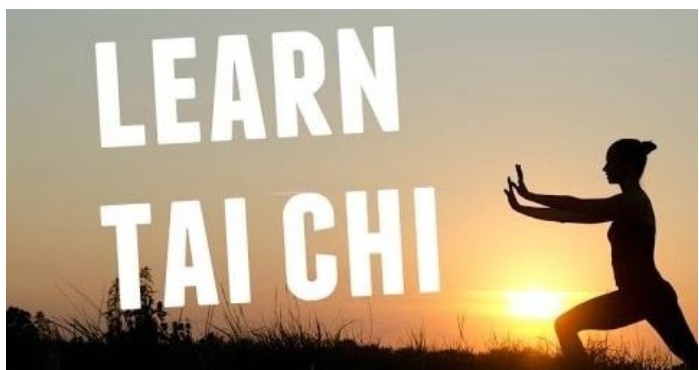
These exciting new fitness classes are run by local resident and instructor Jason Murray.

There are many health benefits of Tai chi which include:-

- * reduction in stress levels
- * improved balance
- * increased muscle strength in your legs
- * improved general mobility and flexibility

All ages and abilities are welcome to come along for an initial 6 session beginners course costing £30 then you can continue membership after the course if you wish.

Please contact **Jason on 07912 658 042** if you have any questions or wish to register. Alternatively you can book online at <https://jasonnmurray.co.uk/tai-chi-beginners-courses>



* Warm Space sessions



These drop in sessions are running from the hall as part of a Bradford Council initiative which started in November and will continue over the winter months until the end of March.

The aim is to offer a heated space for locals to come and use instead of paying to heat their homes and use electricity.

The groups are free and provide hot drinks, biscuits, jigsaws, card games, dominoes, radio and access to the TV (when we open the Youth Centre for our extended group on Thursdays).

Tuesdays	2pm - 3:30pm	Main Hall	(following from Lunch Club)
Thursdays	10am - 4pm	Youth Centre	
Fridays	12pm - 1pm	Albion Room	(following from Albion Tearoom)

We would love for as many people to attend these groups as possible and make use of them while they are running as they will finish at the end of March. Everyone is welcome including families with children as we have plenty of toys to keep them entertained.

It's a great opportunity to meet up with locals and socialise so please come along if you are free!!

* Village Hall News & Updates

* New caretaker - Paul Snowden

Our new caretaker Paul joined the team at the beginning of January and has been a great asset to the village hall.

Here are a few words from Paul as an introduction.....

“I have lived for the majority of my life in and around the Bingley area. My background is one of manufacturing from apprenticeship to management. I have through sports and social clubs made a great number of friends having played for and coached a number of local football and rugby clubs. I now live with my partner and have two daughters. My interests include walking, camping, travel, reading, live music and watching team sports”.

I'm sure all visitors to the hall will make Paul feel very welcome!



* Acro Dance Class



Jennifer's Dancekool has run several classes a week from the hall for over 15 years. Dance Teacher, Vanessa will be adding this new, exciting class to her busy timetable.

Acro dance is a style of dance that combines classical technique with precision acrobatic elements. It is defined by its athletic character, its unique choreography which seamlessly blends dance and acrobatics, and its use of acrobatics in a dance context.

The Acro class will be on Thursdays at 5:15pm, starting 23rd February.

Other classes include street dance on Tuesdays and Thursdays and ballet classes on Saturdays.

See our timetable on Page 6 for details of times and age groups.

If your child is interested in joining any of these classes or you would like some more information, please contact Vanessa on 07814 514 447 or email her on vanessa.zumba@live.co.uk.

* Craft Groups - Coming Soon!

Local resident, Beth Miller will be running two weekly craft groups at the hall which will start at the beginning of March.

There will be a wide variety of crafts available to try and members can also bring along their own projects they are working on or start something new. Everyone will have different abilities so the aim is for attendees to swap ideas and learn new skills while they are socialising in a friendly environment. Group numbers will be limited so if you want to come along, please contact Beth on 07967 556 916.

Both groups will run from the hall weekly on **Tuesday evenings, 6:30pm - 8:30pm** and also on **Thursdays - 10:30am - 1pm**. The cost per session is £4.50 and is on a pay as you go basis.



* Community News & Updates

* Community Hero Awards 2023

Last year saw the first Community Hero Awards which was celebrated with an awards ceremony held at the hall where several locals were recognised for their positive work in Wilsden or Harecroft. This was either for their voluntary work in the community or going above and beyond in their work roles. We had so many fantastic people who were nominated it was a difficult task to select winners.



Last year's winner was Susan Downs and the team of volunteers she coordinates. As a group, they plan, manage and maintain the gardens within Wilsden park. They have also worked tirelessly to clear and develop the cemetery off Lane Side, making it a place that respects those who rest there, whilst also being a pleasant place to walk, throughout all seasons of the year.

This year we will be running this initiative again to highlight and thank our Community Heroes! So, if you have an individual or a group in mind who you feel makes a positive impact on our community or personally to yourself or family, please nominate them. There will be paper copies of the nomination forms available in the Post Office or at the village hall. There will also be an electronic version of the form circulated as a link on the Wilsden & Harecroft Community Hero Award Facebook page and also on Wilsden Residents and Harecroft Residents Facebook group pages in due course.

The 3 categories for the 2023 awards are:-

- * **Individual Volunteer**
- * **Volunteer Group**
- * **Community minded business/employee**

There will be a trophy presented to the winners of each category along with an additional prize.

Nominations will open on **Friday 14th April** and forms must be submitted by the closing date of **Friday 19th May**. All nominators and nominees will then be invited to attend the awards ceremony which will be held at the village hall on the evening of **Saturday 17th June**.

There are so many individuals and groups in the villages who deserve to be nominated so please make sure you nominate anyone you wish to be recognised and rewarded for their efforts.



* Community News & Updates

* Wilsden Community Library

We are a community run library offering the same range of services as any of Bradford's libraries, but staffed by volunteers. We have nearly 5,000 books in stock including a wide selection for children.

Wilsdeners are very fortunate to have a library in our village. Unfortunately, if it is not used sufficiently it will eventually close. So please come along and have a look then if you join, your membership will support this service.

Open Tuesdays, 10:30am to 5pm.



How do I join?

If you already hold a Bradford Library ticket you are already a member of Wilsden Community Library. If not, you can join at any branch including of course Wilsden. Visit the village hall and fill out an application form. You will need to bring some identification, such as a utility bill or driving licence, showing your address with you. We cannot issue a ticket on the spot, your application will be processed and a library ticket sent to Wilsden the following week. Adults can also join online and bring identification to Wilsden Library when collecting their ticket.

How many items may I borrow?

You can borrow up to 25 items at any one time. In all libraries you will be given a single 'credit card' type ticket which you will need to present each time you borrow anything.

Fundraising

As a volunteer run branch of Bradford Library Services we do not get any financial support for the incidental costs of running the library. Office supplies, photocopying telephone calls, equipment and advertising all have to be paid for. So support is needed for us to continue offering a library service in Wilsden.

We have a large selection of good condition jigsaws for sale and also second hand paperbacks covering a wide range of topics mainly romances, historical and adventure stories. Please look in on a Tuesday and support our fundraising efforts.

* Hale Community Engagement



HALE is an award-winning health development charity, working with diverse communities which has been running for almost **20** years.

The name Hale means **Healthy Action Local Engagement**. As part of the work they do they visit community centres, social groups and attend local events. As such, we will have 2 engagement workers coming to the hall over the next few weeks to visit some of our groups. They will be bringing along some booklets and leaflets around self-care, offering blood pressure checks, information on support services and groups to help improve people's health and wellbeing.

If you attend any of the groups where they are present, please do go and have a chat with them and they will be able to give you advice or sign post you to other helpful organisations.

* **Timetable 2023**

DAY	GROUP NAME	STARTS	FINISHES	LOCATION
MONDAY	Wilsden Walkers	09:15	11:30	Meeting Room
	Pilates	09:45	10:45	Main Hall
	Sweaty Mamas Fitness Class	10:00	11:00	Youth Centre
	Adult Tap Dancing	11:00	12:00	Main Hall
	Fitness Class	12:00	13:00	Main Hall
	Wilsden Indoor Bowls	13:30	15:30	Main Hall
	Wilsden Art Group	14:00	16:15	Meeting Room
	Cubs	17:45	19:00	Lower Hall
	Senior Youth Club	18:30	20:30	Youth Centre
	Bachata Dance Classes	19:00	20:00	Main Hall
	Girl Guides	19:15	20:45	Lower Hall
	TUESDAY	Library	10:30	17:30
Luncheon Club		12:30	14:10	Main Hall & Kitchen
Jennifer's Dancekool (3-6yrs)		17:00	17:45	Main Hall
Jennifer's Dancekool (7-9yrs)		17:45	18:30	Main Hall
Beavers		18:00	19:00	Lower Hall
Craft Group		18:30	20:30	Youth Centre
P&J Stompers Line-dancing		19:00	21:00	Main Hall
Men's Peer Support Group		19:00	21:00	Meeting Room
Scouts		19:30	21:15	Lower Hall
WEDNESDAY		Tai Chi	11:30	12:30
	Yoga with Nick Toehill	19:00	20:00	Main Hall
THURSDAY	Toddler Group	09:15	11:15	Main Hall
	Craft Group	10:30	13:00	Youth Centre
	Bingley Art Society	14:00	16:00	Main Hall
	Wilsden Thursday Afternoon Group	14:00	16:00	Meeting Room
	Jennifer's Dancekool - Acro dance	17:15	18:00	Main Hall
	Jennifer's Dancekool (10-13yrs)	18:00	18:45	Main Hall
	Jennifer's Dancekool (14-18yrs)	18:45	19:45	Main Hall
	Senior Youth Club (12 - 18 yrs.)	18:30	20:30	Youth Centre
FRIDAY	Pilates	09:45	10:45	Main Hall
	The Albion Tearoom	10:00	12:00	Meeting Room
	Junior Youth Club	18:00	20:00	Youth Centre
SATURDAY	Melody Bear Ballet (18 months+)	09:30	11:15	Main Hall

* Future Events

* Table Top Sale - Sunday 26th March

Following the success of our Table Top Sale in November we decided to hold one in the Spring and perhaps another again towards the end of the year. Stalls will be selling a variety of items from second hand "pre-loved" toys, books and other household items, handmade crafts, sweets, knitted items and anything that fits on top of a table!!

The Wilsden W.I will very kindly be running a café again which will serve hot drinks, juice and some delicious home-baking. So come along and see if you can find some gifts or a bargain for yourself!

The tables for this sale are now fully booked, however we do have a waiting list in case of any cancellations. If you would like to go on the waiting list, please email wvh@btconnect.com with your full name and contact telephone number. We will then get in touch if a space becomes available.

Tables cost £10 each to hire. Free entry for shoppers, doors open 10am - 1pm



We plan to hold another sale at the end of the year, around October so please let us know if you would be interested in hiring a table and we will contact you once a date has been set.

* King's Coronation Fun Day



We have started making plans to celebrate the King's Coronation.

We will be holding a fun day at the hall on Sunday 7th May, between 11am-2pm.

Following the success of our Platinum Jubilee celebrations last year, we will have a similar itinerary for the day with lots of family friendly activities and refreshments.

More details will be available in the Spring edition of The Community Hub and will also be posted on our Facebook page and website nearer the time.

For now please save the date and we hope as many villagers can come along to the event as we had last year!



* Special Thanks

Our Village Hall depends on volunteer Trustees to govern how the hall is financed and run for the benefit of Wilsdeners in general.

As a charity, Wilsden Village Hall relies heavily on donations from individuals, groups, organisations and businesses in the community.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for support we have received to date and for any future donations of which we would be most grateful.

Wilsden Village Hall is pleased to be supported by the following groups and organisations:-

- * P&J Idle Stompers
- * Co-op Local Community Fund
- * BMDC
- * Leader
- * The Key Fund
- * Royd House Trust
- * Wilsden Good Neighbours
- * Wilsden Parish Council
- * Wilsden Walkers
- * Wilsden W.I
- * Wilsden Gala Committee
- * Wilsden Thursday Afternoon Group
- * Wilsden Trinity Methodist Church URLEP
- * Mr & Mrs J. Bartle

Along with our regular supporters, we would like to thank the following groups and individuals for donations and also volunteering for the hall in recent months.

We received funding from Bradford Council to use towards our Warm Spaces groups. The funds were used to buy hot drinks urns, a radio, games, a mobile device charging point and stock for our free refreshments.

A Thank You as always to all of the volunteers who kindly give their time to help run the following groups,

Wilsden Indoor Bowls

Wilsden Community Library

Toddler Group

The Albion Tearoom

Warm Spaces

Thank You!!

* Tell Us What You Think!

We'd really appreciate you spending a couple of minutes telling us what you think about the hall, its facilities, things we are doing well and areas you think we could improve on.

To do this please click on this link <https://rb.gy/hzxbsl>

Alternatively, paper copies of our short survey are available from the hall.