



# The Community Hub



This beautiful photograph of a dramatic sky over Wilsden was taken by Mark Layte.

Read all about the latest news and updates from the village hall. Find out about our fantastic range of groups and classes as well as details of recent and upcoming events in 2023!!

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## \* Village Hall News & Updates

### \* Coronation Celebration

We were so lucky to have such a fantastic sunny day for this event on Sunday 7th June to celebrate the King's Coronation. Many locals came along to this family fun day and enjoyed our live music acts, craft stalls, tombola and raffle as well as the bouncy castle and activities for the children.

We would like to say a big thank you to the talented singers, Charles Faulding and Emi Hall for their wonderful performances and also Richard Fairlie and Connor Walmsley for being the DJs. Richard also stepped in to perform on the day when one of our singers couldn't make it at the last minute.....thank you Richard!!

So much planning and preparation goes into every event we hold but we couldn't manage on the day without the extra help and support of our volunteers who give up their time to roll up their sleeves and pitch in. Thank you to Jean & David Hahn, Mark Humphreys, Tina & Ken Watkinson, Max Pearson, Michael Fleming, Jan Musto, Audrey and Richard Freeman, Emma Thomas and Elaine Manship.

Our local businesses are always very generous in supporting our events by donating prizes for our raffle. We'd like to express our gratitude to Railton & Co, The Ling Bob, The Yorkshire Treat Company, The Villager, Snooty Fox Antiques, Caterleisure Group, Bingley Brewery, Magic Moments, Barnets, The Malt, Woodbank Garden Centre, Longley's Fisheries, Lockwoods and Becks at Precious. Thanks to you we had a fantastic variety of prizes to be won!

The children who came to the event with their families had great fun on the bouncy castle and many took part in our "Pin the Jewel on the Crown" game. Well done to Louisa who won the game.....it was very, very close!

There are some extremely talented young artists in the village judging by the fantastic entries we had for the King Charles Art Competition!! It was difficult to choose the winners but eventually the judges selected Delilah for 1st Place, Louisa for 2nd Place and Tuleisha for 3rd Place. Congratulations to you all and we hope you enjoyed your crafty prizes.

Thanks to funding received from The Kings Coronation Grant from Shipley Area Office of Bradford Council we were able to cover costs to run the event for the community.

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who came along to this celebration. Any proceeds made at these events are invested back in to the running of the hall and towards holding future community events and your support is very much appreciated!





## \* Village Hall News & Updates

### \* Hays Recruitment - Volunteering Day!

**HAYS** Working for  
your tomorrow



On Monday 10th July we had a lovely group of volunteers from Hays Plc who came to the hall for a community volunteering day arranged through Neighbourly. This is an award-winning giving platform that helps businesses make a positive impact on their communities by donating volunteer time, money and surplus products, all in one place.

Melissa, Ashley, Sallyann, Claire and Sam from Hays Leeds office painted the corridor leading to our lower hall which was in need of a refresh. They had did a great job and the area looks like new!

Thank you to all of the volunteers for choosing to help support the hall, we really appreciate your great work...including the amazing job you all did of clearing up at the end of the day!!

### \* Beginners Martial Arts classes

**MARTIAL ARTS CLASSES IN WILSDEN**  
NEW CLASSES STARTING FRIDAY 23 JUNE

@ Wilsden Village Hall (Lower Hall)  
JUNIOR DRAGONS (AGES 4-10) 6.00-6.55pm  
KARATE JUTSU (AGES 11-ADULTS) 7.00-8.00pm

3 week beginners course  
**£20**

Book your place online now @  
[jm-martialarts.com/beginners-courses](http://jm-martialarts.com/beginners-courses)

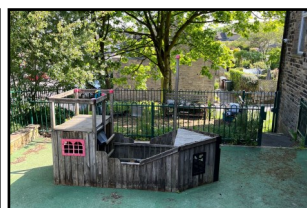
Jason Murray has been running a Tai Chi class on Wednesdays (11:30am-12:30pm) at the hall since January this year. As well as practising Tai Chi for many years, Jason also teaches other martial arts at other venues in Queensbury and Shipley. In June, Jason started beginners Martial Arts classes for children and adults on a Friday evening in our lower hall. If you are interested in joining or would like some more information, please call Jason on 07912 658 052.

### \* Learning Together at Wilsden Village Hall

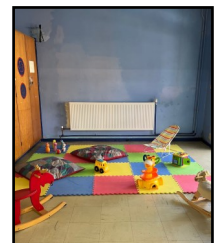
This brand new group for pre-school children started in July!!

As well as our Toddlers Group on a Thursday morning, this additional stay, play and learn group will also provide a space for parents & carers and their children to come and meet others and have fun!

The group is held every Wednesday 9:15am-11:15am in our Lower Hall (term time only) and will offer a range of learning activities including crafts such as painting, gluing, making play dough and messy/sensory play. There are also a construction area, games, jigsaws, book area as well as an outdoor play area with pirate ship



and mud kitchen. Each session costs £3 per adult and one child (50p for additional children) and includes drinks for adults and drinks and snacks for the children.



## \* Village Hall News & Updates

### \* Thursday Afternoon Group



**Thursday  
Afternoon  
Group**

Every Thursday 2-4pm

WILSDEN VILLAGE HALL  
10, Mill Lane, Wilsden, Bradford, West Yorkshire LS15 7JL

This friendly social group had good cause for celebration earlier this year as it had it's 75th Anniversary from when it was established.

Held at the village hall every week between 2-4pm , this group brings people together to enjoy a variety of different activities from games afternoons, watching films and guest speakers who present on a number of interesting topics.

Entry is £3 per week and includes refreshments.

So if you are looking for somewhere to go on a Thursday afternoon, come along and join us!

### \* Wilsden Community Library



Tuesdays (10:30am-5:30pm)

**Wilsden  
Community Library**

At Wilsden Village Hall

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Our library which runs from the hall every Tuesday has so much to offer! With a large selection of children's books, a young reader's selection and a vast selection of fiction and non-fiction for adults. There are also adults and children's books and jigsaws for sale.

During the summer holidays, our volunteers will be running **Craft Sessions** for children at the library on a Tuesday between 11am-4pm (adult supervision required) and there is also the annual **Summer Reading Challenge** for children to encourage them to read as many books as they can during the break from school.

There will be very exciting visit from **Zoo Lab** who are coming to the library on Tuesday 8 August, 11am-12pm. This workshop will involve storytelling and the chance for children to meet some small animals and reptiles. Places can be reserved on a first come first served basis by putting your child's name down at the library. Please note that your child needs to have a library membership and also to have signed up for the Summer Reading Challenge to be eligible. You can come along to Wilsden Community Library on a Tuesday (10:30am-5:30pm) to join for free if your child is not already a member of Bradford Libraries.



Summer Reading Challenge 2023

# Ready, Set, Read!

Presented by The Reading Agency.  
Delivered in partnership with libraries.





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**ZOO LAB**



## \* Community News & Updates



### \* Wilsden & Harecroft's Community Hero Awards 2023

On Saturday 17th June we hosted the second Community Hero Awards Ceremony and it was a wonderful evening. The awards had 3 categories to nominate local people to recognise and thank them for the positive impact they have on the community in Wilsden & Harecroft. These were:-

- \* **Individual Volunteer**
- \* **Volunteer Group**
- \* **Community Minded Employee/Business**



Congratulations to our winners **Peter Allison** (Individual Volunteer), **Tuesday Luncheon Club** (Volunteer Group) and **Gill Toll** (Community Minded Employee/Business). All of the winners were presented with a trophy, vouchers to spend at a local business of their choice and a Community Hero mug. The 2 winners of the volunteer categories also received vouchers which were donated from Room To Reward who gift hotel stays to volunteers for their work .



**Lifetime Achievement Awards** were presented to two individuals for their community work.

**Lisa Firth** received recognition for her volunteering work in various activities over the years. In 1996 she became a Brownie leader and volunteered at Laurel Bank care home whilst in sixth form. Lisa also led on the revival of the Wilsden Gala through the formation of a committee in 2013. As a Trustee for the village hall she initiated the "40 Candles" campaign to raise much needed funds for the hall. Beyond Wilsden Lisa has also participated in running a summer scheme in Keighley for children with additional needs, has volunteered for Cubs and Rainbows organisations, was involved with the Bingley flood clear up in 2015 and has been an active member of the Harden Players Committee.



**Astrid Hansen** received her award for her contribution to the community for over 50 years. Astrid is a local historian and was part of the group who established the Wilsden Village Society in 1970 and was involved in the campaign to raise funds to build the village hall. She has written a number of books on local history, two of which have been about Wilsden. One was a definitive history of the village while the other was a history of St Matthews church and its various locations in the village. Astrid has also created a Wilsden Village Society website with a vast amount of local history and also regularly writes historical articles for the Parish Council magazine "The Wilsdener".



Local musician **Colin Horsley** played the keyboard and cleverly matched the tunes to the individuals who were coming up to the stage to receive their rewards which was greatly entertaining. Talented photographer **Alan Manship** captured some wonderful shots of everyone having fun the night. The presentations were followed by entertainment from our talented Vice Chair **Paul Hall** who sang and played the ukulele and guitar. Then to close the evening we had local singer **Craig Williams**

## \* Future Events

### \* Table Top Sale - Sunday 1st October

Our next Table Top Sale will be Sunday 1st October between 11am - 2pm and it's free entry.

Items for sale can be good condition, pre-loved items, brand new products or hand-made crafts.

There will also be a café run by the Wilsden W.I who will be serving hot and cold drinks and delicious home-baking.

If you wish to hire a table it costs £10 per table and you can book by contacting us on 01535 272786 or by emailing: [wvh@btconnect.com](mailto:wvh@btconnect.com).

Come along to grab a bargain and enjoy some refreshments while supporting the village hall.

# TABLE TOP SALE

### \* Christmas Market - Sunday 10th December

**Christmas Market**

Christmas Themed Stalls  
Festive Refreshments  
Santa's Grotto  
Raffle & Tombola

**Sunday 10th December**  
**10am - 4pm**

WILSDEN VILLAGE HALL  
the hub of your community

Christmas seems like a long way off but as we all know it soon sneaks up on us!

Pop this date in your diary for our Christmas Market and we hope to see you there!

Free entry, doors open 10am until 4pm.

There will be craft stalls in the main hall with plenty of choice for Christmas gifts.

If you would like to hire a table to sell any Christmas related products or handmade crafts, please contact us to book your place as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

Tables cost £20 to hire which is payable in advance.

There will also be a café serving hot & cold drinks including mulled wine as well as tasty treats.

Santa's Grotto will be open between 11am - 3pm so bring your little ones along to meet him and his friendly elf!

## \* 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
- \* Royd House Trust
- \* Wilsden Good Neighbours
- \* Wilsden Parish Council
- \* Wilsden Walkers
- \* Wilsden W.I
- \* Wilsden Gala Committee
- \* Wilsden Thursday Afternoon Group
- \* 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.

**Coronation Celebration** - We received funding towards this event from **Wilsden Parish Council** and **The Kings Coronation Grant from Shipley Area Office**.

**Community Hero Awards** - This community initiative and awards ceremony received sponsorship from **Wilsden Parish Council** and local businesses....

- \* **The Ling Bob**
- \* **The Villager**
- \* **The New Inn**
- \* **Caterleisure Group**
- \* **Railton & Co.**
- \* **Room To Reward**

**Last but by no means least.....Special Thanks to our amazing volunteers who run Wilsden Indoor Bowls, Wilsden Community Library, Learning Together, Thursday Toddler Group and The Albion Tearoom. It would not be possible to run these groups without your help.**

# *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/hzxls>

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



The majority of these groups and classes are run by independent instructors. Please contact the village hall if you are interested in joining any of these groups and we will provide you with contact details to register.



## 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	Meeting Room
		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	
Wilsden Craft Group		18:30	20:30	Youth Centre	
P&J Stompers Line-dancing		19:00	21:00	Main Hall	
Scouts		19:30	21:15	Lower Hall	
WEDNESDAY		Learning Together	09:15	11:15	Lower Hall
	Tai Chi	11:30	12:30	Main Hall	
	Yoga with Nick Toehill	19:00	20:00	Main Hall	
THURSDAY	Toddler Group	09:15	11:15	Main Hall	
	Wilsden Craft Group	10:30	13:00	Youth Centre	
	Bingley Art Society	14:00	16:00	Meeting Room	
	Wilsden Thursday afternoon Group	14:00	16:00	Main Hall	
	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	
	Karate (age 4-10 years)	18:00	18:55	Lower Hall	
	Karate (age 11 years to adults)	19:00	20:00	Lower Hall	
SATURDAY	Melody Bear Ballet (18 months+)	09:30	11:15	Main Hall	