



**THE
PIECE
HALL**
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The Piece Hall Transformation Newsletter

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Project Update

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Happy New Year and what an exciting year 2012 will be!

This month the project team are carrying out ground investigation works in and around the Piece Hall. The team are also putting finishing touches to the huge amount of documentation which will be needed to make up the Heritage Lottery Fund bid. There is now less than eight weeks to go until the bid has to be submitted. We will be reporting to Cabinet on 30 January on the project.

Also taking place is the restoration work on the spectacular south entrance gates of the Piece Hall. Restoration work began in December to bring the gates back to their former glory. Work on the gates includes establishing previous colour schemes, inspecting the hinges, stripping the paint using chemicals in a giant tank, repairing all damage to metal and stonework and repainting the gates. The gates will then be reinstated to the Piece Hall

What's On

Dates for your diary 2012

Saturday 21 April The Youth : St Georges Day
For more information: www.halifaxstgeorge.co.uk

Saturday 19 May Calderdale Neighbours Day

Saturday 26 May Love Halifax: An afternoon of Comedy, music, entertainment, activities and food. Organised by Christians together.

Tuesday 5 June Celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee : The Beach Street Party

Saturday 16 June Calderdale Pride
For more Information: www.calderdalepride.org.uk

Saturday 30 June Armed Forces Day 1940's Vintage Day

Sunday 1 July to 21 July Halifax Irish Festival *
For more information: www.halifaxirishsociety.org.uk

Saturday 7 to Sunday 15 July Halifax Festival 2012
For more information: www.halifaxfestival.co.uk

Saturday 28/Sunday 29 July Olympics' Event (TBC)

Sunday 5 August Big D's Mod's and Rocks Bike and Scooter Show*
For more information : www.big-ds.net

Sunday 12 August Saxophone Choir

19 & 26 August **Band's wanted** Brass, Jazz, or Samba contact the Piece Hall on 321002 to register.

Sunday 2 September Northern WW Owners Club Rally (TBC)

Sunday 28 October Nocturnal Heart Of The Pennines Bus Rally

Saturday 24 November Calderdale Emergency Services Day

Saturday 1 December The Big Halifax Christmas Light Switch On!

*The is a charge for this event.



What's on at Halifax Visitor's Centre

Celebrate Calligraphy : 14 January to 18 March 2012
The society of Scribes and Illuminators was founded in 1921 by students of Edward Johnston, the father of modern calligraphy. Celebrate Calligraphy exhibition is in celebration of work by fellow and lay members of the society, is designed to show that excellence in the field of calligraphy, lettering, heraldry and illumination have a significant role to play in the 21st century.

The exhibits on show in Celebrate Calligraphy includes a diverse range of work, including pieces on various kinds of paper, illustration, vellum and raised gilding on gesso, letter carving and cut letterforms, manuscript books and bookbinding, appealing to a wide ranging audience.

Community Space in the Visitor Centre.

As We Like It : 14 January – 18 March 2012
New work by Members of Calderdale Calligraphers, Showing the diversity of skills and artistic approaches used in contemporary calligraphy. It is a showcase of the wealth of talent which exists in Calderdale and its environs by members of all ages and abilities.

For more information go to www.calligraphyonline.org

Keep up to date with events taking place in the Piece Hall by visiting www.thepiecehall.co.uk.

Focus On Our Retailers



Welcome Willow Wellbeing

The Piece Hall welcomed another new retailer in December. Willow Wellbeing is situated on the Colonnade level in unit 20. The shop specialises in holistic therapies and natural bath products. There is an array of health and wellbeing solutions that you can enjoy from; reflexology, aromatherapy massage, Swedish massage, Reiki and magnetic therapy. Anna Akesson, Willow Wellbeing proprietor is also an independent Nikken Consultant [click here](#) to discover a healthier way of living.

When asked why she picked the Piece Hall to open her business Anna said:
"I came upon this building by chance, I love architecture and noticed the entrance one day when walking around Halifax. The heritage of the building is so important, I have a keen interest in the Georgian and Regency period so it's fantastic to able to work in this beautiful building"

"The tenants have been so supportive and welcoming here and I'm really excited about the future plans for the Piece Hall."

Willow Wellbeing is open Mondays (Appointments only), Tuesdays, Thursday - Saturday 10am to 5.00pm, Wednesdays 10am to 3pm, and Sunday 11am to 3pm. To book an appointment call Anna on **07816 959327** or email willowwellbeing@live.co.uk

And until the end of February take advantage of the opening **Special offer - Book and pay for two detox massages and get 10% off plus a free consultation.**

I Do - Try the Piece Hall for all your Wedding Wishes

Are you getting married this year or have you recently got engaged - come down to the Piece Hall for a plethora of wedding ideas.

Wedding Wear: Looking for something that little bit different? Try a vintage wedding or bridesmaid dress. Have a look in our fantastic clothing shops, **Vintage Darling, Purple Rabbit** or **Ace Clothing**, you're sure to find that something unique.

Need a wedding photographer?; then look no further **Kieron Nevison Photography**, his studio is situated on the Colonnade level in the Piece Hall where you can view his previous work, and discuss your needs

A Little You cake topper! For something completely quirky have yourself and your impending other half brought to life as a cake topper. **Little You** can be found on the Arcade level.

Favours and Table Decoration: There's plenty of ideas for decorating your table or for your wedding favours, what about giving out favourite childhood sweets from **Sweet Memories** or scatter some fancy gems from **Creative Crystals**, or a beautiful glass ornament as a centre piece from **Gina b Glass**. You could even make your own vases at **Pots of Fun**. Or what about having a die-cast model as a table centre piece instead of flowers; you can find a range of them at **Halifax Modellers World** or **Replacar**. Or go for the "Olde Worlde" look; bind some old books together with ribbon, pop over to the **Second Hand Book shop** situated on the Rustic level to find a wide selection of classics.

For your Younger Guests; Keep the young ones entertained with their favourite playing cards from **Collect@** or a puzzle from **Red Patch**.

And before the big day wind down and treat yourself to a massage at **Willow Wellbeing** **It's one big wedding wonderland!**



Did you know?

The Piece Hall opened on the 1st January 1779 and it is now the last remaining cloth hall in the North of England. 1779 was an important year in history for Yorkshire, did you know....

- Yorkshireman (born in Harty) Captain Cook was killed in Hawaii on 14th of February 1779
- Thomas Chippendale - Britain's most famous furniture maker and designer. A fellow Yorkshireman, he was born in Otley in 1718, died in November 1779.
- Christopher Wyclif, a Yorkshire derygman and landowner, set up the Yorkshire County Association in 1779. (The aim of the this was to petition parliament to complain about the expensive war and incompetent government and demand a parliamentary reform!)

A new heritage interpretation centre is planned for the Piece Hall, that will provide opportunities to learn about local history and heritage and the importance of the Piece Hall in pre-industrial Britain.

Piece Hall 2015: Public Consultation

In September 2011 the Council asked the public what they thought of the transformation plans. A wide range of communication channels, tools and locations were used to engage with as many people as possible.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete a questionnaire, the project team were really pleased with the positive response.

2355 responded by hand, online and via the post-boxes across Calderdale on the 12 key proposals of the scheme This research has revealed that the following proposals in the scheme are of most importance to people:

Events, independent shops and businesses, eating and drinking with opening hours into the evening, opportunities to learn about the history and heritage of the Piece Hall.

From the comments given many people used the word "unique" when describing the Piece Hall and it came through strongly that people would like this "uniqueness" preserved by being sympathetic to the original structure and heritage.

The report is available to view by visiting www.thepiecehall.co.uk



Comments, Suggestions?

Armed Forces 1940's Day Saturday 30 June : Military parade, 1940's fashion show and singers (West End Girls), WW11 vehicles in situ, etc. We are looking for anyone with ideas or contributions for this to come forward call the Events teams on 321002

We'd love to hear your ideas, views and get you involved in future plans. Leave your comments at www.thepiecehall.co.uk/your-piece-hall

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