



Creating a new town square in the heart of Halifax

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Project update

As you'd expect with a project this size, there's a lot of background work we need to do before the real building work can start, so we're busy getting ready and making sure everything will run smoothly.

We've had dozens of applications for the new role of Project Manager so we're also looking through these. Applications have come in from across Europe – understandably, the project is generating international attention.

What's On

The Piece Hall is going to be transformed - but in the meantime, there's still a lot happening!

Sunday 4 July Halifax Irish Festival 10am to 5.30pm (Stage programme starts 12pm)

The 19th Halifax Irish Festival promises to be bigger and better than ever. The day will be packed with live entertainment celebrating all things Irish. There will be something for all the family, including stalls and free face painting for children. The big stage will showcase the best in traditional Irish music and dance, including performances from Shake the Barley, Belt of the Celts and the Mouldy Joes...the list goes on! Come and soak up the ambience and Celtic charm, indulge in a pint of the black stuff, or just sit back and enjoy the craic! £5/£3 Adults/Concs, U-12s free.



Saturday 10 July Discover Palestine Cultural Festival 12noon to 4pm

Join us for a free community festival celebrating one of the most vibrant cultures of the Middle East. Enjoy wonderful music from Salaam UK. Hear local children and internationally renowned singer Reem Kelani singing the songs of Palestine. Give a warm Calderdale welcome to the young dancers from Aida refugee camp in Bethlehem as they join with local teenagers in a traditional 'dabka' dance. A perfect opportunity to try out delicious Palestinian food and browse round the colourful craft art and embroidery displays – a great day out for all the family! Free entry



Sunday 25 July Calderdale Gold Sports Day 11am to 4pm

Calderdale lights its Olympic torch in preparation for the Games coming to London in 2012. This event combines spectacles of both cultural and sporting excellence. Demonstrations by local community groups, cycling skills, health fitness checks and an action packed 'Bootcamp' supplied by Ice Fitness. There will be details of the many sporting and cultural opportunities available throughout Calderdale, and displays from clubs and organisations.



For all of you who fancy something a little less sporty and bit more fun, we will be hosting our very own sports day. We will be including old favourites such as the egg and spoon race and bean bag championships, so if you are old or young...come join in. Free entry

Saturday 31 July 10th Anniversary Spectacular – 'Off The Wall – The Music of Pink Floyd' (doors open 7.30pm)

The historic Piece Hall will play host to local favourites 'OFF THE WALL' as they return to their roots with their strongest line up to date. Superb sound and lights, plus featured laser show. Friends and international guest musicians further enhance the unique atmosphere within the courtyard and tiered galleries which frame this unique venue. Phone 01422 351158 or call into the Victoria Theatre Box Office open Monday to Saturday between 10am and 4pm. Adults £15, children (under 15) £10, tickets on the door £20.



My Piece Hall



This month we've asked Craig Smith Chair of the Calderdale Gay Pride Group (left, in the black headdress), for his thoughts on the recent Gay Pride event at Piece Hall.

"We were absolutely delighted by how the day went – it exceeded our expectations. Everyone had a great time – we had people bungee jumping, kids learning circus skills, we gave out loads of information and enjoyed some fantastic food and drink. The acts were brilliant, the DJs and drag queens were amazing, and we – and the 3000 people who came along to the event – are looking forward to next year!"

Picture – courtesy John Steel Photography

Focus on our retailers - this month Gina B Glass



Here's what the owner, Gina Clarke, has to say about her work:

"Since graduating from Stourbridge I have continually worked in glass, predominantly in fused glass. I experiment with various metals and oxides to create one off pieces of art and jewellery, some of which are influenced by my passion for my local landscapes of the Pennines. Recently I have been experimenting with recycled crushed glass, creating mirrors and wall art panels, as well as a whole new range of wearable art."

Gina B Glass is at 76 Piece Hall and online at: <http://www.ginabglas.co.uk>

Did you know

There were originally 315 separate rooms in the Piece Hall which could originally be rented for as little as £2 per year.

Comments? Suggestions?

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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