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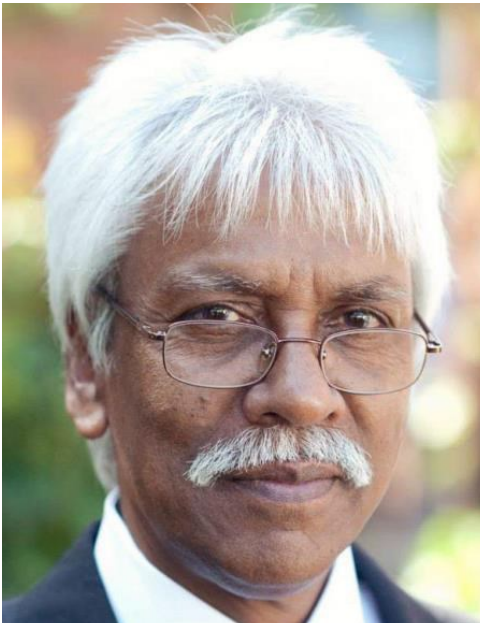
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Editorial

Hello friends and readers - welcome to the April 2025 Edition. I am sure everyone is looking forward to spring and its anticipatory incremental natural bright warmth, sprouting vegetations, crocuses and colourful blossoms. Very soon the moors and fields will be graced by playful baby lambs and 'dancing' daffodils, thus helping us to leave behind this year's harsh winter weathers. Benji (my dog) and I also braved the December 2024 and January 2025 cold temperatures of minus 13-15 degrees even on the occasional sunny days in Hungary. I am very much looking forward to Easter related activities and festivities and resuming some gardening duties.



Talking about eating well, the old adage "You Are What You Eat", first postulated in 1825 by the French Gastronome Jean Anthelme Brillat-Savarin in his book *Physiologie du Goût* (Physiology of Taste), still holds currency. In the 1860s Ludwig Feuerbach, a German Philosopher, also wrote "Man Is What He Eats" believing that nutrition is the foundation of human history and nature. Not wanting their respective writings to be taken literally, both authors did elaborate that foods we eat do have a bearing on the state of our health and mind. On reflection, some of my own earlier learning and teaching on Health Beliefs, Values and Attitudes were influenced by and or predicated on the afore writings. Recently, on 18th February 2025, Guruprasad Kamat, a Wellness Writer/Influencer and a LinkedIn connection of mine, argued in his post "Beyond You Are What You Eat: It's You Are What You Do With What You Eat". Guruprasad supports his viewpoint by emphasizing the processes involved in the ingestion, digestion and utilisation of foods we eat. Making the Gut-Brain and Mood connections, Guruprasad emphasises Mindful Eating Choices and Holistic Wellbeing. I would further argue that

On Saturday 12th April 2025 I will be overseeing the Cakes Stall during the Fundraising Coffee Morning for our Village Magazine. I believe that I have been entrusted with this responsibility as the 'Village Baker Elect' although I have never undertaken a bakery lesson/class. However, I am often told that most things which come out of my humble kitchen oven, eat well.

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"We Are What We Eat, What We Do With What We Eat and What Environment and In Whose Company We Eat". This would thus incorporate and give due considerations to the equally important social dimensions of eating. I am sure my learned resident Group Members of the Newt's Lunch Club, Ian Ludlam-Brown (WhatsApp Group Administrator), Bob Moore, Chris Darling and Peter Toms, would support my argument.

More on the socio-cultural ensembles and escapades of the Newt's Lunch Club members to follow.

Let's eat well, and let's not forget anyone who might be eating alone.

Happy Easter.

David Jamookeeah

Hellifield Hotshots - new season incoming

Hellifield Hotshots is your local ladies' rounders team and we're always very happy to welcome new players. We're looking forward to the start of the 2025 season and will be starting pre-season training sessions in April on the Thorndale Street sports field, Hellifield. So, if you're tempted to give rounders a go, this would be a great opportunity.

We're a really friendly bunch, with the only requirements being that you need to be a minimum age of 16 years and willing to both have a go and have a laugh.

We play once (occasionally twice) a week between April and August, usually on Thursdays, with home matches being played on the sports field and away matches being at various local villages. All matches are followed by a 'de-brief' in a local hostelry, including a light supper.

There's no commitment to playing every week. So, if you're interested in coming along and giving rounders a try, contact us on 07989 249877.

Julie Walton



St Aidan's Church - April 2025

Our regular Sunday worship continues **every Sunday at 9.30am**. Please do join us as we hold our troubled world before God in prayer, and give thanks for all that we have and enjoy.

Our special services for Holy Week and Easter are as follows:

- **Sunday 13th April (9.30am)** Family Communion for Palm Sunday, with a dramatic Passion reading by the Messy Church team.
- **Monday 14th April (7pm)** Holy Communion
- **Thursday 17th April (7pm)** Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday, with the traditional ceremony of foot-washing
- **Friday 18th April (1.15pm)** Good Friday Walk of Witness, starting at Hellifield Primary School, followed by:
2pm, Service of Prayer and Reflection for Good Friday
- **Sunday April 20th (7am)** Easter Day Dawn Service on Long Preston Moor, followed by:
9.30am Holy Communion for Easter Day and
6pm Evensong at Halton West Chapel

Any queries? Please contact Revd. James Rodley on 01729-851709 or jwerodley@yahoo.co.uk

Hellifield Methodist Chapel and Wesley Centre

April 2025

- Worship Services on Sundays at 2pm; 6th, 13th
- Easter Sunday Service at 2pm on the 20th
- Prayer for our Community Sunday at 4pm on the 6th
- Family Lego Church at 10.30am on the 13th
- Family Cafe Church at 2 pm on the 27th
- Welcome Mat: Mondays 2.30pm on 7th and 28th
- Drop-in Lego Session – Tuesday 15th 10.30-2.30pm (All ages)
- Wellbeing Café: Wednesday at 10.30am on the 9th
- Hellitots 9.30am Tuesdays on the 22nd and 29th

Everyone is extended a warm welcome to all our Church Services and Activities. Happy Easter to you all.

Phone Pauline 07931 511652 or Jeff 851389.

Thank you - from the Guides

Long Preston and Hellifield Guides would like to say thank you to everyone who supported their Bingo Night on Tuesday 11th February raising £258 for unit funds. Thank you. The girls also raised £145.92 for the Children's Society using the Christingle collection tubes. Well done girls!



Long Preston and Hellifield Rainbows congratulate Willow Horton on receiving her Gold Award before she moves up to Brownies. To achieve the Gold Award Willow has completed all the program awards in the Rainbow Program.

Rainbows is for girls age 4-7 years and meets on a Tuesday (term time) at Long Preston Village Hall 5.45-6.45pm. If you would like your daughter to join Rainbows you can register her at:

girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/

Helen Cressey

Hellifield Traffic Speed Monitoring – update

STOP PRESS - Just to advise you all that North Yorkshire Police (NYP) have decided not to do a survey of the village to verify our suggested sites for NYP mobile CCTV deployments. This is because they don't think that the A65 traffic through Hellifield needs monitoring by their mobile team(s).

If you think that this is the wrong decision, please contact your local NYC Councillor, or member of Parliament, to ask them if this is what we pay our Police stipend for? Volunteers have been doing CSW sessions in our Village since late 2019. Residents and businesses have contributed over £8,000 to buy and install VAS radars in the village to try

and make our public roads safer for everybody. NY Police have contributed nothing! We are currently running a competition to: 'Spot the Policeman on Foot, in Hellifield'.

Stay safe.

Paul A Emsley

CSW/VAS Co-ordinator

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North Craven Flower Club

Our meeting in February was a practical afternoon where members were invited to bring tulips, foliage and mechanics to make an arrangement. Members were able to look at each other's arrangements followed by a raffle and afternoon tea with cakes provided by the committee. The arrangements were all different as you can see by the photographs.



To the left: Pink tulips were arranged in a goldfish bowl that used purple glass gems to hold the flowers in place. Two tulips were curved round the inside of the bowl. Midelino sticks were also curved and added to the design.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 10th April in Hellifield Village Hall starting at 2.00pm. Our guest demonstrator will be Sarah Hopps with a demonstration entitled 'Gardening to Delight the Senses'. Visitors always welcome.

We will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary this year. This will take place on 9th October at Coniston Hotel. All past and present members are invited to come and join us to celebrate this occasion. More details next month. Liz Palmer

To the right: Short stemmed Yellow/red and purple tulips were placed together with different shapes and textures of foliage. The arrangement was finished with stems of pussy willow and a string of red beads.



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To the left: Twigs from Winter Fire Cornus complement the orange of the tulips. Some pieces dried grass seed heads and other leaves were also added.

To the right: This design used lots of different shaped reed defuser bottles on a silver tray. Each bottle had a couple of flowers or one flower and some greenery. A string of lights was then woven around and between the bottles that then reflected in the silver tray.



This would make a lovely table centre piece and could be changed through the seasons by using different flowers.



To the left: The cuff you can see in this design supporting the flowers and foliage was made by wrapping wool round two circles of card with the centre removed. A bit like how we used to make pom-poms. The colour of the wool used was shades of green with some glass beads stuck to the wool. The yellow and white tulips were put through the centre into a vase below. Twigs have also been added to added extra height and a different texture.



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The February walk

Sunday 16th February saw 15 members of the village walking group assemble in the car park by Ahernes for the first group walk of the year. Though cold, it was a dry day with little wind, and we were pleased to welcome three new members on their first outing with the group.

Starting point for the walk was Bell Busk, where Julie Moorhouse had organised parking for the group. Heading south-east we crossed the River Aire following Mark House Lane to Crag Laithe. Climbing steadily past Haw Crag then over a stone stile we made for the Pennine Way. Turning north-west along the Pennine Way the route then headed across Eshton Moor then over a small footbridge crossing the Aire. We followed the river to Newfield Bridge and after crossing the bridge and road we continued along the Pennine Way to Airton.

Turning left when we reached the road, we walked past the Friends Meeting House to reach the cross road. The Pinfold in Airton proved to be an ideal picnic spot before we took a footpath across to Watery Lane. Branching

right, the route then took us along Kirk Syke Lane back to Bell Busk. The lane is initially surfaced then changes to gravel and finally is a grass track across fields. A moderate route of just over 5 miles with just 4 stone stiles to negotiate.

Though slightly hazy in the early part of the walk the weather was clear enough to enjoy the views particularly on the section from Crag Laithe to Newfield Bridge and we were fortunate enough to enjoy some patches of blue sky at our lunch break.

So, a good start to the season. The group meets on the third Sunday of each month from February through to November with walks starting at 10.00am from the village car park.

Bob Moore





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My Hair

A mop of dark curly hair surrounds my head,
it looks like I just got out of bed,
It badly needs to be styled, to be cut,
I just hope the hairdressers isn't shut!



Alison Taylor

Help!

Report from the Hellifield Mothers' Union

Sheila welcomed members to our March meeting and lit a candle to remember absent friends, several of whom are suffering ill health. We celebrated Cath's special birthday with a delicious cake and biscuits. Joy led our prayers and read a letter from Head Office about the amazing work of the Mothers' Union of which we are part.

Daphne, from Embsay, was our guest speaker and told us about her life as a Rector's wife 50 years ago in Northamptonshire. It was fascinating to hear how different it was then for clergy families, her meetings with the Spencer family, and the many different things

she was involved in. We thoroughly enjoyed it all and were very blessed. Please come and join us on the first Wednesday in the month, 2pm in the Yorke room at the Institute.

Sheila Swinbank and Joy Orwell

'A God in Ruins' by Kate Atkinson

Hellireaders (previously known as Hellifield Book Group) has been going for several years. During Covid they continued as an on-line group and now operate as a physical group on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Village Hall Yorke Room at 7.30pm and an on-line version later in the month for those who are no longer local or prefer this medium.

Our latest book is "A God in Ruins", which focuses on a World War 2 Pilot – Teddy and his family. Teddy never expects to return from the war, and as he goes missing – lost in action, neither does his family. However, he does return and tries to pick up the threads

of his life, however changed. The book takes us from Teddy as a young man through to his old age, surviving into his nineties and the intricacies of his relationships with family members.

This book follows Kate Atkinson's previous novel "Life After Life" which

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featured the same family but was mostly based on one of Teddy's sisters. Both books are well written, if complicated due to alternative endings and stepping backwards and forwards in time. I found the book both thought-provoking and an excellent read.

Hellireaders try to vary the kind of books we cover each month so that everyone can suggest an author or genre they enjoy. Not everyone likes all the books, but this makes for a good discussion, usually helped along by a glass of wine. So if you are interested in reading and have not heard of

Hellireaders, why not come along and give us a try. You can find details of the meetings and contact for Audrey (group leader) in the calendar at the back of the magazine.

Carol – Member of Hellireaders.



Halifax bomber - Audrey Edwards

Councillor profile - Wayne Harding

I have lived in Hellifield for 26 years and my first local business acquisition was the Fish & Chip shop, back in 2003.

The following year, I took on the village shop and some years later, added the butchers, which has now sadly closed. I also run the butty van in the layby outside the village.

Two years ago, we branched out a little further, opening a shop in Malham.

Over all these years I have employed many people and served countless customers, local and passing through, some of whom have become close friends.

With time, the role of a local businessman in villages like ours becomes more than simply 'shopkeeper' and I have become a confidant, a shoulder to cry on, an advice hub, village joker and probably a lot more.

It seemed only natural to continue to support the community by joining the Parish Council, a role that gets me out from behind all my counters.

Wayne Harding





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Audrey Daykin's school memories

Audrey Daykin, who spent her formative years in Hellifield and who now resides in Settle, has reflected on her schooldays in the then relatively new Hellifield Primary School during the 1940's.

I was aged 7 when I came to Hellifield, and I attended the school from age 7 to 11. My previous school was at Beeston, Leeds. School life in urban Beeston was very different to the rural backdrop of Hellifield. The school in Beeston was an inner-city church school with an entirely different way of teaching for their catchment area. There was a lot of social care involved, whereas Hellifield school seemed more of a preparation for adulthood. Clearly the curriculum at Hellifield was designed for children who had a different background to the city children of Beeston.

I settled in at Hellifield very quickly helped by the Vicar Mr Ernest Evans who visited the school regularly. I grew to know him well and liked him very much. Boys were treated differently to

girls. Boys did gardening and girls did needlework. Also, a girl would have to go into the staffroom each morning and wash the dirty cups from the teachers break. That was domestic training and the boys didn't have to do that.

Discipline was a bit harsh. I remember getting the ruler across my hand for not dotting my I's or crossing my T's.

These are faults I still have to this day! I probably got off lightly, as from what I hear the boys would probably have got the cane!

The three teachers that helped me the most at school were the Headmaster Mr Bright; Mr Lowe - nicknamed 'Nippy' (a small man who nipped around the classroom at great speed) and Teaching Assistant Miss Sarah Evans who had been at the school many years and was known to



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generations of schoolchildren. Miss Evans taught us domestic science. I'm sorry Miss Evans but I can still only just sew on a button! One thing I don't remember are school dinners. Not until secondary education. Between the ages of 7 to 11 my little legs must have run up and down to our house in Midland Terrace many times when it was dinnertime.

We had to stand up and read aloud in class. I often think when watching TV nowadays that many presenters should have gone to my school, as I do think that our generation can speak more clearly than the generations that followed. My teachers all recognised in me a love of reading and kept me constantly supplied with books of their own. I was well versed in Victorian literature. One teacher - Miss Green - read aloud to us. Wonderful stories. Hansel and Gretel took me into a world of fantasy, which developed into imagination. Qualities so important in

life. I learned social skills. How to mix with anybody from all backgrounds. An ability that has served me well in life.

The school was then still a relatively new building. Electric light. Warm. Bright. Well equipped. But oh!.. Those toilets across the yard. They seemed a mile away when you were desperate! I remember the Nativity Plays and drama. (Often performed with a tea towel on your head).

I enjoyed my days at Hellifield school and to me there was much more to going to school than just learning to read and write.'

As told to Ken Leak

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Hellifield Institute (Village Hall) news

April is a lovely Spring month – despite the showers! The days are getting longer and it is more fun to come to events in the village hall in the daylight.

It is also time for spring cleaning, so no doubt we will be checking the nooks and crannies and getting rid of the cobwebs, which is not an easy task when you see how high the roof is in the main hall! We should also be seeing our flower baskets appear, which does brighten the front of the building.

We would like to welcome two new trustees, Mark Winter and David Shepley. All trustees are volunteers; we are so grateful that Mark and David have agreed to join the rest of us to inject new energy and enthusiasm to the team that ensures the village hall runs smoothly.

If you have not as yet bought your tickets for the exciting 70's High School Disco, then do get in touch with me quickly. This is taking place on Saturday 5th April at 8.00 pm (doors open at 7.30 pm) and is a bring your own drinks and nibbles event. Tickets are £5.00 each. DJ Mik Cardus will be in charge of the music and there are a huge range of bands and artists to pick from – Steely Dan; Sly and the Family Stone; Donna Summer; Marvin Gaye; David Bowie; O'Jays; The Eagles; Bruce Springsteen (my favourite); Abba, Jethro Tull and so many more.

Do you have a favourite? Ask Mik and I am sure he will see if he can oblige.

Please don't hesitate to be outlandish in your 70's style dress attire, but equally if dressing up is not for you, then come in whatever makes you feel comfortable. The idea is to have a good evening's entertainment and enjoy yourselves and shut away the big bad outside world.

Talking of dressing up – at the village hall coffee morning on Saturday 19th April, we thought there should be an Easter theme. So, by all means come in an Easter bonnet and there may well be a prize for the best one. There could be other Easter surprises too.

There are, of course, our regular events taking place so check in the events section at the back of the magazine and get in touch with the contacts listed if you would like to join in any of them.

Remember the Institute (village hall) is for use of the local community and that is you.

Karen Dunwoodie, Trustee

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Age UK shopping trips

There are places available on the Age UK minibus visiting three Skipton supermarkets the first and third Thursday once a month. You have a choice of Tesco, Morrisons or Aldi. It's a door-to-door service and they can call at Hellifield. The cost is £6.00 per

trip. You need to book a seat so if interested please call Age UK (Settle) 01729 823066.

Also, look out for flyers from Age UK with places and dates for day trips.

Bunty

Friends of Hellifield Primary School

Fundraising events during the spring and summer term

Our next fundraising event is the Disco Night (adults only) due to take place at Hellifield House on Saturday 26th April, 7.30pm until late. DJ Mik Cardus is primed to play some great dance tunes from over the decades. To keep you all entertained we have a quiz and 100-square with prizes. Tickets are £7 and can be purchased from Victoria Richardson (see contact details at the bottom of the page).

Our final fundraising event of the year is the family fun day due to take place at the earlier date of Saturday 21st June, at Hellifield House. As always, this event is geared towards fun for all the family, with stalls from Tales from the Dales (Usborne books) and MG holidays, crafts for children, bouncy castle, games, tombola, raffle and entertainment. We will also be

Alternatively, if you would like to support our fundraising efforts throughout the year but don't know how you can do this, please consider joining our easyfundraising page (<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-hellifield-community-primary-school/>). Easyfundraising is a website that receives donations from over 8000 big named brands when you shop with



providing BBQ food, a selection of cakes for sale and the amazing ice cream from the Bouncing Cows ice cream company. Keep your eyes peeled for the posters nearer the time with all the details. In addition, if any businesses would like to donate a raffle prize towards this event, please get in touch using the contact details below.

them online, which they then pass on to a cause of your choosing. This costs nothing extra to you the consumer but it means a lot to your chosen cause. So, if you do your weekly supermarket shop online or you're renewing your insurance or booking a holiday please consider doing this through 'easyfundraising'. We also welcome

any businesses which would like to join our easyfundraising page. In the 9 months since setting up our easyfundraising page we have raised £211.16 and £54.21 has been paid to our charity.

Finally, the committee would like to thank all the parents, community and volunteers for providing cakes, raffle/ tombola prizes and everyone that attended the coffee morning in February. As always it was lovely to see the whole community coming out to support our small school. In total we raised £553.10 before costs. Your generous donations from this event

have gone towards purchasing two outdoor shelving units for Acorn class.

If you require more information about the Friends of Hellifield Primary School or would like to offer your help with fundraising or donations, please get in touch with Victoria Richardson on 01729 850628 or email:

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Victoria Richardson

Anyone for tennis?

I've been a member of Craven Lawn Tennis Club in Gargrave for more than 20 years, gradually moving from being a team player to playing social tennis at least twice a week all year round on the three artificial turf courts - easy on the knees! It's fun, everyone does their best to win but there's lots of banter and a civilised break for coffee.

For the more able there are mixed, ladies' and men's teams in the local leagues and regular coaching sessions for anyone wishing to improve. The four grass courts are a unique feature of the club and croquet takes place on them every Tuesday afternoon in the season. The two floodlit courts are also an asset, especially for people who are at work during the day.

Gargrave is a very friendly and welcoming club for players of all ages and standards. To be found in an idyllic location in the village alongside the canal, it has excellent facilities and a fabulous clubhouse - and it's all 15 minutes away from Hellifield.

I'm happy to answer questions if anyone's interested. (Perhaps some

parents might even have youngsters who would like to take up tennis.) My details are: jen@alfrescobooks.co.uk and 01729 851452.

Up-to-date information can also be found on the website of craventennis.org.uk

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Lino printing at HelliArts

At the March meeting of HelliArts we ventured into lino printing. Trays, tubes of printing ink and rollers were set out on covered tables and all participants were provided with small pieces of lino. We used the type of lino specially prepared for art purposes which is very different from the floor covering.

Here is an outline of the process involved, illustrated by photos.

The photo at the top, opposite shows the equipment and materials needed.

1. Draw a design on a piece of lino.
2. Use a lino cutter to cut grooves in the pencil lines.
3. Squeeze ink into a tray and roll the roller backwards and forwards until it is covered in ink.
4. Roll the ink onto the design on the lino.
5. Place paper over the lino and rub the back of the paper firmly and

evenly.

6. Carefully peel off the paper to reveal the printed design.

Everyone taking part in the session successfully completed this process and produced a series of prints using a variety of colours.

Some people then went on to a more advanced stage where part of the design is cut away, a different colour ink applied and printed over the original print.

It was a very enjoyable session; the participants made good design choices and were adventurous in experimenting with effects.

HelliArts meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 2pm in the Yorke Room at Hellifield Village Hall. Everyone who is interested in art is welcome. Contact details can be found in the village calendar at the back of the magazine.

Audrey Edwards

L	Learning something new and different
I	Inspiring
N	New art technique for some participants
O	Opportunity to discover another art medium
PRINTING	



To the left: basic equipment - ink, ink pad, lino cutter and roller.



To the right: combination of colours, Alison Taylor - Angel and Yvonne Crabtree - Leaf.



To the left: single colour prints, Wendy Robinson - Flower and Karen Hill - Toadstool.



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View from the Vicarage

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Large numbers of ordinary people living in anxiety, with the threat of violence never far away. Some choose to try and fight back, others try and withdraw, hoping the bad stuff will go away.

Sounds familiar? Yes, welcome once again to the world of 1st century Judaea, the world of the Bible's New Testament and the world of Jesus.

Nick Baines, the Bishop of Leeds, was in conversation with some overseas students recently, and one of them said he longed for the world right now to "return to normal". When pressed by the bishop as to what this meant, the student replied "the world at peace, with the chance to have a good job, earning good money for a good future." The bishop, unsurprisingly (for those who know him!), pointed out that what the young man saw as "normal" i.e. the Western world since 1945, has been a highly unusual time in the history of humanity. The unpleasant and uncomfortable arguments between world leaders in the first part of 2025 (which may even, God forbid, have become something much worse by the time you read this) are not only a mirror on how the world has really been for nearly everyone in it for so long, but also reflect precisely the background to the stories upon which Christians reflect during Holy Week and Easter. One of the especially powerful claims made by the Christian faith is that, through this man called Jesus, from the small town of Nazareth, 2,000 years ago, God himself came amongst us and shared the brutal reality of what

happens when humans oppress each other for their own gain. To put it another way (albeit slightly crudely!) Christians worship a God who'd "been there, done that and got the t-shirt"- or, more precisely, not a t-shirt but the blood-stained clothes for which the soldiers drew lots on Good Friday.

The claims made by Christians about what then happened on the first Easter Day are, of course, extraordinary and controversial- please don't think that the likes of sceptical scientist Richard Dawkins were the first to claim that the early Christians made it all up! And this magazine piece isn't quite the place for me to try and argue in their favour. But if your own lives are being weighed down with anxiety and uncertainty, whether about world events or indeed your own troubles, please be assured that those who come to St Aidan's are holding you in their prayers every week. The world, as we have known and experienced it, is changing fast: a return to "normal" may not be coming any time soon for any of us. Christians, though, in the events of Holy Week and Easter try and point to an extraordinary and greater reality: of a God who made us and loves us, and who "...so loved the world that he gave his only Son.." (John 3.16)

And it's in that context that I hope that all our readers have a peaceful, fulfilling and, if possible, even joyful Easter.

Any questions? Please contact Revd James Rodley on 01729-851709 or jwerodley@yahoo.co.uk



Hellifield WI presents: Pinny's Pots



Thursday 17th April 2025 at 7.15pm

An interesting talk and demonstration by artist Yvonne Pinder about the beautiful pots she decorates. Yvonne uses a mix of hand painting and applying napkins.

The pots make lovely gifts and there will be some for sale afterwards.



Guests are welcome for £4 entry fee, which includes refreshments, so if you are a budding artist, interested in craft or just fancy seeing what Yvonne does, why not join us. There is also a raffle if you wish to join in.



HELLIFIELD WI

Recently celebrated 75 years since the first Hellifield meeting was held.

Since then, where possible, we have continued to run a monthly meeting.

Our present meetings are every third Thursday evening at 7.15pm in the Village Hall. Non-members are always welcome for a small fee of £4 and we aim to have interesting speakers or activities each month.



We have tried to develop a more modern approach to our meetings and focus on getting together as a social group each month (not much Jerusalem and Jam). You will see from the picture attached we like to party.

If you are interested in either joining us or coming as a guest, for more information please contact:

Aileen (President) on 01729 851318 or

Carol (Joint Secretary) on 07855 191927

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Women's Institute

In February, the White Knights Blood Bikers organisation, in the form of Matthew Beynon-Tullett, came to give a talk to Hellifield WI on what their organisation does. Matthew brought short videos of the work they undertake as a charity including delivering blood samples, urgent medication and even baby milk to hospitals, hospices, and pharmacies all over the Yorkshire area. This is a voluntary organisation and receives no funding from the NHS or government.

The White Knights cover most parts of Yorkshire - North, West and South - and work every evening (7pm to 7am) and weekends, covering out of hours urgent transportation of the items mentioned above. This vital service helps save lives. The riders are all volunteers and must have advanced motorcycle licences. They give up their time for free and turn out in all weathers. They try to keep their expenses to a minimum by not having an office base but still must pay for bike maintenance and fuel.



WI members who attended the meeting were so enthused by Matthew's talk that they decided to organise a fund-raiser coffee morning in Hellifield. All monies raised (after room hire expenses) went directly to the White Knights and a big thank you goes to everyone who attended the coffee morning and to those WI members and friends who gave up their time to help on the day. If you would like to make a personal donation to their group, or know more about their work, you can contact them by email: info@whiteknights.org.uk or look at their website: justgiving.com/whiteknightsyorkshire-bloodbikes

In March those of you who were able to attend will know we held our Annual Meeting where President and Committee members were elected. Thank you to those who stood as Committee members to enable us to continue again for another year and to Aileen, who is our returning President.

In April we welcome Yvonne Pinder with "Pinni's Pots". This should interest any of you who like arts and crafts, so even if you are not a member please come along as a guest. There are posters around the village giving more details of what Yvonne will be doing on the night.

WI Joint Secretary

Carol Weston-Moore

My first time at the Writers' Group

I've had a smashing time today,
I've met new people and had my say
I've had a smashing time today,
I met them in April, I'll come back in May
I've had a smashing time today,
and with only £3 to pay
I've had a smashing time today,
with coffee and biscuits and cake,
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A look back at the Black Horse Hotel

With the future of the Black Horse being unclear at the moment I thought it might be interesting to take a look at the history of the hotel. The hotel has stood for many years at the junction of the present A65 and Gisburn roads. In earlier times this was the centre of a much smaller pre-railway village.



In the 1700s Hellifield appeared on maps of the time as "Hellifield Cockins" or "Hellifield Cochins". Two schools of thought exist on these names: firstly "Cockins" as a place where cock fighting took place or the second and more plausible as "Cochins" meaning a place where fresh horses were provided for the coaches plying the Keighley to Kendal turnpike road (A65). The stables occupied the present-day dining room and garage.

At some time, possibly before the expansion brought by the arrival of the railways, the hotel was purchased by The Gargrave Poor Lands Charity. By 1890 with the railway well established and the coming of the cattle mart the hotel was found to be too small for the needs of the time and in 1892

extensive alterations took place, these works were not funded by the charity but by Messer's. John and William Scott of Skipton Brewers who were the tenants at that time.

The photographs are from commercial postcards of the period. The first view (above) looking in the direction of Settle, is interesting as it shows on the left the row of cottages that occupied the site of the former "Hazy Dayz" café. These cottages were demolished around the late 1930s. The next two views (overleaf) looking up from Gisburn road show the changes that took place in transportation over the years. The earlier one (at the top of page 32 - probably pre-World War One) has lots of small traps seen outside the stables. The next (overleaf



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The Black Horse Hotel



- c.1920s) horse power has been replaced by motor power with the stables now serving as a motor garage (you can just see a fine, old AA sign attached to the building).

dates from the 1960s when the tenants were Peter and Pat Pinkney, who will be fondly remembered by many of Hellifield's older residents (myself included).

The advertising card above probably

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Events in April

Village Hall

Day	Time	Event	Provider/Contact details	Dates in April
Sat	10-11.30am	Coffee Mornings	See Hall notice board for details	5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
Mon	7.15-9pm	Table Tennis	Andy Crabtree 01729 851806	7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
Tue	2-4pm	Helliarts	Audrey Edwards 01729 850351	1st
Tue	6-7&7-9pm	Badminton	Bob Moore 07976 215646	1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
Wed	9-12.30am	Messy Monkeys	Amanda Belt 07398 284126	2nd, 23rd, 30th
Wed	2-4pm	Mothers' Union	Sheila Swinbank 01729 850458	2nd
Wed	2-4pm	Helligames	Karen Dunwoodie 07756 862086	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
Wed	2-4pm	Helliscribes	Yvonne Crabtree 01729 851806	16th
Thu	10-12 noon	Bowling	Maralyne 01729 851272	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
Thu	1-4pm	Hellicrafts	Val Bedford 01729 850260	3rd
Thu	2-4pm	Flower Club	Liz Palmer 01729 840331	10th
Thu	7.30pm	Hellireaders	Audrey Edwards 01729 850351	10th
Thu	10-12noon	Police Surgery	Ken Leak 07837 727268	24th
Thu	7.15-9pm	WI	Carol Weston-Moore 07855 191927	17th
Fri	9.45-11.15am	Hellisingers	Sue Alderson 01729 554149	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
Fri	1-3pm	Line dancing	Jane Gray 07971 656461	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

Events in April

Methodist Chapel / Wesley Centre

Day	Time	Event	Provider/Contact details	Dates in April
Sun	2pm	Sunday Service	Letting Manager 07931 511652	6th, 13th,
Sun	4pm	Hour of Prayer	Letting Manager 07931 511652	6th
Sun	10.30am	Family Lego Church	Letting Manager 07931 511652	13th
Sun	2pm	Easter Sunday Service	Letting Manager 07931 511652	20th
Sun	2pm	Family Café Church	Letting Manager 07931 511652	27th
Mon	2.30pm	Welcome Mat	Letting Manager 07931 511652	7th, 28th
Tue	9.30am	Hellitots	Letting Manager 07931 511652	22nd, 29th
Tue	10.30-2.30pm	Drop-in Lego Session	Letting Manager 07931 511652	15th
Wed	10.30-12noon	Wellbeing Café	Letting Manager 07931 511652	9th
Wed	6-7&7-8pm	Kettlebells	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
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Hellifield House Social Club

Day	Time	Event	Provider/Contact details	Dates in April
Sun	3-5pm	Childrens' Bingo	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866	13th
Sun	6.30pm	Bingo	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866	13th, 27th
Tue	2-4pm	Tea/Coffee/Chat	Margaret Foster	29th
Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

Events in April

St Aidan's Church

Day	Time	Event	Provider/Contact details	Dates in April
Sun	9.30am	Normal Church Service	Rev. James Rodley 018729 851709	6th, 27th
Sun	9.30am	Palm Sunday Family Communion & Messy Church	Rev. James Rodley 018729 851709	13th
Sun	7am	Dawn Service - Long Preston Moor	Rev. James Rodley 018729 851709	20th
Sun	9.30am	Easter Communion	Rev. James Rodley 018729 851709	20th
Sun	6pm	Evensong at Halton West Chapel	Rev. James Rodley 018729 851709	20th
Mon	7pm	Holy Communion	Rev. James Rodley 018729 851709	14th
Thu	7pm	Maundy Thursday Communion	Rev. James Rodley 018729 851709	17th
Fri	1,15pm	Walk of Witness - starting at Primary School	Rev. James Rodley 018729 851709	18th
Fri	2pm	Service of Prayer	Rev. James Rodley 018729 851709	18th

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