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# The Hellifield Herald

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December 2024 & January 2025

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# Editorial

Dear residents, friends, readers and supporters of The Hellifield Herald, a warm welcome to the December 2024 / January 2025 Edition. As we continue with our respective preparations for Christmas and the New Year, let us give some thoughts for those individuals in our midst and the neighbouring and wider communities who are currently facing varying levels of challenging hardship and suffering as a result of emergent conflicts and recent natural disasters. In particular our thoughts and prayers are with those families who have lost loved ones. May they find and regain restorative ease, comfort, peace and safety.

It is just over 14 months since I took over the role of Distribution Officer. I now know by face all the resident colleagues, who ensure that each household and business in Hellifield receives a free copy of the magazine promptly after publication. A very big thank-you for their continued support. During my own delivery rounds I

occasionally meet people who are complementary about the usability and value of the magazine.

December is normally a time for reflection. Personally, 2024 has been an average and steady year despite the variable weather. Our two weeks' holiday in Croatia was nice; I just wished there were more dog friendly places and beaches. My garden here in Hellifield is gradually shaping up. I enjoyed eating the fresh organic produce from the garden in Hungary. My own sundried cherry tomatoes received a positive review from one of my neighbours. The Aurora Borealis magnificently graced our skies recently and I missed it yet again.

For 14 consecutive years (1999-2013) I visited some of the Nordic Countries, Finland in particular, albeit work related and I never managed to witness this spectacular phenomenon. It therefore remains on my bucket list of things to tick along with a few others.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

David Jamookeeah  
Distribution Officer





# Season's



**Wishing all of our  
friends in Hellifield a  
very happy Christmas  
and a peaceful and  
healthy New Year**

**From Andy and Yvonne  
Crabtree**

**Bob and Carol Moore  
send everyone in  
Hellifield their best  
wishes for Christmas  
and the New Year -  
may it be a good year  
for all of us**

**Christmas Greetings to  
friends and neighbours  
and best wishes to  
everyone for the New Year**

**From  
Sheila Swinbank and  
Family**

**Merry Christmas  
and Happy New  
Year to everyone**

**Love from  
Peter Crabtree xx**



**Merry Christmas**

**And Best Wishes**

**One and All**

**for a**

**Healthy & Happy 2025**

**Hugs all round from**

**Karen Dunwoodie xxxx**



**Wishing everyone in  
Hellifield a very happy  
Christmas and all the  
best for 2025**

**With love from Robin,  
Hannah, Evelyn and  
Rowan Crabtree-Day**



# Greetings



**Hellifield Parish Council  
would like to wish all  
residents of Hellifield  
and nearby localities,  
young and old, a happy  
and peaceful Christmas  
and a healthy and  
prosperous New Year.**

**Joy Orwell and the  
Children of  
Sumbawanga send  
Christmas Blessings  
and Best Wishes for a  
Healthy and Peaceful  
2025**

**Wishing our good friends  
and  
neighbours in Hellifield a  
Happy, Healthy and Safe  
Christmas  
Thank you for the continued  
support  
Pauline and Gerald  
The Croft**

***David and Sue  
Alderson wish all their  
friends and  
neighbours in  
Hellifield a Happy  
Christmas and a  
prosperous New Year!***

**Wishing all our readers a  
splendid Christmas and  
a happy New Year**

**From everyone at the Hellifield Herald**



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## Hellisingers sing for Christmas!

“Another year over” as the John Lennon & Yoko Ono song goes – and what a year it’s been and how quickly it has sped along! In the wild, dark, wet and windy days of last January we were rehearsing feverishly for ‘The Pirates of Penzance’. Although that is well behind us, the tunes still live on in our heads! After a few weeks rest we were then into a quite different realm preparing songs from the sixties for Stanfest.

To follow all this what could be more different than a proper concert! No learning stuff from memory but actually having music and words to follow:- That should be a lot easier, shouldn’t it? Hmm! – perhaps ask the choir about that! Always up for a challenge we’re going to be singing some lovely Christmas music including ‘O, Holy Night’ and our adapted version of the ‘Hallelujah Chorus’. Are we mad? The concert will finish with a contrast of ‘Santa Claus is Coming to Town’.

Obviously, there will also be refreshments of nibbles and mulled wine!

We do hope you will come and join us in St Aidan’s Church on Sunday 15th December at 7pm. Entry is free and more details are available on the Hellifield Facebook page. Donations will be most welcome towards the ongoing work of the church.

Happy Christmas to you all!  
Sue Alderson and the Hellisingers

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## A thank you to everyone in Hellifield

Dear Hellifield Herald

My wife and I have recently moved to Hellifield from Carlisle. We have bought Mart Farm at the bottom of Haw Grove.

Since moving we have been made most welcome and we already feel at home, thanks to all the warm and

friendly villagers.

Hellifield is a wonderful place and we look forward to becoming part of it.

Regards,  
Jim and Linda Davies

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## Apologies to readers of last month’s events calendar

On checking through last month’s calendar, there was an issue with a couple of dates. Under Messy Monkeys for 6th and 13th November, the word “Monkeys” is missing. So, apologies Amanda. I assume it is something to do with squeezing a very long list into a very small space. In addition, there were listings for the 25th and 26th between 22nd and 23rd. Please accept our apologies for any confusion this may have caused. Thank you for your understanding. I hope you continue to find the information useful.

Carol – Herald event calendar coordinator.

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# Memories from Audrey Walker Daykin

Brian Shorrocks from Settle has been in contact with the above lady from Settle, who has forwarded her memories of some events in Hellifield following her move to the village in 1942. Audrey says that many of the older residents will remember her as Audrey Walker-Smith. Audrey is no stranger to writing herself and wrote an article about 20 years ago entitled 'A Wartime Childhood in Hellifield'.

Audrey was born in Leeds but moved to Hellifield in 1942 when her father became the Shed Master at the Hellifield L.M.S Loco Shed at the station. She lived in the second to the top house in Midland Terrace. Her neighbours were the Edwards family and Mrs Garwood. There were four children. Charlie, Dorothy, Audrey and Eric. Dorothy is now in a nursing home in the Cotswolds and her brothers have long since passed. She left school at 17 and went away to train as a nurse. There was a long line of nurses in her mother's family and Audrey says it was in her bones to follow suit. Audrey spent her whole life within the nursing profession – eventually making her way to the top and becoming a lecturer/examiner for the Joint Board of Clinical Nursing Studies; akin to The Royal College of Nursing. In that position she moved all around the country but never forgot her roots. She felt that one day she would 'get home' to the area she loved. So - as Audrey says – at 90 (ish) she is a bit wiser, but happy.

Audrey's main memory of her early days in Hellifield, is that it was always cold!

"If you managed to get near the fire then your front was warm, but your back was frozen! Also, how hard my mother worked. Washing day seemed to go on all week. As for wet washing days – poor Mum, how tired she must

have been. Somehow, I don't know how, but during the war the village knew when the Black Market Food Inspectors were coming. Simple country people or not – they were prepared for them. During one visit they went to a farm, and the farmer very helpfully told them by all means have a look around – but be careful as his wife had a bad dose of flu. On inspecting the house, they entered the bedroom where sure enough there was a lady in bed. She looked very hot and feverish. Clearly she was poorly. They closed the doors and quickly went to catch the next train out, and away from the infection. No vaccination in those days!

What they didn't know was that there was a dead pig in bed with the lady! The Inspectors went away empty handed and the village enjoyed the pig!

At a guess, it must have been about 1950 when as a teenager walking to church, I saw a group of men on the Green. No children, women or dogs. Just a group of men. When I asked what was happening, they said they were 'Beating the Bounds'. They set off down the Back Lane, but I don't know which direction they took from there. The man I asked was Freddie Edwards, the father of Neil and John, who lived next door to us."

Audrey has asked if anyone

## **St Aidan's Church *December and January 2024***

*We continue, every Sunday at 9.30am, to offer our relaxed, traditional worship and pray for the needs of our village, our nation and our world. For the season of Advent and Christmas, we are also offering the following:*

- *Sunday 22nd December at 9.30am: Family Communion, with a Christmastide presentation from the “Messy Church” team*
- *Sunday 22nd December at 6pm: A traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols*
- *Christmas Eve at 4pm: An informal service for all the family, with familiar carols and the blessing of the crib.*
- *Christmas Eve at 11.30pm: Our first Communion for Christmas (“Midnight Mass”)*
- *Christmas Day at 9.30am: Our Christmas Day communion service*
- *And look out too for some community carol singing at Hellifield House on Thursday 19th December from 6.30pm!*

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remembers this custom of 'Beating the Bounds'?

A quick look on the internet by myself gives the following information.

Beating the Bounds – or perambulating the bounds – is an ancient custom which involves swatting local landmarks with branches to maintain a shared mental map of parish boundaries. Usually done every seven years.

This is only a brief explanation. Google it yourself for a fuller explanation of this seemingly ancient custom!

Thanks to Audrey for her memories. We would certainly enjoy any more stories and reflections of life in the village that she has– or in fact anyone has. By all means get in touch if you would like to share your stories with the readers of the Hellifield Herald.

Ken Leak

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## Memories of Hellifield from Brian Shorrock

Brian Shorrock has lived in Settle since the early 1960's, but grew up in Hellifield. Brian was born in Hellifield in 1935 and lived at 16 Thornview Road. He has many memories of Hellifield during the 1940's and 1950's, many of which relate to his childhood during the war and his activities in the village following those years.

Brian has been good enough to put pen to paper, and his recollections all paint a picture of the village of Hellifield in days gone by. Brian has asked me to write up his memories for the magazine, and in this, the ninth article in the series, Brian recalls snowy winter days when the sledge was pulled out of the garden shed and along with his pals, he headed over the field to what was actually an old limestone quarry which had an unusual nickname: the Camel's Hump.

He also describes some antics of the Home Guard, which seem straight out of an episode of Dad's Army. I don't know where the name Camel's Hump originated but it is certainly familiar to me. I still call it that now! I don't recall sledging down the Camel's Hump myself. The kids up our end of the village walked across the Back Field, to the hill above Dunbar's (the first of the ponds more commonly known as the

Flashes). But then again it would have been a bit of a hike down the village from where I lived on Kendal Road. However, Brian lived on Thornview Road and the Camel's Hump was just across the road. Brian recalls his memories of winter fun and summer wartime events.

'The Camel's Hump is to the east of Hellifield Church and is a small hill with an initial short drop, then a gradual slope through a gap in a stone wall. Onward through a line of old trees (long since felled) and on towards the main road on almost level ground. The field below the 'Hump' was the village sports and gala field. In later years I would spend much time there playing cricket and football for the village teams. This then was our favoured sledging track. We were all competing to make the best run from the top of the hill and across the field at the bottom. The winner would be the one who got

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*The 'Camel's Hump' featured on old maps as a Limestone Quarry. The 'Hump' is the feature at the top of this photograph. Surrounded by the trees in this 1960's photograph. It basically looks little altered today. Apart from the fact that there are less trees nowadays.*

nearest to the main road. Most winters in those days seemed to have an abundance of snow, so plenty of opportunity to display your skills, or lack of them! Most sledges were rather ramshackle and prone to breaking down in one way or another. Moving sideways at speed to avoid someone strolling around in front of you, often resulted in the side of the sledge collapsing, which meant rudimentary repairs.

Injuries were not infrequent. The sledges were all homemade from bits of spare wood, and in some cases metal runners primed with grease. Splinters, plus screws and nails, could be a hazard if the sledge decided to disintegrate. Sitting upright or lying

down, if the sledge ran into a deeper patch of snow, the rider often continued minus his transport! On one occasion – much to our envy - a lad obtained a proper toboggan. A tall all-metal structure which hurtled along at tremendous speed. Vastly superior to our home made sleds, he easily won all our distance runs. Eventually this high class vehicle came to grief when the rider hit a snow covered stone. Rider and sledge ended up careering into a hedge where the lad ended up with scratches and a nasty head wound. With a broken toboggan he retired from the field. We never saw him again that winter.

I remember one time during the war years during the summer months, the

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local Home Guard decided to give an exhibition of their prowess at the Camel's Hump. They dragged an old vehicle up on to the hillside. A fairly large crowd had gathered to watch the proceedings. Various missiles were fired at the vehicle including something called a 'Black A Bombard'. The aim was to burst the object into flames and explode. To the annoyance of the Home Guard it refused to do either! In desperation a man was covertly dispatched (supposedly unknown to the spectators) to carry out the operation with a can of petrol. Unfortunately he was spotted by the crowd and loud boos and laughter rent

the air. The now red-faced gentleman poured the petrol on the vehicle and hostilities resumed. But still no explosion. Just a few flickering flames. The exhibition was abandoned and the Home Guard, particularly the hierarchy, never really lived it down!

Thanks to Brian for yet another tale of bygone days in the village. I'm sure his sledging antics will be familiar to many of us. I remember trudging back home across the field. Wet through and with freezing fingers and toes. Oh the agony when they began to defrost in front of the fire!

Ken Leak

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## Hellifield WI

At last we were pleased to welcome Guide Dogs for the Blind speakers Jackie and Rita in October along with two ambassador dogs Lilibet and Katya. Members may remember that we were originally hoping to see them in September, but circumstances changed, and they came in October instead.



*The picture below is of Lilibet, one of the guide dog ambassadors. She stole the show in October.*

In November we held our open meeting, welcoming John Dawson from Bleakbank Farm, and a great evening was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to all those who attended, whether our members, members from other WIs, or guests, and to John for taking time out from his busy schedule to give us such an entertaining evening.

Our December meeting is a closed meeting for members only as this is our Christmas Party night. Sheila Kershaw (who is an ex-member of Hellifield WI) has agreed to run a games session following our lovely meal, so if we can stay awake, that should be a lot of fun. If you are coming along but have not let us know yet, please get in touch with a committee member as soon as possible with your menu choices and bring along your meal payment in an



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In January Ken Leak has agreed to do another of his talks on growing up in Hellifield, accompanied by a slide show. We really enjoyed Ken's last talk, so he is back by popular demand. Ladies, please update your programme as there have been some changes due to cancellations this year. This meeting again will welcome visitors, so if you would like to know more about Hellifield

in the recent past, please come along and join us. Guests are charged £4 but this includes refreshments. New WI members are also very welcome.

For those members who are unable to join us for the Christmas bash, may I take this opportunity of wishing you a great Christmas and a Happy New Year, and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

Carol Weston-Moore – Joint Secretary

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## Craven Wildlife Rescue and a Hellifield hedgehog

One Saturday in early September I was taking the dog out for a walk when I noticed a hedgehog on Chris's drive opposite my house. It was midday and I knew a hedgehog seen in the open during the day was not a good sign.

A brief inspection showed it was immobile and with the dog showing an interest I decided to see if it had moved when I got back. On return half an hour later it was in the same place, so I got some gardening gloves and took a closer inspection. It was a small individual, I guessed in its first year, and did show signs of life, although it was clear it was in a bad way.

I knew after a bat rescue some years ago, that I related in this journal, that to take it to the vets was the first port of call for most wild animals in distress. However, it was Saturday afternoon and the vets were closed! Next, a search for nearby animal rescue charities on the web revealed that the nearest I could find was at Accrington. A quick phone call was answered with: 'I am sorry we are completely full'. More browsing the web, RSPCA included, and I didn't get any further. Beginning to despair for the poor creature I suddenly remembered a friend, Gail Battye, who works at the

kennels in Langcliffe and she had mentioned helping a wildlife rescue charity that was based on site. So, I put the hedgehog in a box with an old tea towel for warmth and drove round to Gail's place. Gail made a phone call and was told the rescue charity was Craven Wildlife Rescue (CWR) but had moved to the old school at Horton in Ribblesdale.

On the way a call from the Langcliffe Kennels shortened the journey to Settle where we met Jane, the founder of



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CWR. Details were taken: place found, contact number etc So it was our Hellifield hoglet was delivered into the caring arms of the CWR. Discussion with Jane at the time showed we had a female hedgehog and we were quite astonished to hear that they had about 50 hedgehogs already in care. This along with a few owls and some other creatures. Just how varied a list I was about to find out some weeks later when I was privileged to be invited, by Jane, to check on our hoglet and look round CWR on Thursday 26th September.

I was welcomed by Jane and two volunteers, Joy and Lynn, along with the delightful dog, Tulla. It was clear at first glance around the old school classroom, the scale of the operation; microscopes to check inside and out for parasites; numerous incubators to nurture the animals on first arrival; medicines, salves, food and energy drinks and supplements; even more cages/boxes to keep the animals safe and monitor their progress; charts to record details, where found, weight, symptoms, progress, and given names. Among the 35 to 40 hedgehogs was Rhino, he had been found in Ingleton with serious strimmer damage. He had a badly damaged nose and even worse a leg that they feared would have to amputated. Luckily with much care and treatment of the wound by staff, Rhino's leg was saved. Strimmer damage to hedgehogs and parasites are unfortunately an all too common cause for admission to CWR. Also at this time of year please check bonfires underneath if you intend to have one, as again, this accounts for too many losses. Hedgehogs love to use leaf and log piles as home.

Other patients I saw at the time of my visit were two tawny owls, a barn owl, Kestrel, sparrowhawk, pigeons, four

ferrets from 21 which had been abandoned in Skipton and left to starve; one died and 16 had been rehomed. Other animals and birds saved recently and released include a heron from Hellifield, otters, cormorants, tortoise, and many owls. The Hellifield hedgehog was also clearly in good hands.



I can't describe the dedication, time, skill and patience shown by Jane and all the volunteers, I was in awe. Those working at the old school with the difficult task of nursing the patients, those helping collect patients, those helping with release. It is a collective enterprise with help from other specialist charities and to some extent the vets; although animals are handed in at the vets they seldom treat them, simply hand them on to charities such as CWR. Thank you and 'chapeau' everybody and every respect.

The charity is run entirely by volunteers and depends on donations. Please check out Facebook for contact details if you can help in any way. If you are in Settle the Field and Home shop in the square is kindly selling charity Christmas cards for CWR. All the money goes to CWR.

John Pearson

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Now don't get emotional, don't shed any tears,  
It's just that I am leaving my home after 23 years.  
I know it's going to be a wrench to leave,  
"Be gentle with our furniture please".

So now it's off to pastures new,  
Hellifield, we have chosen you.  
We've bought a lovely house on one of the estates,  
Now all I need is some friends and some mates.  
People to share my life, to make it fun,  
To have a laugh with and enjoy the sun,  
And if it's raining, I'm sure I won't mind,  
As I'll be with others that are like-minded and kind.

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## **Messy Church Christmas**



Join us at St Aidan's Church, Hellifield,

### **December 22nd.**

at 9:30 for a family service  
with the Messy Church team  
including our Messy Christmas  
play of 'the visitation'.

January 26<sup>th</sup> will be our next Messy  
Church goes outdoors meeting at 10:45

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## View from the Vicarage

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' (Luke 2: 13-14)

It's some years now since Mrs R and I sent real Christmas cards in the post, as opposed to an electronic-newsletter version. In a previous life it was always something of a labour of love, digging out the old address book, thinking of a witty comment or two, licking 40-odd stamps and trying to get the cards in the post box before the "final posting date". I suppose that, since becoming a vicar, my time and energy has needed to go on other things in December, and the cost of postage is now, perhaps, a bit intimidating! So without first-hand knowledge of modern trends, I've had to do some personal research, in a well-known local supermarket, to see what sort of greetings are now being printed on Christmas cards.

And the exclusive results of this ground-breaking research are? Well, as you'd expect, "Merry Christmas" is still the most common phrase. There are a few that say "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year", lots of "Seasons Greetings" (usually without an apostrophe in the former!) and a new one on me, "Festive Greetings". Are these latter, my occasionally cynical self wondered, intended for those who, we're so often told, are offended by mention of Christmas? I just ask, because for Christians, "Festive Greetings" could equally apply to Easter and indeed any other major festival- snow and Santa in April, perhaps?

I found two, though, that wished the recipient "peace" at Christmas - 2 more than I was expecting! And what made it

especially interesting was that these were the 2 cards with explicitly "religious" (or rather Biblical) pictures: a Madonna-and-child and the Three Wise Men. Are the manufacturers implying that only Christians, or "religious" folk, want to offer the gift of peace at Christmas? Or maybe that this is the only context in which such a wish makes sense? It's an odd reversal of the too- often-heard (and incorrect) statement that religion is the prime cause of wars. And at a time when real peace across the world seems as difficult to find as ever, I wonder if it reflects, in a very small way, a wider realisation that politicians and secular pressure groups can call for peace, and even make the conditions for it possible - but, at the end of the day, peace can come only from within each of us. As the rather sentimental 1950's song goes, "*Let there be peace on earth; And let it begin with me*".

It's a sad reality that, for too many people, even those of us not experiencing the real nastiness of war and violence, Christmas is a time not of peace but of family argument and disagreement. How unhelpful the angels' words to the shepherds in Luke's gospel must sound at a carol service if you've just come from a big row at home about putting up the decorations! or, more seriously perhaps, about Christmas money problems. But I believe not only that God wants the world to know profound peace, but that it's through his love and guidance that each of us can make it possible in our own lives. So, a Happy

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(and maybe Merry as well!) and Peaceful Christmas and New Year to all our readers. And may 2025- against our expectations, maybe- bring new outbreaks of peace throughout the world.

*If you'd like to join a short discussion group at my home (Kellwell House,*

*Kendal Road, Hellifield) to reflect on the coming season of Christmas, please let me know. We'll meet 7-8.30pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December.*

*Please contact Revd James Rodley on 01729-851709 or [jwerodley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jwerodley@yahoo.co.uk)*

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## Helliwalkers – October walk

Nine Helliwalkers braved the elements of storm Ashley and met at the car park behind Aherne's in Hellifield to car share to the start of the walk in Austwick.



From the centre of Austwick we walked through the fields to Clapham. The wind and rain were not as bad as the forecast had predicted so the views were good on this easy level path.

From Clapham we followed a stoney uphill track , under two tunnels and along Thwaite Lane, and by the time we could see Robin Proctor's scar and the Norber erratics in the distance the sun had started to show.

We stopped in the beautiful hamlet of Wharfe for our lunch break and by this time the sun was shining.

The walk continued along Wood Lane

and Flascoe Lane back to Austwick and The Game Cock Inn where we stopped for cake and coffee.

As we sat in the warm sunshine we all agreed that we had made the right decision to go ahead with this month's walk despite the bad weather forecast, some very deep puddles and surface water. Six easy miles of friendship and companionship.

The next walk: Sunday 17th November (which will be the last walk of the year) followed by an evening meal at the Craven Arms in Giggleswick.

Pauline Walsh – Helliwalkers Group

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# The Big Issue seller

Before COVID I used to work away quite regularly in a large city in the North West of England and I would often stay overnight in hotels.

In the evenings I used to explore the city searching for new restaurants to try and regularly came across the same Big Issue seller. This Big Issue seller, we'll call him Charlie, was unusual as he was always accompanied by a King Charles spaniel called Monty. Monty would just lie on a cushion at Charlie's feet and watch the world go by. I made a point of always buying my copy of the Big Issue from Charlie and Monty.

Over the years I slowly got to know a little bit about Charlie and his personal circumstances. What struck me about Charlie was that, despite his problems, he tried to be cheerful and maintain a positive outlook. He told me that he wanted to get out of the magazine selling and was hoping to train to be a plasterer.

Don't get me wrong, there were occasions when I would find him a bit depressed, I guessed that he probably took drugs. He was also diabetic and I once rushed off to Boots to buy some glucose for him when his blood sugar level dropped.

Christmas was not a good time for Charlie, as the Christmas Market would be installed exactly where his usual patch was and I'm afraid the market wardens were not very charitable towards Big Issue sellers. Trying to find Charlie and Monty at Christmas would involve a fair amount of searching.

Then one sunny spring evening in 2020 I found Charlie all smiles and happy

as he proudly showed me a photo-ID card which confirmed that he was now able to work as a plasterer. He told me that he was due to start work on one of the big construction sites the next day.

"Well what are you doing here?" I asked.

"Oh I still have these Big Issues to sell, Mike" was his reply.

I bought his remaining Big Issues and ordered him to go back to his hostel and get a good night's sleep ready for his first day at work.

I never saw Charlie or Monty again, despite returning to the city many times.

I like to think that Charlie is still busy plastering and that Monty is having a well-earned rest on someone's sofa. As long as I don't see them back on the street, I can maintain this belief.

Please spare a thought for the homeless this Christmas, but if you see Charlie or Monty please keep it to yourselves.

Michael Robinson



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# The Ribble Dance Band

These memories of a local dance band were written in 2005 by a family member of mine, Mrs. Marjorie Robinson of Settle (formerly of 'Thornfield', Hellifield). The story, plus some of her photographs, are reproduced here with her kind permission. Many thanks go to Marjorie for sharing. John Percy.

The Ribble Dance Band was formed in the early thirties, and based in the little village of Long Preston in North Yorkshire. The group originally consisted of four members: Fred Proctor on piano, Arthur Throup (Snippy) on drums, Harry Robinson on trumpet, trombone and banjo, (not all at the same time I hasten to add!) but will mostly be remembered for playing the banjo, and lastly Harry's brother, Tim Robinson, on the violin.

Over the years, other members joined the Ribble Band, namely Albert Coates on violin, Gladys Risle, Joan Dakin and Doreen Lord all played piano on different occasions, John Robinson played piano and piano accordion, Joe Jackson on saxophone and Albert Wiseman on trumpet.

As mentioned earlier, the band was formed in the early thirties and continued through the War years and on through the fifties and early sixties, and were often booked to play by the R.A.F. billeted in and around the area



*Sgt. Fred Proctor*

at the Victoria Hall and the Falcon Manor in Settle.

Other venues were, Long Preston Mechanics' Institute, Hellifield Co-op Hall, the R.A.F. Dances Settle, the Drill Hall Settle, Langcliffe Village Institute, Kirkby Malham Village Hall and Tosside Village Hall where the only form of heating was a stove which stood in the centre of the room, (see photo of Harry Robinson warming his hand, while clutching his banjo with the other).

On a number of occasions they were asked to play at The Winter Gardens, Morecambe when extra musicians would be brought in for these events.

The band played all around the Settle Rural District throughout the War years raising Money for the Comforts Fund,



*L-R: Harold Newhouse, unknown, Harry Robinson, Arthur Throup*

The British Legion and the Red Cross.

Fred Proctor, one of the original members who played piano until the outbreak of War was sadly killed in action while serving in the Royal Engineers during the crossing of the Elbe River in Germany. Gladys Risley and Joan Dakin took his place through the war years and afterwards John Robinson took over as pianist and accordion player.

Stan Gray recalled that in the Winter of 1947, the group had been playing out of the area and had travelled by train. The snows were so bad when they were coming home that they could only get as far as Hellifield Station as all trains were snow-bound so they trudged the last few miles through deep drifts, carrying their instruments, (including the big drum!) along the railway lines to Long Preston and home. Quite an experience!

Ivan Huff of The Boars Head, Long Preston, remembers his first time playing the drums as a guest artiste with the Ribble Band at Halton West.

Robert Slater of Long Preston treasures a Silver Jubilee Programme of 1935, which states the following: "The evening closes with a dance in the Endowed School with The Augmented Ribble Dance Band".

In the early 1960s The Ribble Dance Band disbanded, possibly due to the increasing years of the senior members. John Robinson then went solo playing the electric organ at various venues around the Dales, including the Settle Social Club, Ingleton Working Men's Club and was resident organist at Mitton Hall in Lancashire for a number of years where on occasions Stan Gray would join him as guest artist on his guitar.

Over the years, John played the organ



*John Robinson*

for services at Long Preston and Hellifield Methodist Chapels and St. John's Methodist Church, Settle. Sadly he died in March 1988, aged 57.

I hope this feature will bring back happy memories of "The Ribble Dance Band" to many local folks when they danced and sang the night away many moons ago. I've thoroughly enjoyed compiling this feature as I was married to John Robinson and Harry Robinson was my father-in-law. Happy Days.

Marjorie Robinson, May 2005



*Harry Robinson at Tosside*



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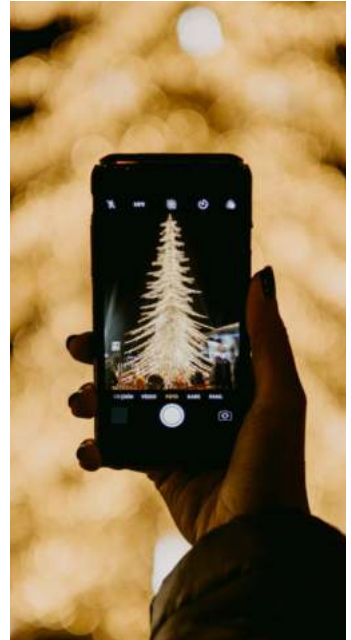
It was just a lonely fir tree,  
standing tall and stark.  
Swaying in the winter wind.  
Snow clinging to its bark.

It watched a Robin feeding  
and listened to its song.  
Felt the wind whip through its branches  
and whisper "Christmas won't be long".

It stared across the meadow,  
towards the village's twinkling lights,  
and thought how some draped around itself  
would make a pretty sight.

It held the thought as the day slipped by  
and evening moved on.  
It drooped its boughs, let out a sigh,  
as the last of the light was gone.  
And in its dreams it proudly stood,  
for all the Village to see.  
No more a lonely fir tree in the wood,  
But their twinkling Christmas tree.

Kate Clegg



## Hellifield Mothers' Union

At our November meeting, held in the Yorke Room, Sheila Swinbank welcomed both members and visitors. She lit a candle to remember those not able to be with us. We celebrated two birthdays, Sheila, our President's and Joy Orwell's. We were delighted to welcome Sarah Lister and her husband, who talked about "Wonderful Women".

These were women with local connections who were inspirational trail blazers in an era when women were not expected to be independent. We were all given information to share, as their stories unfolded. Sarah very generously donated her fee to the charitable work of the Mothers' Union.

Sarah has been very ill this year, so we felt very honoured that she had recovered enough to share these stories with us. She too is a Wonderful Woman and we were enthralled. We shared very welcome refreshments afterwards.

Sheila Swinbank and Joy Orwell



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# Raising funds for Craven Wildlife Rescue

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In an attempt to raise some funds for this worthwhile organisation, two events are taking place in the village hall on Saturday, 11th January 2025. There will be a coffee morning between 10.00 am and 11.30 am at which, as well as the usual raffle, there will be a tombola, cake stall and results of an art competition for children. Children are encouraged to paint or draw an animal or a wildlife scene and hand in their work at H's Emporium no later than Thursday 9th January. Please put your name, address, telephone number and age of the child on the back of the painting. Prizes will be awarded to the lucky winners at the coffee morning.

There will then be a 'Wildlife Evening' starting at 7.30 pm (doors open at 7.00

pm) at which Hellifield's very own Time Banditz will be playing. You will also be able to dance along to Mik's Disco, join in with a raffle and if that wasn't enough, you can also take part in a session of Stand-Up Bingo!

Tickets will be £10.00 and available from myself or Karen Dunwoodie (see contact details below). Please come along to either or both events to help raise funds for this very worthy organisation.

Doreen Outhwaite – Tel: 07773 624 942 or email: doreenmouthwaite@gmail.com

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## Will you be feeling the cold this winter?

### What is the Winter Fuel Payment?

The Winter Fuel Payment is an annual payment to help you with heating costs during the colder months. The Government announced in July 2024 that, from this year onwards, to be eligible you must have reached State Pension age and receive a qualifying means-tested benefit.

You may be eligible for the Winter Fuel Payment in the winter of 2024-2025 if you meet all the following criteria:

- you were born on or before 22 September 1958

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- you were living in England or Wales for the qualifying week, which is 16th to 22nd September 2024.

### What is Pension Credit?

Pension Credit is a means-tested benefit for people over State Pension



# 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.

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Even if your weekly income is higher than these thresholds, you could still claim Guarantee Credit if you meet one of the following criteria:

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- you have certain housing costs, such as service charges
- you're responsible for a child or young person who usually lives with you.

**Part 2: Savings Credit:** If you reached State Pension age before 6 April 2016 – or if you're a couple and both of you did – you might be eligible to claim Savings Credit. There isn't a savings limit. However, if you have over £10,000 in savings, this will affect how much you receive.

### **What if one of us is over state pension age, and the other isn't?**

If you're a mixed age couple (meaning only one of you is over State Pension age), you normally have to claim Universal Credit until you've both reached State Pension age. Then you might be eligible to claim Pension Credit as a couple.

### **How do I claim?**

To claim Pension Credit, you can:

either:

claim online on GOV.UK (if you already claim State Pension and there aren't any children or young people included in your claim)

or:

call the Pension Credit claim line on 0800 99 1234 and they can fill in the application for you over the phone (lines are open Monday to Friday, 8am-6pm).

Before you start, have these details to hand:

- your National Insurance number
- your bank account details
- information about your income, savings and investments
- information about your pension (if you have one)
- details of any housing costs you have (such as a mortgage, interest payments or service charges)
- your partner's details if you have a partner.

### **Remember:**

By claiming Pension Credit, you might become eligible for other benefits too, such as help with health and housing costs.

You have nothing to lose by applying, and potentially a lot to gain. Even if you've previously been turned down, you can still make a new claim each year.

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# North Craven Flower Club

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Anthurium can be a bit of an acquired taste. Some people think they look very artificial, but they add a very bright splash of colour to any arrangement.

Anthurium (common name flamingo flower) is an exotic plant with striking red, pink or white flowers and glossy green leaves. They are a tropical perennial evergreen, native to the rain forests of South America.

In the wild they grow as an epiphyte, using another plant or tree for support. They are easy to grow as a houseplant and I have mine on a north facing windowsill and water them every couple of days. You can feed them with a high potash fertiliser as found in orchid fertiliser. All parts of the plant are toxic so keep away from pets and children. The plant produces several flowers, and I sometimes cut the flowers to use in an arrangement, as they last for such a long time. They seem to flower all the year round and need a little less water in the winter. I have read that they like high humidity, which is why they do so well in my kitchen.

The individual flowers on the plant can last for several months. The colourful flowers are actually spathes,

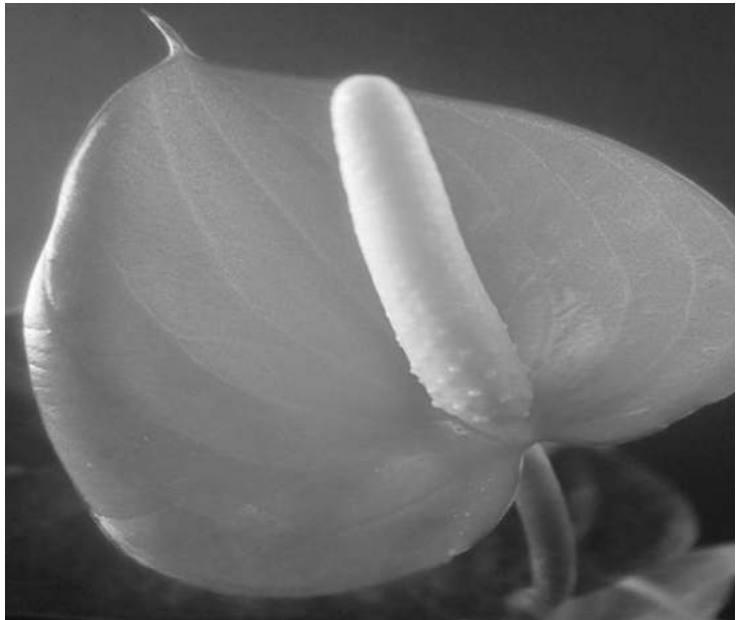
and the true flowers are the tiny bumps that grow along the central finger-like projection, called a spadix.

The flowerheads can also be used to good effect in Christmas wreaths. I sometimes put one stem in each of three mini milk bottles which makes a very easy but contemporary design.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December starting at 2pm. Our guest demonstrator will be Catherine Baines with a demonstration entitled 'Christmas Sparkle'. Visitors are always welcome, so come along and enjoy the demonstration plus tea and cake!

Subscriptions are now due if you wish to join and the fee payable this year is £38. This works out at £3.80 per meeting so good value I think!

Liz Palmer





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polish, disinfectant and bleach,  
We must get into the nooks and crannies that are difficult to reach.

It's eleven o'clock and there's a  
knock upon our front door.  
She is here and she's brought me yellow roses galore.  
Out come the choccy biscuits and the best china too,  
I always feel I need to be posh  
when I'm around you.

You are our first visitor here,  
It's been really great seeing you,  
I hope more friends will visit us  
and my sister too.

Alison Jayne Taylor

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## Institute (Village Hall) news

At the time of writing this article, Christmas still seems a way away, but by the time you are reading the magazine, it will be practically upon us. On behalf of all the Trustees of the Institute (Village Hall), we wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

There are quite a few Christmas celebrations taking place in the Institute in the coming weeks. The Village Christmas Lights Switch-On organised by the Parish Council, should have already happened on 29th November, with the WI organising warming mulled wine, mince pies and nibbly bits inside. The big event, of course, is the Christmas Play. If you haven't got your ticket for this yet and if there are still some left, then do get in touch with me (see contact details at the bottom). This is a play based on Pride and Prejudice called Spies and Socialites and is intended to be 'amusing'. There is a matinee performance on Thursday 5th December and two evening performances on Friday and Saturday 6th and 7th December. Tickets are £10.00 each. This is a 'bring your own' alcohol event.

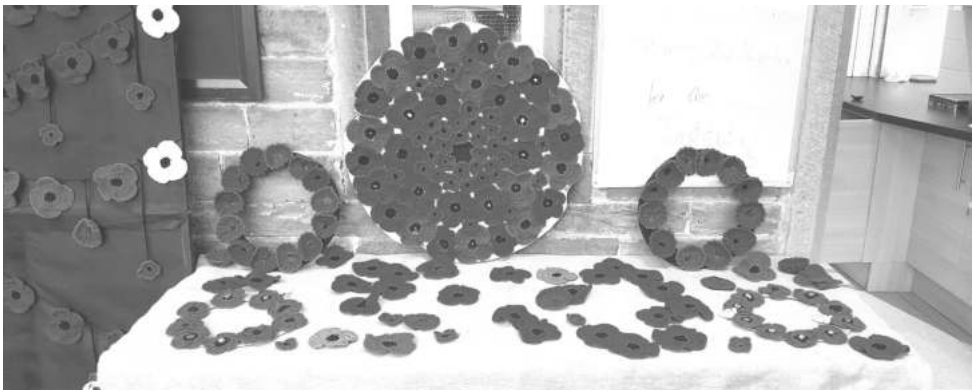
The Trustees would like to thank the HelliCrafts group who very kindly organised a few of their members to knit and crochet several hundred poppies which were magnificently

displayed in the foyer of the Hall during November, in remembrance of all those who lost their lives during past wars (see photograph).

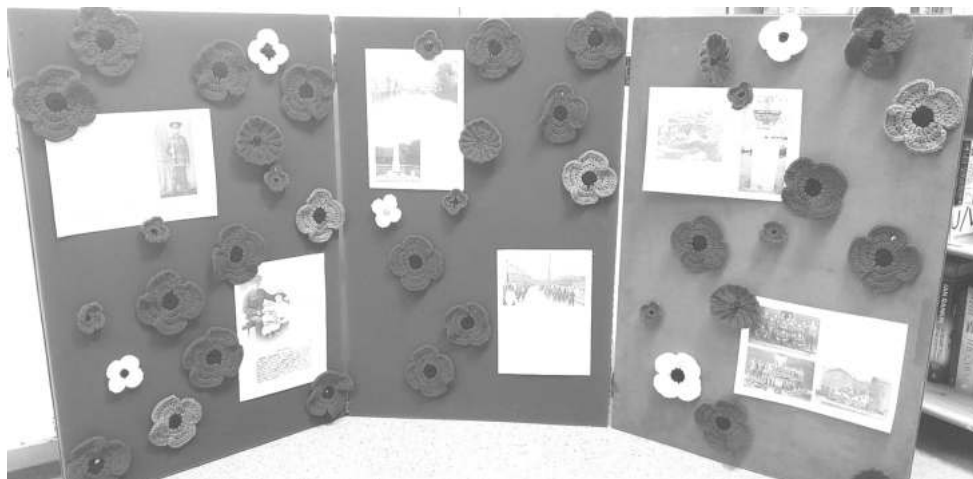
Subscriptions for the 200 Club are due in December and current members will be contacted for their annual fee of £15.00. If you are not a member and would like to join, then get in touch with Paul Surbutts by telephone on 0791 747 6852 or by email on [paulsurbutts@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:paulsurbutts@yahoo.co.uk). There are monthly prizes of £25.00, £15.00 and £10.00 and, yippee, this month (December) these prizes are doubled!

Please note that there won't be a coffee morning on Saturday 7th December. This is due to the Christmas Play performance. Because of this, the announcement of the Christmas winner of the 200 club will be made at the matinee performance of the play on Thursday, 5th December.

If you wish to organise a coffee morning during 2025 to raise money for your organisation or a charity, or







indeed any other event or party, then please be quick to contact Ken or Heather Leak by telephone on 0783 7727 268 or 0779 0042 206 or by email [stanier@aol.com](mailto:stanier@aol.com) as the 2025 diary is filling up.

As this magazine covers December 2024 and January 2025, I wish to remind you that there will be a 1980's Disco music night with our resident DJ Mik Cardus in the Institute on Saturday, 25th January starting at 8.00 pm (doors open at 7.30 pm). Tickets are £5.00 obtainable from myself, with some available in H's. Encouragement is given to dress in 80's style gear – velour and velvet with 'big hair' and mullets being the order of the day. Of course, this is optional and we will be happy to see you, no matter what your dress style. It is a 'bring your own' drinks and nibbles event.

Keep safe and happy over Christmas and we hope to see many of you using the Institute over the next couple of months.

Karen Dunwoodie - Trustee

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**Note:** there isn't a bus to Skipton at 1645 - Ed.

Saturday - to Skipton:

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Monday to Friday - to Settle:

**0915; 1010; 1110; 1210; 1310; 1410; 1510; 1610; 1710; 1910**

**Note:** there isn't a bus to Settle at 1810 Monday to Friday - Ed.

Saturday - to Settle:

**0915; 1110; 1210; 1310; 1510; 1710; 1810; 1910**

## Train times in Hellifield

Train times may change during December and January. Best to double check before travelling - see [www.northernrail.co.uk](http://www.northernrail.co.uk), or phone 0344 811 5111.

To Skipton, Monday to Saturday: **0736; 0745; 1010; 1039; 1142; 1244; 1342; 1513; 1543; 1639; 1807; 1842; 2011; 2126; 2208; 2228**

To Skipton, Sunday: **1113; 1202; 1412; 1440; 1648; 1709; 1742; 1848; 1912; 2100; 2115**

To Settle, Monday to Saturday: **0615; 0840; 1012; 1141; 1411; 1612; 1741; 1910; 2042**

To Settle, Sunday: **1011; 1204; 1323; 1519; 1713; 1945**

To Lancaster, Monday to Saturday: **0537; 0740; 0910; 1111; 1312; 1513; 1824; 2014**

To Lancaster, Sunday: **0932; 1124; 1420; 1623; 1822**

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## Settle Library closure over Christmas

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## **Badminton Club**

Bob Moore 07976 215646

## **Beavers**

email: settlebeavers@gmail.com

## **Book Group**

Audrey Edwards 850351

Yvonne Crabtree 851806

## **Brownies**

District Commissioner: Carly Halls

email: carlyhalls22@gmail.com

## **Community Speed Watch Team**

Paul Emsley

01729 851659 or 0779 9710891

## **Cubs**

email: settlecubs@gmail.com

## **Doctors Surgery**

The Old Co-op Hall, Main St, Hellifield  
& Townhead Surgery, Settle 822611

## **First Responders**

Claire Occardi 850509

## **Guides and Rangers**

Helen Cressey

email: helen Cressey@aol.com

## **HelliArts**

Audrey Edwards 850351

## **Hellifield Hotshots (rounders)**

Cathy Damon or

Cathy Dakin

email: cathydakin@btinternet.com

## **Hellifield Writers' Group**

Yvonne Crabtree 851806

## **HelliSingers**

Sue Alderson 01729 554149

## **Indoor Bowls**

Maralyne Cadman 01729 851272

## **Methodist Chapel & Wesley Centre**

Pauline Wright 07931 511652

## **Mothers' Union**

Sue Alderson 554149

Sheila Swinbank 850458.

## **North Craven Flower Club**

Chair: Liz Palmer 840331

## **North Yorkshire Councillor**

Simon Myers email:

Cllr.Simon.Myers@northyorks.gov.uk

## **Parish Council**

Chairman: Julian Sleath 07736 079135

Clerk to the Parish Council: Julie

Sleath, email: hellifieldpc@gmail.com

## **Primary School**

Headteacher: Mrs Catherine Maddocks

01729 850215

## **Rainbows**

email: lottie.longprestonrainbows

@hotmail.com

## **St Aidan's Parish Church**

Rev James Rodley 01729 851709

or email: jwerodley@yahoo.co.uk

## **Scouts**

email: settlescoutgroup@gmail.com

## **Table Tennis Club**

Andy Crabtree 851806

## **Thursday Drop in Centre**

Joy Phillips 850340

## **Village Hall (Institute)**

Booking Secretaries: Heather Leak

07790 042206, and Ken Leak 07837

727268

## **Walking Group**

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## **Wesley Centre**

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## **Women's Institute**

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# Events in December

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1st	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 01729 851709
1st	Sun	10.30am	Family Lego Church	Methodist Chapel	Letting Manager 07931 511652
1st	Sun	2pm	Sunday Service	Methodist Chapel	Letting Manager 07931 511652
1st	Sun	4-5pm	Hour of Prayer	Methodist Chapel	Letting Manager 07931 511652
2nd	Mon	11-2pm	Warm Space	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager 07931 511652
2nd	Mon	12-1.30pm	Soup & Sandwich	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager 07931 511652
2nd	Mon	2.30pm	Welcome Mat	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager 07931 511652
2nd	Mon	6.30pm	Helliplayers rehearsal	Village Hall	Audrey Edwards 07928 365967
2nd	Mon	7-9pm	Slimming World	Social Club	Daiva Martinkiene 07591 067861
2nd	Mon	7.15-9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree 01729 851806
3rd	Tue	9.30am	Hellitots	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager 07931 511652
3rd	Tue	2pm	Helliarts	Village Hall	Audrey Edwards 07928 365967
4th	Wed	9-12.30pm	Messy Monkeys	Village Hall	Amanda Belt 07398 284126
4th	Wed	10.30am	Wellbeing Café	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager 07931 511652
4th	Wed	2-4pm	Helligames	Village Hall	Karen Dunwoodie 07756 862086
4th	Wed	2-4pm	Mothers' Union Meeting	Village Hall	Sheila Swinbank 01729 851458
4th	Wed	6-7 & 7.30-8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
4th	Wed	6.30pm	Helliplayers rehearsal	Village Hall	Audrey Edwards 07928 365967



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4th	Wed	7pm	Chess	contact Ian for venue	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760 190222
4th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866
5th	Thu	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre	Joy - 01729 850340
5th	Thu	2.00pm	Spies & Socialites - Christmas Production in the Village Hall		Audrey Edwards 07928 365967
6th	Fri	9.45-11.15	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 01729 554149
6th	Fri	7 for 7.30pm	Spies & Socialites - Christmas Production in the Village Hall		Audrey Edwards 07928 365967
7th	Sat	7 for 7.30pm	Spies & Socialites - Christmas Production in the Village Hall		Audrey Edwards 07928 365967
8th	Sun	9.30am	Sunday Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 01729 851709
8th	Sun	6pm	Christmas Gospel Praise	Methodist Chapel	Letting Manager 07931 511652
8th	Sun	6.30pm	Bingo	Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866
9th	Mon	11-2pm	Warm Space	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager 07931 511652
9th	Mon	12-1.30pm	Soup & Sandwich	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager 07931 511652
9th	Mon	3pm	Strong & Steady	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager 07931 511652
9th	Mon	7-9pm	Slimming World	Social Club	Daiva Martinkiene 07591 067861
9th	Mon	7.15-9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree 01729 851806
10th	Tue	9.30am	Hellitots	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager 07931 511652
10th	Tue	5.30pm	Carols at Shed 24	Railway Station	Letting Manager 07931 511652
10th	Tue	6-7 & 7-9	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 07976 215646

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11th	Wed	9-12.30pm	Messy Monkeys	Village Hall	Amanda Belt 07398 284126
11th	Wed	10.30-12	Well-Being Café	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager 07931 511652
11th	Wed	2-4pm	Helligames	Village Hall	Karen Dunwoodie 07756 862086
11th	Wed	6-7 & 7.30-8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
11th	Wed	7pm	Chess	contact Ian for venue	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760 190222
11th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866
12th	Thu	10-12 noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Maralyne 01729 851272
12th	Thu	10-12 noon	Police Surgery	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837 727268
12th	Thu	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre	Joy - 01729 850340
12th	Thu	2pm	Flower Club	Village Hall	Liz Palmer 01729 840331
12th	Thu	7.30pm	Hellireaders	Village Hall	For on line session - contact Audrey on 07928 365967
13th	Fri	9.45-11.15	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 01729 554149
13th	Fri	1-3pm	Line dancing	Village Hall	Jane Gray 07971 656461
14th	Sat	10-11.30am	Settle Library Coffee Morning	Village Hall	Carol Weston-Moore 07855 191927
15th	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 01729 851709
15th	Sun	2pm	Christmas Carol Service	Methodist Chapel	Letting Manager 07931 511652
15th	Sun	3-5.30pm	Children's Christmas Party	Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866

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15th	Sun	6.30pm	Christmas Bingo	Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866
15th	Sun	7pm	Hellisingers Christmas Performance	St Aidan's Church	Sue Alderson 01729 554149
16th	Mon	11-2pm	Warm Space	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager 07931 511652
16th	Mon	12-1.30pm	Soup & Sandwich	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager 07931 511652
16th	Mon	2.30pm	Welcome Mat	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager 07931 511652
16th	Mon	7-9pm	Slimming World	Social Club	Daiva Martinkiene 07591 067861
16th	Mon	7.15-9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree 01729 851806
17th	Tue	9.30am	Hellitots	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager 07931 511652
17th	Tue	1.30-6.30pm	Little Beauty Room session	Village Hall	Kathryn 07896 146444
17th	Tue	2-4pm	Tea, Coffee, Chat	Social Club	Margaret Foster
17th	Tue	6-7 & 7-9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 07976 215646
18th	Wed	9-12.30pm	Messy Monkeys	Village Hall	Amanda Belt 07398 284126
18th	Wed	2-4pm	Helligames	Village Hall	Karen Dunwoodie 07756 862086
18th	Wed	2-4pm	Helliscribes	Village Hall	Yvonne Crabtree 01729 851806
18th	Wed	6-7 & 7.30-8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
18th	Wed	7pm	Chess	contact Ian for venue	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760 190222
18th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866
19th	Thu	10-12 noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Maralyne 01729 851272

# Events in December

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>
19th	Thu	12 noon	Christmas Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre	Joy - 01729 850340
19th	Thu	6.30pm	Community Carol Singing	Social Club	Rev. James Rodley 01729
19th	Thu	7.15pm	WI Christmas Party	Village Hall	C Weston-Moore 07855 191927
20th	Fri	1-3pm	Line dancing	Village Hall	Jane Gray 07971 656461
21st	Sat	10-11.30am	Coffee Morning	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837 727268
22nd	Sun	9.30am	Family Communion with Messy Church team	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 01729 851709
22nd	Sun	2pm	Family Café Church Service	Methodist Chapel	Letting Manager 07931 511652
22nd	Sun	6.30pm	Bingo	Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866
23rd	Mon	7-9pm	Slimming World	Social Club	Daiva Martinkiene 07591 067861
24th	Tue	4pm	Family Service with Carols	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 01729 851709
24th	Tue	11.30pm	Midnight Mass Communion	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 01729 851709
25th	Wed	9.30am	Christmas Day Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 01729 851709
29th	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 01729 851709
29th	Sun	2pm	Church Service	Methodist Chapel	Letting Manager 07931 511652
30th	Mon	11-2pm	Warm Space	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager 07931 511652
30th	Mon	12-1.30pm	Soup & Sandwich	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager 07931 511652

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30th Dec	Mon	2.30pm	Welcome Mat	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager 07931 511652
31st Dec	Tue	7pm	New Years Eve party/disco	Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866
2nd Jan	Thu	10-12 noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Maralyne 01729 851272
3rd Jan	Fri	1-3pm	Line Dancing	Village Hall	Jane Gray 07971 656461
4th Jan	Sat	10-11.30am	Institute Coffee Morning	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837 727268
5th Jan	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 01729 851709
5th Jan	Sun	2pm	Sunday Service	Methodist Chapel	Letting Manager 07931 511652
5th Jan	Sun	4-5pm	Hour of Prayer	Methodist Chapel	Letting Manager 07931 511652
5th Jan	Sun	6.30pm	Bingo	Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866
6th Jan	Mon	11-2pm	Warm Space	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager 07931 511652
6th Jan	Mon	12-1.30pm	Soup & Sandwich	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager 07931 511652
6th Jan	Mon	2.30pm	Welcome Mat	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager 07931 511652
6th Jan	Mon	7-9pm	Slimming World	Social Club	Daiva Martinkiene 07591 067861
6th Jan	Mon	7.15-9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree 01729 851806
7th Jan	Tue	9.30am	Hellitots	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager 07931 511652
7th Jan	Tue	6-7 & 7-9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 07976 215646
8th Jan	Wed	9-12.30pm	Messy Monkeys	Village Hall	Amanda Belt 07398 284126
8th Jan	Wed	10.30-12	Wellbeing Café	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager 07931 511652
8th Jan	Wed	2-4pm	Helligames	Village Hall	Karen Dunwoodie 07756 862086

# Events in January

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>
8th	Wed	6-7 & 7.30-8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
8th	Wed	7pm	Chess	contact Ian for venue	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760 190222
8th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866
9th	Thu	10-12noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Maralyne 01729 851272
9th	Thu	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre	Joy - 01729 850340
9th	Thu	2-4pm	Flower Club	Village Hall	Liz Palmer 01729 840331
9th	Thu	7.30pm	Hellireaders - live session	Village Hall	Audrey 07928 365967
10th	Fri	9.45-11am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 01729 554149
11th	Sat	10-11.30am	Wildlife Centre Coffee Morning	Village Hall	Karen Dunwoodie 07756 862086
11th	Sat	7.30-11pm	Wildlife Centre fund raiser with Time Bandiz	Village Hall	Karen Dunwoodie 07756 862086
12th	Sun	9.30am	Sunday Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 01729 851709
12th	Sun	10.30am	Lego Church	Methodist Chapel	Letting Manager 07931 511652
12th	Sun	2pm	Sunday Service	Methodist Chapel	Letting Manager 07931 511652
13th	Mon	11-2pm	Warm Space	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager 07931 511652
13th	Mon	12-1.30pm	Soup & Sandwich	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager 07931 511652
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13th	Mon	7-9pm	Slimming World	Social Club	Daiva Martinkiene 07591 067861
13th	Mon	7.15-9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree 01729 851806
14th	Tue	9.30am	Hellitots	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager 07931 511652

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14th	Tue	6-7 & 7-9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 07976 215646
15th	Wed	9-12.30pm	Messy Monkeys	Village Hall	Amanda Belt 07398 284126
15th	Wed	2-4pm	Helligames	Village Hall	Karen Dunwoodie 07756 862086
15th	Wed	2-4pm	Helliscribes	Village Hall	Yvonne Crabtree 01729 851806
15th	Wed	6-7 & 7.30-8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
15th	Wed	7pm	Chess	contact Ian for venue	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760 190222
15th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866
16th	Thu	10-12noon	Police Drop-in Surgery	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837 727268
16th	Thu	10-12 noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Maralyne 01729 851272
16th	Thu	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre	Joy - 01729 850340
16th	Thu	7.15pm	WI Meeting	Village Hall	Aileen Alexander 01729 851318
17th	Fri	9.45-11am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 01729 554149
17th	Fri	1-3pm	Line dancing	Village Hall	Jane Gray 07971 656461
18th	Sat	10-11.30am	Coffee Morning	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837 727268
19th	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 01729 851709
19th	Sun	2pm	Sunday Service	Methodist Chapel	Letting Manager 07931 511652
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22nd	Wed	6-7 & 7.30-8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
22nd	Wed	7pm	Chess	contact Ian for venue	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760 190222
22nd	Wed	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting at the Village Hall	Clerk Julie Sleath	hellifieldpc@gmail.com
22nd	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866
23rd	Thu	10-12 noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Maralyne 01729 851272
23rd	Thu	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre	Joy - 01729 850340
24th	Fri	9.45-11am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 01729 554149
24th	Fri	1-3pm	Line Dancing	Village Hall	Jane Gray 07971 656461
25th	Sat	10-11.30am	Coffee Morning	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
25th	Sat	7-11pm	80s Music Night	Village Hall	Karen Dunwoodie 07756 862086
26th	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 01729 851709
26th	Sun	10.45am	Outdoors Messy Church	St Aidan's Church	James Atkinson 07849 673214



# Events in January

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>
26th	Sun	2pm	Family Café Church	Methodist Chapel	Letting Manager 07931 511652
27th	Mon	11-2pm	Warm Space	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager 07931 511652
27th	Mon	12-1.30pm	Soup & Sandwich	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager 07931 511652
27th	Mon	3pm	Strong & Steady	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager 07931 511652
27th	Mon	7-9pm	Slimming World	Social Club	Daiva Martinkiene 07591 067861
27th	Mon	7.15-9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree 01729 851806
28th	Tue	9.30am	Hellitots	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager 07931 511652
28th	Tue	2-4pm	Tea, Coffee, Chat	Social Club	Margaret Foster
28th	Tue	6-7 & 7-9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 07976 215646
29th	Wed	2-4pm	Helligames	Village Hall	Karen Dunwoodie 07756 862086
29th	Wed	6-7 & 7.30-8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
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Read the application at: [publicaccess.cravendc.gov.uk/online-applications/](http://publicaccess.cravendc.gov.uk/online-applications/)

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