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Editorial

I've not been very well of late. This is hardly front-page news as I'm approaching my 70th birthday. You might be thinking: 'I don't want to hear about somebody else's ailments. I've got enough of my own, thank you very much'. But this is not about me, it's about everybody else.

Friends and neighbours have been queueing up to be kind and helpful, with offers of shopping trips, cooked meals and company. Even when I've reassured them that I am not at death's door, they still say "just give me a call if you need anything".

Apart from the fact that there are just some lovely, friendly people around, I wonder if living in a village has something to do with how we treat each other.

A relative of mine lived in London for around 18 months. I went south to visit him on a couple of occasions and took great delight in upsetting his neighbours by saying 'hello' to them.



My greeting was met with either astonishment or embarrassment.

People in a city don't know how to react to someone being friendly. They either mumble something under their breath or move quickly away, not wanting to be near a stranger who actually spoke to them.

[There is a story about friendliness on the London Tube network: there is one day of the year when people actually say 'hello' and speak to each other on the tube - it's the day of the Rugby League Cup Final, when London is full of northerners.]

When I say 'hello' to anyone in the village, whether I know them or not, I always get a smile and a cheerful response. This even comes from those who are obviously visitors (dressed in walking clothes and going up Haw Grove towards the moors).

I'm not suggesting that Hellifield is unique in this regard (although it's better than anywhere else I've ever lived). There must be some critical size for a village - perhaps when somebody decides it's big enough to be a town, when all of a sudden, people become insular and stop looking after each other.

I don't think I'll be moving away from the village, even though I've never stayed in one place for very long in the past. Where am I going to find somewhere better?

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Hellifield Community Pub



There has been encouraging progress in recent months in our community's efforts to save The Black Horse in Hellifield. After concerns were raised about the pub's closure and uncertain future, a group of local volunteers came together to explore the possibility of bringing it into community ownership.

A key early step has been the submission of an Asset of Community Value (ACV) application to North Yorkshire Council. If approved, this status will give the community the right to bid for the pub should it be put up for sale, giving us vital time to raise funds and develop a sustainable plan.

We've established contact with the current owner, the Poor's Land Trust of Gargrave, to express local interest and

begin a constructive dialogue about the building's future. At the same time, we're learning from other communities that have successfully saved their local pubs, and we've started accessing support from organisations such as the Plunkett Foundation, CAMRA, and Community First Yorkshire.

Importantly, a steering group is now in place, and we're currently working to register as a community benefit society. This will be the foundation for launching a community share offer — the point at which we'll find out if the village is ready to invest in the project's future.

A further public meeting will be held at the Institute on Friday 18th July at 7pm - please visit our website to find out how to register, or contact us by email (details below).

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Black Horse Community Pub

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Together, we believe we can bring The Black Horse back to life – as a welcoming space for everyone in Hellifield.

Hannah Crabtree - Day



Reminder from the Magazine Team

Hi everyone, just a reminder that our next issue will be a double edition, so if you have anything for either August or September, please let me have it as soon as possible.

August/September is also the time I usually chase up residents who have been kind enough to support the magazine by becoming a "Friend". The "Friends" subscription still stands at £5, and if you would like to contribute again this year, please get in touch with myself or any other team member.

My contact details are through the magazine.

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Or you can pop your subs through my letter box at 9 Newton Way. (Please say who you are).

You can also pay directly into our Bank Account – Hellifield Village Magazine – Sort Code 40-40-31, Acc No. 41474898.

Bob Moore, our advertising officer, will also be contacting those of you who kindly buy an advert, as the renewal date is fast approaching. So, look out for an email from Bob during August.

May I say on behalf of all of us that the magazine would be non-existent without the people who send in articles, buy adverts or support us with donations or help in a variety of ways (not forgetting our delivery team who are an essential part of the operation). Thank you again – you are all super stars!

Carol Weston-Moore – Article and "Friends" Coordinator



A look back at the Temperance Hotel

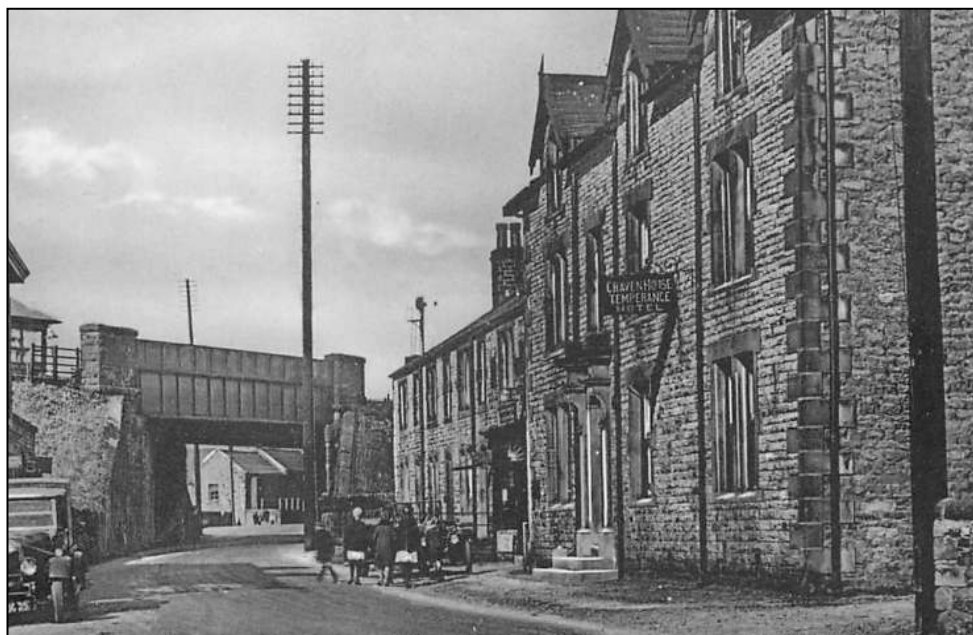
With the recent opening of Hellifield's latest business on the ground floor of the old Temperance Hotel, I thought it may be of interest to look back at the history of the hotel.

The Temperance movement was a social movement popular in the 19th and early 20th centuries, to promote abstinence from the consumption of alcoholic beverages and was very much supported by the non-conformist churches in Great Britain. A children's version of this movement, known as the Band of Hope was also formed and an active branch of this was later established in Hellifield with support from the Methodist chapel. The original banner from the Hellifield branch can



still be seen in the Methodist chapel on Haw Grove.

The Temperance hotel was opened around 1890. Hellifield was a busy place then with the railway junction and new auction mart in full swing. At this time the hotel was run by the Misses E and J Fell, both ardent Methodists and they offered the dining room of the hotel for the use of methodist services. This was prior to the opening of the Methodist chapel (1893) and took over from the services that had been held by



my Great-Grandfather, Robert Parker. These services had been held at a room in his home at 33 Midland Terrace since 1886.

The two ladies contacted the Rev. Thomas Champness (shown in the attached publicity postcard) at Rochdale, who was sending out ministers to rural areas, and he duly sent a young minister to assist and serve at Hellifield. The Rev. Champness would later perform the opening service at Hellifield's Methodist chapel in 1893.

The first attached photograph probably dates from pre-World War One and shows the railway bridge, still carrying four sets of tracks. Also of great interest is the advertising hoarding just visible between the chimneys of the hotel roof, which presumably was to catch the attention of travellers arriving

at Hellifield on the old Lancashire and Yorkshire railway line! The second photograph may date from the early 1920s. A group of local children are showing great interest in the early motor car. To the left of the bridge the Lancashire and Yorkshire railway signal box, which controlled the access to that companies' engine sheds and goods sidings, can just be seen.

John Percy.





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Sip and Savour: Café Owner Michelle Introduces Herself



Some of Michelle's delicious lunches.

I've been in the industry all my working life, in different roles, most recently managing a local 9-bedroom pub/hotel. To own my own coffee shop has been a dream of mine for so long, however, I've never found the right location.... until now.

As soon as I viewed, what is now Sip &

Savour, I knew that's where I wanted to be located, right in the heart of the village community. I'm now entering my second month and I can honestly say that the support from day one has been amazing. I look forward to getting to know more of the villagers and becoming the 'go to' meeting place for people to gather.

Michelle



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Hellifield's Village Bobby

To us kids back in the 60's and 70's, the name Mr Mobbs usually caused a few nervous shuffles and perhaps a dart down a convenient alley if we thought he was anywhere in our vicinity. The trouble was he had a nasty habit of turning up just when he wasn't wanted. Particularly if our little gang was anywhere we shouldn't be - such as catching frogs in the railway turntable or sneaking round the Auction Mart premises after hours.

Ronald James Mobbs was Hellifield's village policeman from 1965 to 1976. Born in 1920 he served in the RAF during the war and joined the police following cessation of hostilities. He served 29 years in total and came to Hellifield on a posting from Barnoldswick in 1965, to cover a one man beat of 7,000 acres around the Hellifield Parish.

Initially the beat was covered on a bicycle and on foot. Like many village "Bobbies" in a rural area it was necessary to get to know the local farmers, shopkeepers, businessmen etc, and also familiarise himself with the school, railway staff, public house, local characters, and the residents of the village in general. Eventually the beat included Halton West, Swindon and Nappa. A police car became mandatory. A blue Ford Anglia with a white section on the sides and marked POLICE became the standard issue in the early 1960's. In those days, the eyes and ears of the residents were fundamental to Ronald Mobbs.



A friendly word and a chat, whilst maintaining a slightly detached familiarity was essential. After all, you never knew who you might have to summons or even arrest. An ability therefore to remain approachable yet authoritative was an important character to have.

When I was about 9 years old I was often sent up to the railway station to pick up my dad's wage. He was a signaller at the South Signal Box (There was another signal box - Hellifield North Box - at the other end of the platform opposite the engine shed). Entering the Station Master's office and shuffling across to the desk to pick up the obligatory brown envelope, I was aware of Mr Mobbs leaning against the wall like heavy wallpaper. He always seemed to be there. I always felt guilty, even when I hadn't done anything! He usually said something to me as I crept out. Usually a brief "Think On Lad".. was enough to send me scuttling off down the subway.

Ronald attended the Auction Mart on sale days. Checking Tax Discs was a duty, and there were always plenty of Land Rovers and Cattle Wagons etc coming and going. Across the road the Black Horse was always busy and he had a good relationship with the Pinkney family who were the resident licensees. Licensing rules were an important factor and he would often appear at the pub in uniform during opening hours. Simply being a familiar face could often help maintain a good relationship with staff and customers.

Out on the farms, one of the tasks of a rural policeman was witnessing the sheep dipping. This was generally an attendance role to ensure that no undue cruelty took place. Usually there were refreshments on hand and a chance to chat with local farm workers was often a pleasant duty. If on occasion there was need for extra manning, such as Gala Days when the roads would often be closed off for control of traffic, then help was forthcoming from P.C. Peacock of Long Preston or Settle Police Station staff.

Another role was the checking of weights and measures to ensure the correct rules were carried out in shops and businesses. Just how far this would be applied in Hellifield is not known.

David Preston who lived next door to Ronald Mobbs on Thorndale Street remembers being sent home after 'Mobbsy' stopped him from walking down the village because some lads were throwing stones at the Institute roof to knock moss off the slates. After complaining to his dad, his father Raymond went next door to have a heart to heart with Ronald about why

David had been sent home for doing nothing. Apparently Ronald thought that David was the ideal candidate to get roped in on the mischief and decided to avoid any further bother by keeping him well out of it. Another well-known and regularly documented tale was the 'Great Draining Rod Raid' A gang of us found a pile of draining rods belonging to Eric Foster at Little Newton. After screwing them all together and then using them as swords and spears, we left them scattered and damaged over the beck fields near Little Newton. Eric had witnessed the event. A knock on the door of our house revealed the imposing figure of P. C. Mobbs accompanied by Raymond Preston and his son David. The outcome was that we had to go and search for all the draining rods, collect them up and take them back to Eric Foster who promised to drop any charges if they were all found. We managed it, but I remember David's remark to Ronald Mobbs that "I can't go, I'm off to the School Disco!" didn't go down well!

Ronald Mobbs was part of a dying breed. He himself quoted "The days of the Village Policeman are over". When he was interviewed about his retirement in 1976.

Ronald worked in a civil capacity at Skipton Police Station following his retirement and he died in 1989.

He will be remembered by many of the older residents of Hellifield for his presence and his friendly yet authoritative manner. An old - school copper. Perhaps straight out of the T.V. series 'Heartbeat' and part of a bygone age.

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Pets' Corner: Bailey's Tail

Like the rest of me, it's a bit wobbly these days. I came from Dogs Trust in Ireland and was brought over to the UK for adoption. My people went out looking for a long-haired lurcher and came home with me. I chose them—and I think I picked well!



We moved up to the metropolis of Hellifield from the coastal district of Suffolk when the older family members relocated to be closer to the younger ones—one of whom owns a biscuit shop... oh, sorry, that should be a clothing store (and sometimes a post office).

The move happened just before COVID struck and lockdown began, and the sniffs became limited.

I love getting my sniffs and going off on adventures. But on 16/09/2024, I had an adventure too far. While playing on the beach on holiday with my bestie Jasper (a big, fluffy German



Bailey at Glasgow Small Animal Hospital

Shepherd), we collided at full speed. I was going faster than him - until I wasn't. When I tried to get up, my back end wouldn't move.

I don't remember much about the frantic cross-country drive through the night to Glasgow Animal Hospital. I was there forever - well, it felt like forever, but it was actually four weeks - without my people, but with some new ones who operated on me twice and did their best to put my broken back, back together. Then, finally, my people came back for me. We travelled home with my head resting on Dad's lap, and I was so excited to get back to the Hellifield garden again... only, when I got there, my back legs still wouldn't work.

People had to carry them for me while I figured out what went where again. It took forever (this time, "forever" was six weeks) with only garden sniffs and someone else holding me up.

My next biggest adventure? A walk as far as the bus stop opposite the garage. That was the longest walk of my life - a whole 400 metres of wobble-booted steps (booted because I can't feel my back paws, and I'd scuff and

break the skin unless I had my booties on).

Day by day, I wobbled a bit further. I started going on parts of my favourite walks - they took forever, mostly because I was catching up on all the missed sniffs. The boots came off, and I tried walking on my own. I swayed from side to side and often landed on my butt, but there was always someone there to pick me up. The walks got longer... and the falls, fewer. Physiotherapy and that nasty wet hydrotherapy supposedly helped me get better - but we all know it was the sausages that did it.

They tried to cheat me - only doing half-walks - but I knew where the walks were supposed to end: at a sausage shop. As I got stronger, I insisted on going the full distance and could be counted on for a tantrum if someone said, "It's too far," and arranged a lift

instead.

I've built up my stamina. With a helping hand on my harness, I'm back out doing stiles and taking on the world. I might walk with a wobble - or a "gangster strut," as my TikTok friends call it - since my back legs will never be that strong again. But I've been given a second chance, and you can bet I'm going to make the most of it.

Rain or shine... watch out, sausage shops - here I come!

Dictated to Aileen Alexander by
Bailey the miracle dog



Bailey and Jasper

Cat news from Kellwell House (The Vicarage)



Phoebe

We have two cats – Phoebe and Titus and, coming from a church background, of course they have to have Biblical names – they are both 'associates' of St Paul.

Titus is a big black/brown fluffy cat that thinks he's a dog – when the door-bell rings, he rushes to see who it is – anyone arriving is immediately greeted with demands to stroke him. He follows James around the house like a puppy and

likes to sit on his tummy while he (James, that is, not Titus!) sings. I'm sure he would bark if he could. He also loves to scavenge off our plates, which can be quite effective in helping to wash up, and he loves 'helping' Nicky with a puzzle, or on her laptop. Phoebe is a small, neat tabby, but appearances are deceptive.

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Cat news (cont'd from p19)

Despite having broken her scapula last year and endured 3 months of cage rest, she is an intrepid hunter. No rodent, small rabbit or small bird is safe near our house (which explains why the bird-feeders aren't used).

She is often seen walking along the wall behind our house with her eagle eyes looking down to see any movement in the field below. She doesn't like eating outside, however, and these tasty morsels are usually consumed under the kitchen table, only for us to find a small remnant (the liver?) and a smear of blood left over.

Interestingly, when we lived in Essex she didn't eat the mice or birds, so they are clearly far tastier here. The downstairs toilet was also a good place for playing with her catch, but one day she must have thrown a mouse too high as it landed IN the toilet, and she left it there to be found later when we wanted to use it. Photographic evidence is available!

James Rodley



Titus

Little Boys by Yvonne Crabtree

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Hellifield WI Article

In June the WI welcomed Liz Mistry, Scottish and Yorkshire crime writer. Liz gave a really interesting talk entitled “Monsters, Bogeymen and me” and brought along some of her novels for sale. Many thanks to Liz and her husband for coming all the way from Bradford and for providing such an entertaining evening. Thanks also to non-WI members from Hellifield as well as our usual members who came along to support us for this event.

In July we are holding our summer bash to celebrate 80 years since the end of WW2. Those who wish can dress up in 1940s outfits and as this is a Jacobs Join, we are asking members to bring along some appropriate food – a list has previously been circulated, but if you have not put down your food contribution, please get in touch with Aileen who will add you to the list. Wine/Tea/Coffee will be provided as usual. Ken Leak is providing music for a nostalgic sing-along and there may also be a quiz, so perhaps do some research on things related to WW2.

There will be a small prize for the winning fancy dress and the quiz team.

We are still looking to enrol new members to Hellifield WI, so if you are new to the Village, or think the talks and demonstrations we hold monthly may be of interest, why not come along and give us a try. Guests are always welcome for a small fee of £4. You can also find details of proposed meetings on the Hellifield Facebook page. Hope to see you soon.

Carol – Joint Secretary

Called To Pray?

Why pray? Isn't prayer a waste of time? Does anything happen when you pray for something or someone? Do you pray? Would you like to explore and learn about prayer, the different ways of praying, and most importantly how to pray?

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John 14.13-14.

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john.holford720@gmail.com.

Depending on your interest he would like to start in September at his home at 3 Wheelwrights Court.

He writes, I don't want to call it a prayer group - it sounds like yet another meeting; nor a prayer cell or a prayer chain - it sounds restrictive! A Prayer Circle or Prayer Ring perhaps; so that it might be enfolding, little or large; but small is beautiful, even two or three; circles of prayer for Long Preston and Hellifield. I invite you to join me in this new venture! God bless.

"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

Alfred Lord Tennyson

John Holford

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We'll be starting a more regular programme of "family services" in the autumn. They'll be designed for young, old, those like me who are somewhere in between, and especially those who may be unfamiliar with church, but would like to "give it a go"- more details to follow!

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

VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

As readers of our magazine may recall, I have a 20-year-old son called Aidan, who has significant special needs. (Where did those 20 years go!). And, as some readers may also know, Mrs R and I were fighting a legal battle with the local authority since last summer for Aidan to be allowed to take up a place at a college in Lancaster, where both we and educational and social experts believe he has the best chance of flourishing as a young adult.

Well, thankfully, Aidan eventually took up his college place in early May and is, so far, settling in well (though it's early days yet, as I write this). But this has left Nicky and I with a significant change in our lives, too: not quite an "empty nest" as Aidan is back home every weekend, and making his presence felt! But that sense of our still-vulnerable child now spending far more time with others than with us, along with the strange reality of quietness in the evenings, is going to take some getting used to.

Such a big change in life-patterns comes to nearly all of us at some point of our human lives, and this has been the case in one way or another throughout human civilisation. Good things: leaving childhood, education and parents behind to set up a new home, perhaps with a spouse or partner. The joys and challenges of having one's own family, and perhaps the pleasures (and relief) of retiring from full-time work. But also not-so-good things: bereavement or divorce, life-changing accidents or illnesses, losing a home or a job. Most of our readers will have had experience of both sorts of upheaval, and the emotional and physical toll can be enormous. And I can't help feeling that,

in a world which (as I mentioned the other month) is changing fast, and not especially for the better, we will all have rather more of these upheavals to face than perhaps the last couple of generations.

It's with this in mind, in particular, that I would highlight one of the most important things we try to do at St Aidan's, which is to hold the people of our village in our prayers, both corporately on a Sunday, and privately in the week. Christians, reflecting on the words of Jesus, believe that "nothing is impossible with God" and that God can be at work for good even in those upheavals in people's lives that seem only to be bad news. So, if you'd like us to pray for you and your situations, do let me or another member of the church family know. We won't name people in the Sunday prayers unless you'd like us to, but we want to ensure everyone in our community can have confidence that their situations- good, bad and all the stuff in the middle- can be held before the God whom, Christians say, made us and loves us all.

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

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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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Helliwalkers – A Newbie's View

Having moved to Hellifield following my retirement in April, I decided to give the Helliwalkers Group a go – having read about it in the Hellifield Herald and received a friendly personal invitation from Bob at a Saturday coffee morning. My wife and I really enjoy walking, which was one of the factors in our choice of Hellifield as a place to live.



So it was that I turned up at the car park on 18 May, wondering what the group would be like, whether I would fit in with the pace of the group, and whether I really needed my walking boots or whether trainers would be fine, and whether there would be a picnic stop. It was (another) glorious sunny day - the sun has shone every day since we moved to Hellifield, which feels very strange having moved from East Lancashire!

Ten of us turned up for the walk, and I wasn't the only newbie – Andy was new too, having also recently moved

into the village with his partner Jo. The group drove to Ingleton, where we met our guide to the local area - Robert. The walk began on his farm and traversed rolling farmland then a golf course on the edge of Bentham. Having crossed the golf course we took a sharp left up a track towards Tatterthorn, from where we meandered back towards Ingleton through fields and lanes with glorious views of Gragareth (the mountain which straddles the border between Lancashire and Yorkshire), Whernside and Ingleborough.

The group turned out to be very friendly and chatty, and Andy and I found ourselves invited to join in several other village activities. According to my OS app, we covered 6.4 miles in a leisurely 3 hours 17 minutes (including a brief picnic stop) with a gentle 473 feet of ascent. However apps used by other members of the group gave different readings, which rather confirms my suspicion that exercise apps are more

useful for bragging than for accuracy. As for footwear, most of group had opted for trainers, which were fine in such dry conditions.

Warm thanks to Robert for leading a most enjoyable walk, to those who drove, and to Karen for taking some pictures. I certainly hope to come again some time, and will encourage my wife Gill to come too.

Mark Ireland

Walking Find - Please Help!

Whilst walking near Malham recently, we came across this structure and were all curious as to what it may originally have been built for.

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New Member Of Hellifield Parish Council

I first moved to the village in 2018 and live happily here with my partner and my 4 children. I quickly immersed myself in village life by working in the Black Horse before it closed.

I joined the Parish Council to try to be a voice for the younger generation, and to hopefully

make a difference to the village. I can often be seen walking around the village so please do feel free to say hi if you see me!

Sophie Lemal



Hellifield Emergency Plan

The Parish Council has created an Emergency Plan to deal with incidents which may require evacuation of residents in the village - for example flood, fire or police incidents.

The plan can be viewed on the Hellifield Parish Council Website

via Local Information Page and Emergency Plan tab. Hellifield Emergency Plan MAY 2025

Copies of the plan can be obtained by email from The Clerk by contacting hellifieldpc@gmail.com.

Mothers' Union Meeting June 2025

Sheila welcomed members and visitors to our June meeting and lit a candle to remember absent friends, especially Ellen and Jean. Joy led our prayers. Our speaker was Stephanie Darling who is a missionary in Malawi.

She gave an inspiring presentation on her work there, which incorporates Bible teaching, a trauma and healing ministry with a holistic approach. We were able to see a wonderful display of materials and handiwork from the area, alongside a range of books, photos and maps. What an impact this work is making among people who face

poverty as well as harsh weather conditions leaving their country devastated.

Thank you so much to Stephanie for sharing God's work with us. We had a delicious cake, biscuits and a cuppa afterwards as we celebrated Rosemary's special birthday. 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



Flower Club May Meeting

At our May meeting we were entertained by Alex Gracy with a demonstration and talk about Coco (Gabrielle) Chanel. I'm sure that most of the ladies who read this will have heard of Coco Chanel, one of the first designers to have their own fashion house but there was a lot more about this lady that I didn't know!



She was born 19th August 1883 to Jeanne a laundry woman and Albert Chanel who is described as an itinerant street vendor who peddled work clothes and undergarments. Her mother died when she was only 11 and Gabrielle and her two sisters were sent to a convent whilst her two brothers went to work as farm labourers. It was

at the convent that she learnt to sew but it was a very simple life with strict discipline. After leaving the convent she found employment as a seamstress and also singing at a Café and it was here that she gained the nickname of Coco.

She never married but was mistress to several men, each of whom helped her along the way to become the designer that we know today. She is most famous for her perfumes, Chanel suits, her little black dress, Chanel bag, hats and cosmetics especially lipstick.

One of the arrangements that Alex made (left) was in recognition of Coco's lipstick range. It used a posy wreath with deep red roses at varying heights with stems of wheat inserted and then the wreath was covered in moss. Red is reputed to be Coco's favourite colour of lipstick hence the red roses.

Coco was famous for some of her quotes such as;

"You were born an original, don't become a copy".

"A woman who doesn't wear perfume has no future".

"Fashion changes, style remains".

"Simplicity is the keynote of all true elegance".

This arrangement (right) echoes the quote above – it is very simple but, nevertheless, is elegant. Test tubes have been stuck in holes in the piece of wood and then coils of cream midollino sticks have been added. The stems of purple allium, cream roses, and cream spray roses as well as dried grasses and cream coloured anthuriums have been placed in the test tubes. Lastly the vibrant red and yellow edged gloriosa lilies.

Coco was not always very popular in France as she was accused of collaborating with the occupying Nazi Germans during the second world war. It is thought that her friend Churchill intervened after the war, and she wasn't formally charged. She then moved to Switzerland for a time before returning to Paris in 1954 to revive her fashion house. She died 10th January



1971 aged 87 in Paris and is buried at Lausanne, Switzerland.

We will be back at Hellifield Village Hall for our July meeting on the 10th when our guest will be Susan Oliver with a demonstration entitled 'What's in a Name'. We will then have a break in August but will have a meeting in September.

Liz Palmer

HelliCrafts News

The Hellifield craft group has been going strong for over fourteen months now. Members bring along whatever they would like to work on – knitting, crochet, drawing, embroidery, sewing projects, art activities, paper craft – anything craftwise goes.

The rabbit in the picture measures 28"x14" and it is a fun example of Alison Taylor's creativity and skills. Alison also likes to draw and paint and has recently displayed a sketch of the Doctors surgery building. The craft group is run by Val (see contact details in magazine calendar).

Meetings are on the first Thursday of the month in the Yorke Room of the Village Hall between 1-4pm. All are welcome.
Alison and Carol



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Those of you who walk through the underpass will have noticed that the plants have been changed ready for summer. Please as always let us know if you spot any damage to the troughs or if any plants have been removed. (Contact hellifieldpc@gmail.com).

The triangle under the railway bridge is now being maintained by Stan and Liz, so thanks go to them for keeping it tidy. They are also responsible for the hanging baskets outside the Village Hall. Once again thank you to the Swinbank family for replanting the stone trough, which is always a lovely feature in the centre of the village and to James who keeps the grass tidy on behalf of the Parish Council. The plants for the troughs near the railway bridge, the marker on Gisburn Road and extra bedding in the tubs at the bottom of Hammerton are kindly provided by the Parish Council. I don't know who maintains the area near Station Road just off the main road, but

many thanks – it always looks good!

A request for help – if you live on Gisburn Road anywhere near the marker, could you please keep an eye on the watering. This is sheltered by a large tree and gets very little rain, and as I live in the centre of the village, it is a long way to bring water.

I hope you enjoy the Village plants as much as I do.

Carol – Volunteer Gardener.



Marker tidied with new planting ready for summer.



Yorkshire Dales environmental campaigning charity, Friends of the Dales, is excited to announce its next outdoor event:

Accessible Walk around Aysgarth Falls
- Thursday 17 July
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Institute (Village Hall) News

We are very sad that two of our longstanding trustees, Chair Ann Taylor and lead on building/maintenance issues, Dave Clements, are leaving Hellifield and consequently resigning as trustees. They are going to be a big loss to our group as they have both provided leadership, encouragement, tenacity and determination to make continuous improvements to the village hub. If a job needs doing, they make sure it is done and both Ann and Dave have gone beyond the call of duty during their seven years in office. I am sure everyone who is involved in the Institute (Village Hall) in any way will join us in wishing them well in their future endeavours.

This does, of course, leave a gap and we are always looking at succession and encouraging new trustees to come on board. Please get in touch with me if you feel you could take on this role. We are particularly looking for someone who is a dab hand at D.I.Y. who can help out with those fairly straight forward repair jobs that crop up from time to time. We would also benefit from someone who is au fait with social media who could show us 'old fogies' a thing or two. It may be that you do not want to commit to the full role as trustee but have skills that we can call on. In either case do get in touch with me (contact details below), so we can have a chat about it.

In view of the loss of Ann and Dave, myself and our Treasurer, Michael Robinson, are taking over the lead roles of the trustee group.

In respect of our improved toilet access project, we would like to thank Councillor Simon Myers for his very generous donation and advice on how to access appropriate North Yorkshire grants. We will definitely follow this up, as we have a lot of money to raise.

Big News. We are trying out a new event, to take place on Wednesday 13th August 2025 between 3.00 and 5.00 pm. This will be an Afternoon Tea/Dance. There is something special about having a good old fashioned 'afternoon tea', especially when you can be amongst friends and

neighbours. We will be able to shut our eyes and imagine we are at the Ritz or the Savoy sticking out our little finger whilst sipping tea and nibbling at dainty sandwiches, pastries and cakes. Then we will open our eyes and find we are in a much better place – the main hall of the Institute!! We might not all feel we can dance the light fantastic to some good old tunes from the likes of Tony Bennett, Louis Armstrong or Frank Sinatra, but there may be a few amongst us who would like to show off their talents, whilst the rest of us sit back, watch and enjoy. Our very own trustee Ken Leak, will be spanning the ivories (his electric keyboard to you and me) (Con't on p.41)

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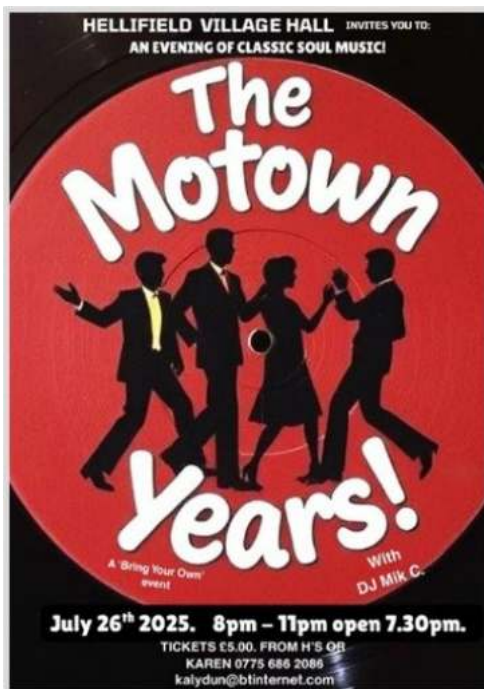


Village Hall News (con't from p.39)

to tempt those eager beavers on to the floor for a waltz, tango or perhaps even a Charleston. Tickets will be £10, available from me in the middle of July. Grab me (not literally) at a coffee morning, if you want to reserve a place. In order to ensure we have the right amount of food available, pre-booking is essential.

Before then, our next Music Night, headed up by Star DJ, Mik Cardus, is taking place on 26th July at 8.00 pm (doors open at 7.30 pm) with the theme 'The Motown Years' - selected by public vote! The raw, lively energy of Motown was nothing short of revolutionary, founded by Berry Gordy Jr. on 12 January 1959. Its impact has spanned the decades since but was at its peak during the 1960's. Groups like The Supremes, The Temptations and The Four Tops each had their own distinctive flair, oozing charisma and confidence, embodying soul, style and spirit. (I have stolen these words from the internet!) As well as the above, other artists that Mik will no doubt be playing include Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, Otis Reading, The Jackson 5, Martha Reeves and the Vandellas, Gladys Knight and the Pips, Isley Brothers and so many more.

Does anyone remember the old dances, 'The Mashed Potato' and 'The Monkey'? If you have forgotten, check them out on YouTube and get practicing. Once you hear the music, dancing will be unavoidable. Why not get dressed for the occasion? Sequined dresses, faux fur stoles, dazzling jewellery and monochrome suits with slim ties – anything that embodied sophistication. Start raiding the charity shops now. If you do not like getting dressed up, then just come



as you are. Everyone is welcome.

This will be a 'bring your own' drinks & nibbles event. Tickets are £5 each and obtainable from myself or from H's shop. Come along and have a really good night out.

Coming up on 27th September, we are presenting The Fake Thackray Show. Can you remember Jake's unique comedic story telling style in the late 1960's/early 1970's? Well this will be replicated by John Watterson and further detail will follow.

Finally, advance warning of the Christmas entertainment, which will take place on Thursday 4th (matinee), Friday 5th and Saturday 6th December (evening). Get one of these dates in your diary so you don't miss out.

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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

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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
Wed	7pm	Helliplayers	Yvonne Crabtree 01729 851806	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
Thu	10-12 noon	Police Surgery	Ken Leak 07837 727268	10th
Thu	10-12 noon	Bowling	Maralyne 01729 851272	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
Thu	1-4pm	Hellicrafts	Val Bedford 01729 850260	3rd
Thu	7.30pm	Hellireaders	Audrey Edwards 01729 850351	10th
Thu	10-12noon	Police Surgery	Ken Leak 07837 727268	10th
Thu	2-4pm	Flower Club	Liz Palmer	10th
Thu	7.15-9pm	WI	Carol 07855 191927	17th
Fri	9.45- 11.15am	Hellisingers	Sue Alderson 01729 554149	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
Fri	1-3pm	Helli-Line danc- ing	Jane Gray 07971 656461	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
Fri	7pm	Black Horse Public Meeting	The Inn– Sider#2 Hannah Crabtree	18th

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Village Hall				
Sat	10-11.30am	Coffee Mornings	Ken Leak 07837 727268	5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
Sat	7.30pm	Disco - Motown Night	Karen Dunwoodie 07756 862086	26th

Methodist Chapel/ Wesley Centre

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	6pm	Gospel Praise	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, 21st
Wed	6-7&7-8pm	Kettlebells	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
Thu	12 noon	Drop-in Lunch	Joy Phillips 01729 850340	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

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Hellifield House Social Club				
Sun	6.30pm	Bingo	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866	6th, 20th
Tue	2-4pm	Tea/Coffee/Chat	Margaret Foster	29th
Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
Sat	6pm	Family Disco	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866	5th

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St Aidan's Church				
Sun	9.30am	Church Service	Rev. James Rodley 018729 851709	6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
Sun	10.45- 11am	Messy Church	James Atkinson 07849673214	20th
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Other Events				
Sun	10am	Helliwalkers	Rebecca Gooch 07443 493169 Vil- lage Car Park	20th

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