The Hellifield Herald

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Free to everyone in Hellifield





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The deadline for contributions to the July edition is the 8th of June

Editorial

I was recently talking to someone who has just moved to Hellifield who told me of her surprise at how much is going on in the village. How true that is. You only have to look at the Events section at the back of the magazine to see the number and range of activities that are listed



When I first moved to Hellifield in 2013, I was still working so didn't have a great amount of time to get involved in village life. I did, however, join the Walking Group which undertook monthly Sunday walks, so fit in with my working commitments. On these walks I got to know other villagers, most of whom were engaged in several other activities and they didn't hesitate to try and recruit me to their groups.

Upon retirement, I firstly joined the Women's Institute and have been a member ever since. I really enjoy the camaraderie and the different speakers that increase my knowledge on subjects I often know little of. Who knew that you could make a decorative plant pot out of a serviette? Well I didn't, but I do now.

I also have fun at the weekly HelliGames. Board and card games have always been a part of my family life so I love being able to continue this with my Hellifield family and I have learnt many new games along the way. There is also a lot of laughing and chatting which brightens a Wednesday afternoon.

I have always enjoyed writing, but can be a bit 'long-winded' – you may have noticed! So, at the monthly HelliScribes (writing group) recently, I found it challenging to complete a narrative in just a few words. However, members of the group are all very encouraging and have helped me feel less inhibited about putting pen to paper. By all means come along and join us if writing is something you too enjoy.

More recently I joined HelliCrafts. Not being a very 'crafty' person, I was not sure this would be for me, but it helps that there is always someone willing to show how to do certain things. This group is very much about 'doing your own thing' rather than having a demonstration and I am currently in the process of making some 'rag rug' cushion covers. This could be a long project!

I also improve my fitness levels by going to Badminton on a Tuesday night and Line Dancing on a Friday afternoon. I stopped playing badminton after suffering from Long Covid, but found it really helpful to go to the 6.00 pm session which encourages those who have never played before or who haven't played for a long time. This helped with my confidence to get back into it again.

I have got to know so many different people at these various events and my life is never dull. Everyone has been friendly and welcoming which makes such a difference when trying something new. Do check out the Events section to see if there is anything that you may wish to join – I am sure you will be welcomed as I have been.

Karen Dunwoodie - Chair

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Hellifield Walking Group

Blessed with fine weather on Easter Sunday, a group of Hellifield walkers assembled in Gargrave for a circular walk, via Flasby. Heading along the Leeds to Liverpool Canal as far as Holme Bridge Lock, we crossed over the canal and walked across the fields (and over several stiles) towards the Hetton Road and Eshton Bridge. After a short stretch on the road, we then moved right through a 'kissing gate', following the footpath skirting the Hall's private road, towards Flasby, getting views to the east of Sharp and Rough Haws.

After passing the Flasby 'Bull' and through the Village crossroads. We moved uphill to cross over the Hetton Road. We then proceeded crosscountry, via the 'Giant's Graves', towards Friar's Head, with views to the east of Cracoe Fell and the Obelisk. After taking a 'pit stop' in the sunshine and counting the number of windows in Friar's Head house, we walked down the road towards Eshton House, before bearing left to visit St Helen's Well. (Is it a well, or lime kiln, Ken?)

Skirting right round Brockabank House, we walked down the road to cross Eshton Beck and move up the hill towards Eshton Grange, then branched left to pass by the Grange and cross

the Airton Road. Crossing a couple of fields, we then entered Gamber Wood via another 'kissing gate', to then drop down and cross the Gargrave Gala showground, before using the pavement and road to get back into Gargrave and the towpath ice-cream kiosk!

I would like to thank everybody who joined us for a holiday weekend walk and a chance to enjoy some Spring sunshine. Long may it continue!

Paul Emsley

The June walk will be on the 15th—see the contact details on the Contacts page.



Hellifield Methodist Chapel and Wesley Centre June 2025

- at 2pm 1st/8th/15th/29th
- Welcome Mat: Mondays 2nd/16th/30th
- term time only
- Worship Services on Sundays
 Prayer for our Community Sunday at 4pm 1st
 - Family Lego church at 10.30 am 8th
- Hellitots 9-30am Tuesday
 Family Café church at 2pm on the 22nd

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St Aidan's Church - June 2025

Our regular Sunday worship continues every Sunday at 9.30am We celebrate Pentecost ("Whit Sunday" in old money) on June 8th and then continue through the summer months, focusing on Jesus' life as seen in the Gospel of St Luke. Please join us as we pray for our needy world, and our neighbours and friends who have their own needs at this time

Please could I draw readers' attention to some work that will be happening in the graveyard? We are planning to even out some of the ground in the middle section of the graveyard that has become a bit hazardous- so if you see any signs / tape in the graveyard, asking you to avoid a certain area, please don't venture beyond, to try and ensure there are no accidents.

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

Craven Wildlife Rescue fundraising

Craven Wildlife Rescue - the charity that rescues injured wildlife from right across the region - has announced that its hugely popular Langcliffe Teas annual fundraiser will be on Sunday 29 June. One of the biggest fundraisers of the year for the charity, the event runs from 2pm at Langcliffe Village Hall.

Penny Hunt, co-Founder of CWR, says: "Each year we take more and more injured animals in, care for them and return them to the wild. Most of the animals we rescue are red and amber

listed like, for example, the hedgehog which is now facing extinction in the UK. We have also recently received a lot of owls. We need everyone's help if we are to continue this work. So come and join us, eat cake, drink tea and find out more about what we do."

Craven Wildlife Rescue's aims are rescue. conservation and education. Currently housed in temporary accommodation in Horton in Ribblesdale, its team of 30 volunteers keep the Rescue running on a dayto-day basis and care for the animals' short- and medium-term health to ready them for release when they are well enough.

Any animal coming to CWR for rehabilitation gets returned to its home territory, where possible. The changing climate and CWR's growing reputation has meant that the charity has had an extremely

busy year and it is currently looking for more space and a permanent home in which to grow.

Jill Franklin



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Hellifield's Gala days

Hellifield Gala started as a sports evening in 1969 and the following year the idea originated for a Youth Club Queen event. The 1970 lucky Queen was Elaine Robinson. From 1971 onwards the nominee was crowned with the title of Gala Queen with Valerie Aitcheson being the first to hold the title. From that year onwards, the Gala became an annual popular event in the village calendar. Originally the Gala was held on the football field which at that time was the field next to the church. The Gala committee was formed in 1975 and meetings were held about ten times a year. The committee consisted of long serving members: Sheila Swinbank, Eric Belt, the Hardacre family, and David and Sally Preston. Just a few of the people who gave up their time over the years. Plus a host of helpers.



The first Gala Queen: Valerie Aitcheson, 1971.

The event eventually moved to the current football field. One of the bonuses for the Gala was the holding of the fell races which increased the Gala day popularity and attendances. In later years a very popular 'Stars in your Eyes' - (Hellifield's Got Talent!)

event was held the night before the gala, either in the Black Horse or Hellifield House - and eventually in a large marquee on the Gala field. Hugely popular, the local performers were not shy in coming forward to entertain the village. With processions



Gala parade down the Main Road.



Wendy Steele, 1974 Gala Queen. Sally and Sarah Hardacre attendants.



Feeding the masses in the Gala tent.



Procession up Midland Terrace.



From the Craven Herald: Mick Cardus as Harry Hill.



The final Gala event. 2019

round the village, fancy dress, stalls, brass bands etc, the Gala continued to be a significant event during August of every year, until in 2019 after its 50th Gala the committee finally called it a day due to a shortage of willing volunteers to keep the event going.

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Playlist from 'Hellifield's Got Talent'.

Perhaps there might be a nucleus of interested volunteers somewhere in the village who would like to see the return of this event? It's a nice thought...

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The 11th Hellifield Beer Festival will once again be held in the Village Hall. The last 10 festivals have raised over £36,000 to support local organisations, groups and events in Hellifield and close surrounding areas. Our landmark 10th festival was the most successful ever, enabling over £5,000 to be distributed.



The relaxed and informal event runs from lunchtime until 11pm on both Friday and Saturday. No advance ticketing – just pay on the day, happily prices for both entry & extra drink tokens remain the same as last year. Entrance fee includes programme, commemorative glass, and your 1st two drinks. The 46 beers and ciders on offer are purchased via a token system. Food will also be available to purchase throughout the 2 days, once again supplied by Hellifield Sports FC.

If you have never been before, come along and have some fun; you will be made to feel very welcome. If you are a regular – we can't wait to see you again.

As the event is now not far away, we would love to hear from any potential beneficiaries and likewise from anyone wishing to donate a raffle prize – just contact any committee member, or email:

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Yorkshire Dales River Trust photography competition

Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust (YDRT) is running a competition to find the best photographs of Yorkshire Dales rivers and wildlife, to be included in its Rivers4Life exhibition - the name given to its new education and engagement project, funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund, thanks to players of the National Lottery.



It is inviting you to submit your favourite photos of our beautiful rivers, streams and their wildlife taken in the catchments of the Trust which includes the rivers Swale, Ure, Nidd, Wharfe and Ouse and associated tributaries. (NB. Please do not include people in your images.)

All entrants will have the chance to feature in the Rivers4Life summer exhibition taking place at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes from late June to early September 2026, and

in a future Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust calendar!

There are four stages to the competition, covering all the seasons. The spring season covers March to May and the deadline for entries is 5 June 2025.

Please submit your competition entries via this link: www.ydrt.org.uk/ photography-competition/

You can also sign up for the YDRT monthly enews at: www.ydrt.org.uk

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Up Station Road

It's 6am on the 1st of May and I'm standing outside at the front with a cup of tea and the Bird App on my phone. What a magical sunrise it is with a wonderful soundscape to match. I'm thrilled to see that we have a willow warbler and blackcap amongst the usual list of wren, robin, blue tit and blackbird.

As I move to the back garden, the blue tits are busy with the nesting box (lovingly made by Barry next door), and a lapwing flaps by close over the field. We've heard the beautiful burbling call of the curlew and sharper call of the oyster catcher, as everything stops whilst we listen and marvel at sounds which used to be taken so much for granted. These ground nesting birds are now on the red list and need to be protected. Fortunately, much is now being done to improve and protect their habitat, and my hope is that my grandchildren will have them in their future. We must not take any of our birds for granted.

My concern this year is also for pollinators and especially butterflies. No, not the television series of many years ago starring Wendy Craig but the beautiful creatures we hope to see in our gardens. 2024 was a dreadful year for them but we can do our bit to help. We have already had peacock butterflies in the garden plus orange tips and whites. One warm day last week in the village car park I saw a beautiful pale lemon brim stead — wonderful! We should all have a buddleia plant!

Any of you who walk past our garden up Station Road will have noticed and no doubt commented on our overgrown lawn, This is not because we haven't got a lawn mower (which we haven't) or because I'm too lazy to mow it (which I would be) but like last year, I'm leaving the grass and wild flowers to

grow for all the myriad of pollinators who will hopefully use it. This is all part of the nation-wide 'No Mow May' project to help keep nature on course. We've lost so many important pollinators for various reasons, but they are much needed. It's also amazing to see what pops up in the grass. This year I've already seen tiny pale blue violets, speedwell and purple bugloss. These are all just a few of the wildflowers we took for granted in our younger days but need to be appreciated and hopefully not lost.

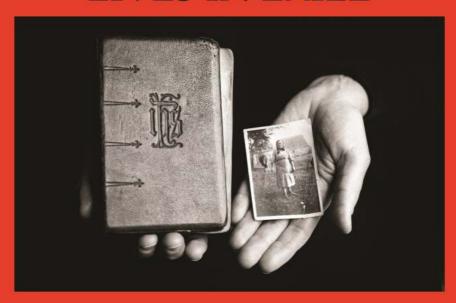
This has been a wonderful spring this year full of regeneration and hope as we move into summer. We are lucky here to live in between neighbours who love nature and wildlife and are keen gardeners. Just being outside — watching, listening, sitting or planting is so good for us, bringing some peace and joy to all our lives. Don't ever think that the tiny bit we may be able to do won't have any impact. It's all a part of our rich tapestry of life! Enjoy!

Sue Alderson

PS: Hellisingers – Sing on – more news later.

PPS: My favourite plants for pollinators: 1. Buddleia, 2.Primroses, 3.Erysemum Bowles Mauve (everlasting wall flower), 4.Any of the large daisy family, 5.Spring dandelions.

LIVES IN EXILE



The Polish Community in Britain

The largest group of political refugees ever to settle in Britain were Poles displaced by the Second World War. Many of them came to live and work in Yorkshire. In this illustrated talk photographer Tim Smith will use his own and other images to explore stories of exile, identity and the nature of home.

Sunday 22nd June 2025 3 pm - 4.30 pm

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Organised by Settle Area Refugee Support group for Refugee Week 2025. Contact 07955 657985

Photo: A woman in Bradford shows the only two possessions her mother brought with her to Britain; her Polish bible and a photograph of herself on the farm in Germany where she was taken as a slave labourer at the outbreak of the Second World War.

Refugee Week 2025

Refugee Week is a UK-wide festival celebrating the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking sanctuary. It runs in June and each year has a different theme, with "Community as a Superpower" being the theme in 2025. To mark Refugee Week in the Settle area, there are two talks organised.

14th June 10.30-12.00 at Settle Victoria Hall

Sarah Lister, local historian and researcher for Settle Graveyard Project, will speak on the theme:

"19th century migration in Craven - a Settle case study"

22nd June 3.00-4.30 pm at Settle Church of St Mary and St Michael, Tillman Close

Tim Smith, photographer, who has

worked extensively with British Poles and Ukrainians, will speak on:

"Lives in Exile: The Polish Community in Britain"

There will be a charge of £5 for each talk. Please bring cash and pay at the door. There will also be a display in Settle library.

Angie Pedley. Organised by Settle Area Refugee Support group





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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.

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

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Postcards of Hellifield Station

A series of postcards of Hellifield station from my collection, these were produced by The Skipton Stationery Company pre-World War One. These cards would have been available to buy on W. H. Smiths bookstall on the station platform and probably the village shops and show the busy scenes on the station in the glory days of the Midland Railway Company. Note the many Midland Railway and W. H. Smiths staff all posing proudly for the photographer.





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Women's Institute

Our speaker for May was Debbie from Carers Resource. Carers Resource are a non-profit organisation who help carers of any age with advice and support. Our thanks go to Debbie for taking time to come along and talk to us about this important topic.

In June we are hoping to welcome the crime writer Liz Mistry. Liz writes quite graphic stories based in either Bradford or Scotland and doesn't pull any punches. I first met Liz at Settle Library when she came to talk about her (then) latest novel. Since then, I have read a

Liz Mistry at Settle Library

further book based on a female detective Nikki Parekh which is based in Bradford. If you can cope with the reality of her books, Liz is a brilliant crime writer, and I would recommend you come along to hear her talk. Liz will have books for sale should you be tempted. As always, our meetings are open to non-WI members, so if you are a member of a book group, or just like reading crime novels why not give us a try. Our June meeting will be held on Thursday 19th at 7.15pm.



Wearing my other hat as article coordinator for the magazine, I asked Ken Leak to do an article about the Hellifield Galas that used to take place in the village. I attended a few Galas when we first moved here and enjoyed them very much. At that time, I wasn't a WI member, but one of the photos Ken displays (on page 10) shows WI members serving refreshments at the Gala – something they were involved in every year. You may recognize some of our ladies shown in the picture.

Carol - Joint WI Secretary.





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The cats of 10 Park Avenue

10 Park Avenue seems to be a magnet for cats! We arrived in 2009, with a lovely tabby called Simba, who enjoyed welcoming the pupils to the primary school every morning and loving every visitor to our part of the road. At the end of a very chilled 19 years, Simba died and we decided to be cat free!

That lasted a few months until a colleague persuaded us to take on two abandoned farm kittens, Nougat and Cadbury! They were very energetic and too adventurous. Sadly, Cadbury met her demise out on the road before reaching one. Nougat thrived as the

'only child', becoming totally precocious, sadly an avid huntress and queen of the street, attracting in all the boy cats.

Pip, a real street moggy started popping in for food and was wise enough to defer to Nougat. He stayed with us for a few months before choosing to cross Main Street in front of a wagon!

We then adopted Fudge and Roses from Bentham Pet Rescue but sadly Roses had a tumour and our beautiful Fudge received terminal damage somewhere in the vicinity.

Ginger White (obviously named from his colour) and Cheddar (ate all the bird cheese from our garage roof) became regular visitors, sneaking in to help themselves to Nougat's food bowls and sleeping on next door's hot tub or in the car he was renovating. Gradually, Ginger White (GW) inveigled

his way into our house, even charming Nougat, finding warm corners where he could take a snooze! After removing him over and over again, we eventually gave up and he moved in permanently in 2021.





Someone who is obviously a fan of the village magazine - Ed

Despite choosing Park Avenue as a safe street for cats, we lost Nougat on the main road; leaving GW to become No.1 cat. And, I am pleased to say that the 'kill rate' became zero!

Cheddar continued to visit at meal times and was spending more and more time either in next door's car or in our temporary garage. Along with our neighbour, we were feeding him and he was becoming more approachable but still very nervous. In November 2024, there was an extremely cold spell, with minus temperatures, so we took pity on Cheddar and enticed him to sleep indoors. And that was it, after 3 nights of uncertainty, Cheddar had moved in! After 5 months of wariness and indifference, he is becoming more trusting and affectionate.

In the meantime, we have Domino from next door and Snow from across the road, who pop in every day to check out what food is on offer and steal a few cat biscuits whilst they are here! Ann Taylor

Pets' Corner

Thanks to Ann Taylor for this month's Pet's Corner. If you would like to tell us about your pet for the July edition of the magazine – then please send along your article and picture(s) to the magazine email address. If it is handwritten you can pop it through the letter box of 9 Newton Way. The more unusual the pet the better! Looking forward to hearing from you.

Carol – Article Coordinator



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Settle District Young Farmers

We are a youth organisation open to members aged 10-28 and form part of the National Federation of YFC across England and Wales which has over 25,000 members and 580 Clubs. Our District consists of the 4 local Clubs of Burton-in-Lonsdale, Coniston Cold, Lawkland and Rathmell. You certainly don't have to be a farmer to be a young farmer, either! We welcome anyone and all Clubs meet weekly on Tuesdays with a variety of activities from sports to visits and talks to quizzes.

Following celebrating our 80th Anniversary Year in 2024, we have had a busy start to 2025 with members participating in lots of competitions including public speaking and stock judging at County and Area level.

At the start of the Year, we also partnered with Sue Ryder Manorlands to collect Christmas Trees, fundraising for both ourselves and the hospice. A thank you must go to all in the local community who supported this event and donated in return for the collection of their tree!

Over the Summer, we are looking forward to taking part in our annual sporting events as a District and going to the Yorkshire YFC County Rally day which consists of many more YFC activities from handicraft and baking exhibits to stock judging, cookery and floral art. The enthusiasm and creativity of members never ceases to amaze and really is something to be proud to be a part of.

The variety of skills YFC gives to our young members is fantastic: giving them the confidence to speak in public, stock judge, organise events, work as part of a team, adapt to challenges, take on the responsibility of roles to run the Clubs and overall have the fun, learning and achievement as has been NFYFC's motto for over a Century! Of course the skills are only part of the

YFC puzzle with so much else making up what our Clubs have to offer, not to mention the friendships and memories we all have to take away.

Coming up, each Club and the wider District have events planned that they partake in to raise the profile of Young Farmers and showcase themselves and Clubs publicly, alongside fundraising for charity.

- 21st June Settle District YFC Promotional/Fundraiser Stand at Settle Swimming Pool Celebration Event, Settle - 10am-4pm
- 2nd August Rathmell YFC Annual Club Show - Rathmell Old School.
- 2nd August Coniston Cold YFC Annual Club Show - Richard Tottie Memorial Hall, Coniston.
- 17th August Lawkland YFC Annual Club Show - Eldroth Village Hall
- 6th September Burton-in-Lonsdale YFC Stand at Bentham Show -Bentham Auction Mart

If you would like any further information on joining a Club local to you, then please don't hesitate to get in contact via the email details below. Anna Booth

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Messy Church goes outdoors



Join us as we take our Messy Church outdoors into the wonderful grounds of St Aidan's Church, Hellifield, on

June 22nd

Meet at 10:45 for 11:00 start.

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Hellifield Traffic Speed Monitoring – Gisburn Road Survey

The results of the recent survey of Gisburn Road residents about an alternative position for the Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS) radar, are as follows. Out of 56 forms sent out, 19 were returned:-

- Option 1. Sited adjacent to the junction to Back Lane, monitoring southbound traffic coming off the A65 Road. 9 Votes.
- Option 2. Sited adjacent to the junction to Back Lane, monitoring traffic coming northbound on Gisburn Road. 3 Votes.
- Option 3. Neither of the above, but suggestions were:- a site in the vicinity of Chapel Farm House, monitoring northbound traffic coming into the Village. 4 Votes.
- Option 4. No more posts required. 3 Votes.

Findings

Option 1 was a clear preference. However, the VAS radar by St Aidan's Church is already monitoring westbound traffic on the A65 and if a vehicle continues speeding down the Gisburn Road, its' excess speed is already shown by a VAS radar on the existing post, which has a range of >120m.

Option 2 was the one discussed with NYC (Highways). (A recent CSW session at this position recorded 3 vehicles speeding out of 24 monitored.)

Option 3. This option is possible by reversing the VAS mounting bracket on the existing post. However, NYC (H) said that even though their 30mph sign is positioned before the LH bend, the reaction time for speeding drivers would be too short. Hence the reason for Option 2 above.

Option 4 is still an option, because a new post and solar panel would cost nearly £1,000 and our current funds stand at circa £1,150 (Skipton BS account).

I will discuss these findings with the NYC (H) Project Manager – Mr Darren Griffiths. Given that their A65 junction signpost is rotting/rusting at ground level, we may be able to share costs of any replacement. I could also try reversing the VAS bracket on the Chapel Farm House post, so that we can compare the resulting speed data of traffic entering the Village from the A682.

My thanks to H's Emporium for collecting the survey returns. A further reminder will be sent about the on-road parking issues, around Dalesview Garage.

Stay safe.

Paul A Emsley, CSW/VAS Co-ordinator





Stanfest 2025

Stanfest this year is on Saturday 30th August at the Village Institute/Hall as last year, which seemed to be very popular. Entry fee of £1 for adults and free for anyone under 16. Numerous local singers/entertainers will perform throughout the day, which commences from 2pm until around 10pm. We are hoping to have Dale's/Mic's disco in-between acts.

There will be some side stalls to help raise money for our nominated charities (Yorkshire Brain Tumour Research, MND Research and Miscarriage Research). We will be putting posters up soon, so keep an eye open for them. Hellifield Beer Festival will again be providing beers, wines and other refreshments and we are hoping to provide food for the day,

but yet to be confirmed. Donations of raffle prizes will be gratefully received and if there are any willing volunteers out there to help on the day, we would be very grateful (contact lan on 07812 201571 or Jane on 07971 656461). SEE YOU THERE!!

The Gray Family

Yorkshire County tennis match

Craven Lawn Tennis Club, based in Gargrave, are pleased to be able to announce that, for the very first time in their history, they have been chosen as the venue to host a Yorkshire County Tennis match

On Monday 14th July 2025 the club will host the county match between the Yorkshire Men's Seniors and the Cheshire Men's Seniors from 12 noon until approximately 4.30pm.

The club is pleased to be able to say that spectators are very welcome to attend this event free of charge. The standard of tennis on display will no doubt be of an excellent standard and the fact that the club still has 4 grass courts (the only ones in Craven) means they can offer their facilities to Yorkshire County players for such matches during the grass court season.

Directions to the club can be found on

the club website at http:// www.craventennis.org.uk and it promises to be an excellent afternoon of tennis.

It would be wonderful for there to be a large number of local spectators supporting the Yorkshire Men's Senior Team on the day.

Beth Whitley, Hon Secretary, Craven LTC, Gargrave.

Our Highland cattle are here to stay!!

Imagine my surprise earlier this year when, sitting in my car on Highside after a walk, a van emblazoned with HELLIFIELD HIGHLAND FOLD stopped beside me. A quad bike was then unloaded with buckets full of minerals, giving the 36 or so cows extra nourishment twice a week while all were in calf. The cows then came lumbering up from all directions.



The several bulls have certainly been busy! And what a job to have! They will eventually spend time in the field next to the church in our village, getting ready to repeat the process in the Autumn. Part of the farmer's work is buying and selling bulls, one of which has recently been purchased from the Balmoral estate in Scotland.

I know that these hardy, usually placid cows (despite their alarming horns as they pass close by one's car) produce young on their own up on the moor and are very protective of their calves. So don't go near. They are now being moved to land at the far end of Haw Lane. The heifer calves will then be kept to increase the fold. Some of the

well-endowed bulls will be sold for breeding and the rest will go to Swaledale Butchers, the wholesaler in Skipton, from which beef can also be bought by customers.

What a joy it is to know that Andy and Sarah Lambert, living at The Coachhouse in Hellifield, are continuing and expanding the business. For many years Andy worked with, and learned so much from, Robert Phillip. Farming in this traditional way is completely sustainable, needs no subsidies and is so good for the environment and biodiversity.

In 2024 Andy was named Farm Worker of the Year in the British Farming



Awards - such a well-deserved honour. And don't miss Countryfile when it next features the Yorkshire Dales.

Jen Darling

P.S. Chris and I count ourselves so lucky to live here and I have learnt so much researching this article, including that a herd of Highland Cattle is known as a 'fold'.



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Family Fun Day 2025

This year the Friends of Hellifield School are holding the family fun day at the earlier date of Saturday 21st June, from 12 till 4pm, at Hellifield House (social club). Entry is £2 for children which gives them unlimited times on the bouncy castle. Everyone is welcome to join us.

The family fun day is the final fundraising event of the academic year and as always, this event is geared towards fun for all the family, with stalls from Tales from the Dales (Usborne books) and MG holidays, children's craft competition (see details below), bouncy castle, traditional games, tombola, barrow of booze, face painting, nail salon, hair glitter and entertainment. We will also be providing BBQ burgers, a selection of cakes for sale and the amazing ice cream from the bouncing cow ice cream company. Keep your eyes peeled for the posters around the village with all the details. If anyone in the village would like to donate a bottle of booze for the barrow of booze. please get in touch with any of the committee members.

Classes for the children's craft competition: Entries are free (Entries need to be displayed at Hellifield house between 11am and 11.30am on Saturday 21st June). Please email your name, age, contact number and class numbers (1 to 9) you wish to enter to: Friends.Hellifield@outlook.com

Children aged 7 years and under Baking: 4 decorated homemade or bought biscuits (judged on decoration only)

Craft: A homemade bookmark

Art: A collage incorporating a rainbow (maximum A4 size)

Model: A fruit and/or vegetable animal (maximum size 30cm by 30cm)

Children aged 13 years and under Baking: 4 pieces of flapjack

Craft: A homemade dream catcher

Art: A drawing (any medium) depicting a Hellifield landmark (maximum A4 size)

Model: An animal model using scrap/ recycled materials (maximum size 30cm by 30cm)

Open class (Open to adults and children)

The longest nettle

If you require more information about the Friends of Hellifield Primary School or this event, or you would like to offer your help with fundraising or donations, please get in touch with Victoria Richardson on 01729 850628 (Email: Friends.Hellifield@outlook.com).





Sat 21st June, 3.30pm Settle Parish Church

Sat 28th June, 3.30pm Christ Church, Skipton

subject to availability.

Summer Concert

Mendelssohn Overture, 'Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage'

Weber Horn Concertino Soloist - Ewan Hudson

Schubert Symphony No.3

Conductor - Harry Lai Leader - Anne Heaton

Free admission, thanks to a generous legacy from Dorothy Wrathall. Donations welcome: these will be split between Settle Orchestra and Jessie's Fund - www.jessiesfund.org.uk

Tickets available from Forage & Feast, Settle, Orchestra members and online at settleorchestra.org.uk. Also on the door

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Settle Orchestra Summer concerts

After two hugely successful performances of our Spring programme in March, we are looking forward to our Summer concerts on 21st and 28th June at Settle Parish Church and Christ Church, Skipton, when we will play Mendelssohn's overture Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage, Schubert's Symphony No. 3, and then Ewan Hudson, a regular member of our horn section and one of our younger players, will be the soloist in Weber's breathtaking Concertino.

After graduating from Leeds College of Music in 2017, Ewan went on to study for his Undergraduate Degree in Music at the University of Liverpool. Ewan then completed his Masters in Classical Performance and became the first recipient of the Sarah Barrow Excellence in Music Bursary. Ewan's time in Liverpool would see him join the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Youth Orchestra in 2021, briefly returning for the orchestra's 2025 tour of Tuscany as part of the Florence Youth Orchestra Festival. Now back in Yorkshire, Ewan performs regularly with multiple orchestras across the North-West, both as a soloist and principal horn.

Thanks to a generous legacy from a former member of the orchestra, admission to these two concerts will be

free. Donations will be welcome, and will be split between the Orchestra and Jessie's Fund www.jessiesfund.org.uk, a charity which helps children with serious illness, complex needs, and communication difficulties through the therapeutic use of music.

Given the success of our previous concerts, we recommend that you book your tickets in advance. These will be available from Forage & Feast in Settle, orchestra members and online at www.settleorchestra.org.uk. They will also be available on the door, subject to availability after advance bookings for which seats will be held until 15 minutes before the performances start at 15:30 and then released for general admission.

We look forward to seeing you!

Mothers' Union

Sheila welcomed members and visitors to our May meeting and lit a candle to remember absent friends, especially Sue following her recent visit to hospital. Ellen led our prayers.

Our speaker was Fiona Ludlam-Brown, who brought beautiful photographs of her world wide travels to encourage us to try and work out which country they were from, and maybe what the photo was showing. So we went to such different places as Mongolia, Western Australia, Morocco, South Georgia,

Russia, Paris, Rome, China and Santorini. It was a real treat! We had delicious cakes, biscuits and a cuppa afterwards. 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

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View from the Vicarage

I have a saying that I bring out whenever anyone is getting excited (in a good way) about things happening in church: "If it's going well, thank God: if it's not, talk to the vicar!". And whilst, obviously, it's good to hear folk being positive about what our church communities are doing, as a Christian minister I have to remind them that, as the Bible says, "all good things come from God." Mind you, I've had my fair share of grief over the years (not here, I hasten to add) about "bad stuff" I've been thought to have done, including things that were complete fiction. One year in Harlow, someone wrote to the Bishop complaining that I'd "cancelled the church fete". I hadn't. This person's real issues were elsewhere, but at least the Bishop didn't pester me about it!

So what, I wonder, do I make of the greatly increased numbers of people coming to church on Easter Sunday? In both villages we recorded our highest attendance on any Sunday (not just Easter) since well before our churches were "locked down" in 2020. And I'm told that this has been a common experience in many churches across England this Easter. Now if I, or our marvellous church volunteers, have been doing good things and encouraging folk to come, then that's good, but I suspect there's more - and not just the good weather, or lack of alternative entertainment (I don't think there's much on TV on Sundays at 9.30am - not even any religion these days!).

Perhaps, for quite a few people, the events of the past few months, and the accumulation of five years of bad news (i.e. since the aforementioned "lockdowns") have persuaded them that they need to reconnect to something, or someone, greater than the weary materialism and foolish politicians with which we're surrounded (notwithstanding those in the latter group who still value truth and looking

after the genuinely needy and oppressed). Perhaps those suffering challenging times at home, for whatever reason, need to feel cared for and supported in a way that the world, even those close to us, often debate(s) but so often fails to deliver. And if that's the case, then I hope and pray that all those who came into our churches this Easter, maybe for the first time, will have left feeling valued and loved.

As we were reminded recently with "VE Day", the world's current tribulations are not, for us (yet) anything to match those which our parents and grandparents had to face in a time which now seems so distant. Whatever is going on away from our villages, I hope and pray also that our churches will continue to be a place where hope and real "good news" is found - even if, sometimes, something isn't quite right. And then you ring the vicar.

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

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Institute (Village Hall) news

You may wonder why our village building is sometimes referred to as the Institute and sometimes as the Village Hall and why the heading above uses both. The heading uses both so that we are clear what we are talking about, but I know some people prefer to use The Institute and others The Village Hall. I look forward to hearing from some of our village historians as to their knowledge of the 'name' and its origins.

May I offer an apology that in last month's article, we gave the wrong date for Stanfest. This is actually taking place on Saturday 30th August, so do put this date in your diaries. It has become a wonderful annual event in remembrance of Stan Gray, demonstrating the immense musical talent we have within the village. More information about this will follow in future editions of the magazine.

Arrangements are progressing to improve our toilet facilities and in particular provide much better disabled access. We are hoping this work will be completed next year. The first estimate for the work is over £20,000 so there is much for us to do in terms of grant applications and fund raising. If anyone has any expertise in accessing grants, then do get in touch. As part of our fundraising, the next Music Night will focus on Tamla Motown and will take place on Saturday 26th July commencing at 8.00 pm. Put the date

in your diaries and more news of this will follow next month.

We are also planning to hold an 'afternoon tea/dance' in August (date to be confirmed). Do let us know if you feel this would be something you would like to attend – especially if you feel up to a dance or two?

Many thanks to all of you who entered into the spirit of Easter and came to our coffee morning on 19th April, showcasing some amazing bonnets. Well done to Maralyne Cadman who was judged to be wearing the most stunning of head gear from amongst a strong selection. I can see that this is turning into a yearly event with competition building.

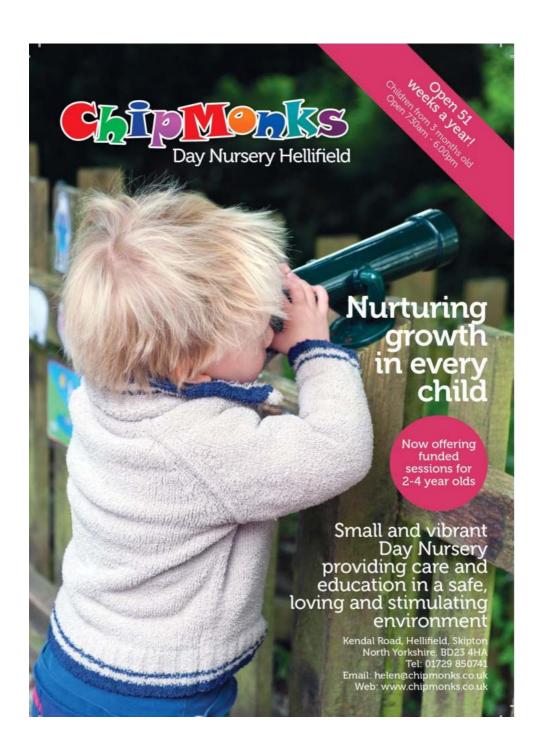
As always, we are very grateful to everyone who supports the Institute (Village Hall) in so many ways.

Karen Dunwoodie, Trustee

Book for next Friends of the Dales event

Walk: Peregrine Watch at Malham Cove - Thursday 12 June Ian Court, Wildlife Conservation Officer for the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, will lead a scenic circular guided walk to Malham Cove offering a rare opportunity to learn more about one of the Yorkshire Dales most majestic birds of prey. For more details or to book your place/s click visit:

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Bus and train times

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Bus times may change during June. Best to double check before travelling - see <u>klch.co.uk/bus-services</u>, or phone 01524 733 831.

Monday to Friday - to Skipton:

0810; 0900; 0945; 1045; 1145; 1245; 1345; 1445; 1545; 1800

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

Saturday - to Skipton:

0810; 0900; 0945; 1145; 1345; 1545; 1745

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; 1310; 1510; 1710; 1810; 1910

Train times in Hellifield

Train times may change during June. Best to double check before travelling - see 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; 1200; 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; 1517; 1713; 1945

To Lancaster, Monday to Saturday: 0537; 0740; 0910; 1111;

1311; 1513; 1824; 2014

To Lancaster, Sunday: 0931; 1124; 1420; 1623; 1822

Events in June							
Day	Time	Event	Contact	Dates			
Village Hall							
Mon	7.15-9pm	Table Tennis	Andy Crabtree 01729 851806	2nd, 9th, 16th, 30th			
Tue	2-4pm	Helliarts	Audrey Edwards 01729 850351	3rd			
Tue	6-7&7-9pm	Badminton	Bob Moore 07976 215646	3rd, 10th, 17th			
Wed	9-12.30am	Messy Monkeys	Amanda Belt 07398 284126	4th, 11th, 18th			
Wed	2-4pm	Mothers' Union	Sheila Swinbank 01729 850458	4th			
Wed	2-4pm	Helligames	Karen Dunwoodie 07756 862086	4th, 11th, 18th			
Wed	2-4pm	Helliscribes	Yvonne Crabtree 01729 851806	18th			
Wed	6.30pm	Helliplayers	Yvonne Crabtree 01729 851806	4th, 11th, 18th			
Thu	10-12 noon	Bowling	Maralyne 01729 851272	5th, 12th, 19th			
Thu	1-4pm	Hellicrafts	Val Bedford 01729 850260	5th			
Thu	10-12noon	Police Surgery	Ken Leak 07837 727268	12th			
Thu	7.30pm	Hellireaders	Audrey Edwards 01729 850351	12th			
Thu	7.15 - 9pm	WI	Carol Weston-Moore 07855 191927	19th			
Fri	9.45-11.15am	Hellisingers	Sue Alderson 01729 554149	6th, 13th, 20th			
Fri	1-3pm	Helli-Line dancing	Jane Gray 07971 656461	6th, 13th, 20th			
Fri	noon till 11pm	Beer Festival	Hellifieldbeerfestival @outlook.com	27th			
Sat	10-11.30am	Coffee Mornings	Ken Leak 07837 727268	7th, 14th, 21st			
Sat	noon till 11pm	Beer Festival	Hellifieldbeerfestival @outlook.com	28th			

Please note: normal Village Hall activities are cancelled from 22nd to 28th to allow preparation for the Beer Festival

Events in June							
Day	Time	Event	Contact	Dates			
Methodist Chapel / Wesley Centre							
Sun	2pm	Sunday Service	Letting Manager 07931 511652	1st, 8th, 15th, 29th			
Sun	4pm	Hour of Prayer	Letting Manager 07931 511652	1st			
Sun	10.30am	Family Lego Church	Letting Manager 07931 511652	8th			
Sun	2pm	Family Café Church	Letting Manager 07931 511652	22nd			
Mon	2.30pm	Welcome Mat	Letting Manager 07931 511652	2nd, 16th, 30th			
Tue	9.30am	Hellitots	Letting Manager 07931 511652	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th			
Wed	6-7&7-8pm	Kettlebells	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th			
Thu	12 noon	Drop-in Lunch	Joy Phillips 01729 850340	5th, 12th, 19th, 26th			
Hellifield House Social Club							
Sun	6.30pm	Bingo	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866	8th, 22nd			
Tue	2-4pm	Tea/Coffee/Chat	Margaret Foster	24th			
Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th			
St Aidan's Church							
Sun	9.30am	Church Service	Rev James Rodley 018729 851709	1st, 15th, 22nd, 29th			
Sun	9.30am	Pentecost (Whit Sunday) Service	Rev James Rodley 018729 851709	8th			
Sun	10.45-11am	Messy Church	James Atkinson 07849673214	22nd			
Other events							
Sun	10am	Helliwalkers - Rel 493169 - Village	becca Gooch 07443 Car Park	15th			

Meet the Parish Councillor: Neil Bates

A local family man having lived in the village for around 12 years, and a dad to two girls. Working in the Yorkshire Dales and surrounding areas, I am very blessed to live and work in such a lovely area! I offer a vehicle Breakdown and Recovery Service 24/7, with over 28 years experience. Doing the job that I love.

Neil Bates



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