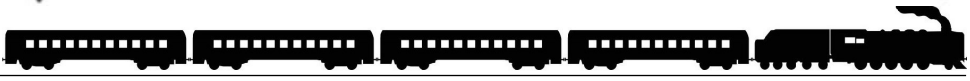

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The deadline for contributions to the April edition is the 8th of March

Editorial

Valentine's Day 2015 was a special day for Jen and me. It was the day we moved from Kirkby Malham to Hellifield. Before retirement we had bought a holiday flat in the mill at Scalegill, Kirkby Malham, and when two others came on the market we bought both, converted them into one flat and moved back across the Pennines from Cheshire.

I say back, for my first job was teaching Mathematics at BGS (Bradford Grammar School). Jen and I had got married on World Cup Day in July 1966 and lived for a while in a new bungalow in Cullingworth before a promotion took us to Cheshire.

Scalegill was splendid but we recognised as we aged that it would be more sensible to be closer to services. We had had three difficult winters and clearing the thick snow from the 600 yard lane tested my replaced hip. We made a choice, never regretted, to move to Hellifield.

The recent snow, albeit not lasting long, brought back childhood memories. I was born in St John's Chapel, Upper Weardale, well known, like Hellifield, for its livestock market. But it was the wonderful winter (!!) of 1947 I remember most. I could not see over the top of the channel cut through the drifts to get us to school; we built forts and snowhouses in the playground and had snowball fights. We went sledging daily after school – the blacksmith did a roaring trade – and a huge igloo was built in the village square for evening socialising. One day Dad, while trying to thaw out pipes, put his foot through the bathroom ceiling. My amusement was not appreciated. When the snow cleared in March, underneath was a superb display of snowdrops and crocuses.

It was 62/63 before we had another

winter like that. My mother reminisced that in 1947 the workmen used to hang their jackets on the top of telegraph poles when they started snow drift clearing each day. I suggested this was an exaggeration. As a student in London, 3 weeks into term I received a letter from my mother. It contained the front page of the Stockton & Darlington Times with a photograph of coats on telegraph poles and a reminder about having respect for ones' elders. A lesson learned!

Chris Darling. Finance Officer.



Harriet Maddock - new Parish Councillor

Hellifield Parish Council have appointed several new Councillors over the last year and will be introducing them month by month in the Herald so that villagers will be aware of who they are and what they bring to the Parish Council.



This month we start with Harriet Maddock:

I have lived in Hellifield for most of my life. I attended Hellifield Primary School, Settle Middle School and finally Settle College before moving away for a few years. I returned in 2018 after having my son and have since welcomed my daughter whilst living in the village.

I had a brief appointment as Clerk to another local Parish Council, where I realised the importance of the PC for the community. I'm looking forward to meeting new faces whilst serving the Parish and contributing to ensuring our village is a lovely place to raise our children. Please do say hi if you see me around!

Harriet

Mothers' Union report - February 2025

Sheila welcomed members to our February meeting and lit a candle to remember absent friends - several are suffering ill health. In February we are celebrating two birthdays and one new member, Jen Darling, was received into membership.

Colin Blake led us through the service for welcoming new members, before giving us his fascinating talk. He took us on a journey through the Bible, explaining about the different groups of books and their purpose. Everyone appreciated this, as so often we hear a passage of scripture, but don't always appreciate how it fits into the overall story of the Bible. We showed our appreciation and then shared tea and

delicious cakes. We went home spiritually and physically refreshed. 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

The 11th Hellifield Beer Festival

27th and 28th June 2025

Hopefully you will all be pleased to know that planning for the 11th Hellifield Beer Festival is now under way.

The event will once again be held in the Village Hall (Institute), following the same layout as adopted last year as a result of the Yorke Room refurbishment – the bar now being in the main hall. This seemed to work quite well.

Since its inception in 2013, the festival has raised over £36,000 which has been ploughed back into Hellifield village and close surrounding areas to support local organisations, groups and events. Over the years we have helped 40 organisations with many benefitting multiple times. Last year, our landmark 10th festival was the most successful (apart from the weather) ever, enabling over £5000 to be distributed AND the purchase of 5 gazebos to (hopefully) provide some shade from the sun, or (more likely) afford protection from the rain!

The festival is a great annual event for the village, creating a fun weekend where you can meet up with friends old and new, whilst sampling the many and varied beers and ciders on offer – around 45 in total from a wide range of local and national brewers; each year sees a new mixture.

All this would not be possible without the generosity of our sponsors – without their support there would be no festival and our grateful thanks go to all past, present and future sponsors, supporters and helpers. For continued success, we need to secure a glass sponsor, venue sponsor, ideally a program sponsor and gazebo sponsors, but at the core of the event - barrel sponsors for each beer and

cider. Barrel sponsors are a mix of both businesses and private individuals – all of whom just want to support a great annual ever improving event which also raises money for local good causes. If you can offer sponsorship, please let one of the committee members know, or email us at hellifieldbeerfestival@outlook.com

The price of barrel sponsorship remains the same as last year – £55 for half a barrel and £100 for a full barrel. The benefits of barrel sponsorship are shown on the website along with lots of festival info (just Google **Hellifield Beer Festival**).

The event runs from **lunchtime until 11pm** on both Friday and Saturday where you will find a relaxed and informal atmosphere. The committee is very grateful to all who come along to support this event – both new faces and seasoned regulars alike. There are no advance tickets, just turn up on the day; the entrance fee includes a program, commemorative glass and your first 2 drinks tokens. Once you have paid, you can come and go as often as you like over the 2 days as long as you retain your glass. Additional drinks are then purchased via a token system – we accept both cash and card payments.

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

Hellifield Beer Festival committee.

Hellifield Methodist Chapel and Wesley Centre

March 2025

- Worship Services on Sundays at 2pm
- Family Lego Church 10.30am on 9th
- Hour of prayer Sunday 4 pm on 2nd
- Family Cafe Church 2 pm on 23rd
- Welcome Mat: Mondays 2.30pm on 3rd, 17th and 31st
- Strong and Steady: Mondays 3pm on 10th and 24th
- Hellitots 9.30am Tuesdays
- Wellbeing Café: Wednesday at 10.30 am 12th
- Warm Space - Mondays 11-2pm plus soup and sandwiches, from 12-1.30, for donation only.

You are so very welcome to join us at our Services and other activities. Phone Pauline 07931 511652 or Jeff 851389.

St Aidan's Church - March 2025

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, **5th March**, and we'll be marking this, as always, with a service that day at 7pm. Please do join us as we hold our troubled world before God in prayer, and hear the liberating words of God's forgiveness for us all.

Our regular Sunday worship continues **every Sunday at 9.30am** . And do make a note of our Family Communion to mark the start of Holy Week on Sunday 13th April (9.30am) which will feature a dramatic Passion reading by the Messy Church team.

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Hellifield traffic speed monitoring

Happy motoring in 2025 to residents of Hellifield. Our Community Speed Watch deployments are continuing and it is good to report that, generally, excessive speeds through the village are reducing, particularly near our school.

Current concerns are: the speed of HGVs on the A65, particularly at night and in the early hours and the parking of supermarket delivery vehicles and 'white van' drivers. They seem unaware of the Highway Code (HC) advice on not parking near school gates, adjacent to pedestrian crossings, or on bends and opposite junctions. Perhaps we all need to revisit the HC's advice, just to remind ourselves of what the UK Road Traffic Regulations say?

We now have our second moveable VAS radar and this is normally sited near the church, or as requested by residents, on the Gisburn Road. Our first VAS radar is always sited at the village school, as this is our highest priority. However, we can use it in both directions; as results have shown, that westbound drivers speed up after passing the pedestrian crossing, even though the school entrance is still in front of them. We have asked NYC (Highways) to move the 40mph limit sign further west; but we should all know that the national speed limit is 30mph in built-up areas. At least we got the new 'white lines' painted near Kendal Close and Midland Terrace! I have sympathy for the residents of Gargrave, as they have no CSW/VAS volunteers anymore.

We had considered buying a digital camera, so that we could photograph the rear of any vehicle exceeding the speed limit, but NY Police have vetoed this, on the grounds that it might upset somebody. It might upset a pedestrian

if they got hit by a speeding vehicle! We just need to employ Joy Phillips to pass to and fro over the A65, with her 'walker' in daylight hours – or, at least a cardboard cutout on a bit of elastic! We have bought a back-up hand radar for our CSW sessions, just so we can be perfectly fair in judging any excessive speeds. Most of us drive a vehicle at sometime and probably have been guilty of travelling too fast. Our volunteers just want to keep all of us in Hellifield safe from vehicle incidents/accidents.

Just as a footnote: I know we are in farming countryside, but I don't understand why (certain) tractor drivers are allowed to drive on the highway without orange lights, to use their mobile phones while driving, to have more than one person (including children) in the cab and to have no lights or number plates on their trailers. Do you?

Note: It should be mentioned that our NY Councillor, Cllr Simon Myers, has contributed to our traffic monitoring equipment, with Locality Budget grants from the Council and I thank him for his financial support. These grants are helping to promote road safety in North Yorkshire, but unfortunately, aren't enough to buy one of Boris Johnson's promised 20,000 extra Policemen!

Stay safe. Paul A Emsley

CSW/VAS Co-ordinator February 2025

P.S. What an excellent resumé of the 'Flashes' fiasco in your last issue, by Angie Pedley. Thank you.

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Hellicraft meeting

A giggle was had by all at Hellicrafts today in February (as well as tea and coffee and biscuits).



Eight lovely ladies indulged their passions (craft-wise of course) and help was given to a couple of members who needed to know how to do blanket stitch (sewing) and lacy raglan (knitting).

If you are interested in crafting of any kind why not come along on the first Thursday of the month to the Village Hall (Yorke Room), you will be made very welcome. There is a small fee of £3 per session which includes refreshments.

Alison Taylor

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“May I share your table?” He asked with a smile
“With pleasure!” I simpered, “I’ll be here for a while.”

My bus was at two but I didn’t care
With looks like that, I was going nowhere!
Why on earth would he want to sit with me?
There were empty tables - at least two or three.

I check that my makeup hasn’t smudged
And hope against hope that my wig hasn’t budged
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View from the Vicarage

I read a fascinating article recently (in a “serious” newspaper) about a woman who, inspired by an online lifestyle-lecture, decided to stop spending money. All right, not entirely. Having no children to care for made this rather more straightforward, but this was nonetheless a serious exercise. She paid her rent and bought simple food to eat. She replaced clothes when they were worn out, and still purchased inexpensive, but thoughtful, gifts for family and friends and, as she was a city-dweller she didn’t need a car. But, for a year, she spent nothing on: holidays, gyms, unnecessary clothes and shoes, meals out and coffee shops, electronic gadgets and the general sort of “stuff” that so many of us buy without thinking twice. And at the end of the year, she was not only much better off financially than she’d expected, but also much challenged in mind and spirit as to what makes for a “good life”- accustomed to being able to have everything our society says is “good” for us, she came to see that, stepping away from the compulsion to keep buying stuff, her life found new and exciting meaning.

What struck me on reading this was- apart from being a challenge to myself, of course, in my own spending habits- the fact that this woman’s seemingly self- denying and uncomfortable act was just normal life for our parents’ and grandparents’ generations. I’m old enough (oh, how I love being able to say that!) to recall the days before universal credit cards enabled us to have what-we-want-when-we-want-it and indeed, compared to now, there wasn’t nearly so much to buy in the first place: supermarkets weren’t terribly exciting in 1974! Our parents and grandparents had to save hard to afford to buy cars and household appliances, and memories of wartime and real austerity thereafter made sure that ordinary folk simply weren’t extravagant, even if they could be.

Now, lest you turn the page thinking that this is just the vicar moaning (again! And probably hypocritically) about our consumer society, please

bear with me. I certainly enjoy the creature comforts that we take for granted so often (try reading about the people in the formerly relatively prosperous cities of Ukraine to appreciate how life can change very suddenly when all that is taken away from you by someone else).

But, equally, Christians (and spiritual people of other religions, indeed) have always stressed the need for some self -denial to counterbalance our natural human instinct to own and consume as much as we can, right here, right now. The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5th (brief advert- do come to our service at 7pm at St Aidan’s) and Christians, following the example of Jesus who, the Bible tells us, fasted for 40 days in the wilderness, have always seen this time leading up to Easter as a period to step aside from the endless desires of the world to have more and more, and instead to spend more time thanking

God for what we have and giving to others in need. In this way, Christians say, we can get into their right context the extraordinary events of Holy Week and Easter (which I'll talk about next month).

So- even if it's not your plan to come to church in Lent, please do spend a while reflecting on your lives and lifestyles, and maybe seeing whether, like the lady in the story, "less" might be "more" for you too.

If you'd like to join a Lent discussion group, reflecting on the "People of the Passion", please contact Revd James Rodley on 01729-851709 or jwerodley@yahoo.co.uk

Institute (Village Hall) news

The 80's Night held in January proved to be 'lively' with lots of gyrating bodies and memories of younger days. The money raised is going towards the refurbishment of the toilets, which will greatly improve our disabled access.

Due to popular demand a further Music Night is taking place with Mik Cardus at the helm as DJ. This time it will focus on the 'Glam Rock' era and is titled "1970's High School Disco" (see poster). It will take place on Saturday 5th April at 8.00 pm (doors open at 7.30 pm) with tickets costing £5, on sale from myself or from H's shop. This gives time to sort out your outfit! The disco will be a 'bring your own drinks' event.

There is always some maintenance to be done and we have recently completed some guttering repairs which will, hopefully, cure a damp problem we were encountering in the Yorke Room.

We are pleased the display boards are now erected in the Yorke Room and HelliArts are in the process of filling

them up with interesting displays of their work. Do find time to go in and have a look when you are in the building.

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The Edinburgh train was made up of 12 coaches including 2 sleeper cars and 2 parcel vans which were attached to the rear of the train. The train had stopped at Delaney's sidings near Gargrave with a brake problem on one of the sleeping cars but being unable to fix the problem the train continued at reduced speed to Hellifield where the carriage and wagon fitters there would examine the coach. At Hellifield, fitters Geoff Segger and Clifford Stead were waiting to examine the coach, telling the driver to release the train brakes Geoff got under the sleeping car laying with his back on the sleepers and his legs on the rail tops, a few minutes

later he felt the vibration of an approaching train and glancing up could see the sparks coming from its wheels following its sudden brake application. Luckily he was able to roll out from under the coach and take cover behind the wagons of a freight train stopped in the adjoining loop line before the impact took place.

The Glasgow train was not booked to stop at Hellifield and was approaching at about 50mph when it made its brake application which reduced the speed of the impact to around 30-35mph. The 2 parcel vans of the Edinburgh train took the full force of the impact with the locomotive of the Glasgow train





ploughing through them and almost reducing them to matchwood. The brakes being off, the Edinburgh train was pushed forward, which absorbed much of the impact.

Fortunately, there were no serious injuries sustained in the collision. In the aftermath of the accident single line working was introduced and platform one was back in use a day later. The official report into the crash found irregular working by the signalman in Hellifield South Junction box was to blame. By not replacing lever 45 in the frame this had allowed the automatic signals between Otterburn and Hellifield to operate and these signals had returned to the "all right" position. He had also not immediately replaced the Hellifield Station signals to danger to protect the rear of the Edinburgh train standing at the platform. In the signalman's defence

the report also concluded that any safety device that relied on human intervention (i.e. replacing lever 45 back in the frame) was not an effective safety device at all.

John Pearcy

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I bet you can and all the excuses above are just that. So, find a couple of hours on a Monday evening or on Tuesday evening or even on both evenings and give Table Tennis (Monday) and/ or Badminton (Tuesday) a go



down at Hellifield Village Hall. No kit other than a pair of trainers and some clothes you feel comfy moving about in is all you need. Oh, and £3 but that also gets you a tea or coffee and

biscuits. A bargain.

Both nights have people of all ages and skill levels. Both groups welcome new members and help them get to learn the game.

Games are in doubles and a strong player is always teamed with a new or weaker player to balance the game. A good chance to get out, enjoy good relaxing company and try new or revive old skills.

Go on, give it a go.

Bob Moore



Hellifield WI

As mentioned in February, our AGM will be held on 20th March when the committee will be re-elected and/or new members appointed to the Committee.

The good news is that enough members have agreed to rejoin to make it feasible to run for another year. So, thank you so much to those who have already paid and a gentle reminder to those who wish to continue as members but haven't paid yet.

Following this encouraging start to our new year, I have begun work on the programme for next year and hopefully members should receive a copy of this in March or April. This will also show the allocation for hostess duties, but please discuss with other members if you need to change. If you feel you have been asked to help too many times, then speak to a committee member and we will make the necessary changes. Along with the AGM in March, we are hoping to have a pie and pea supper, so please indicate, if possible, to one of the

existing committee if you are able to attend, so we can buy the correct number of pies or if you require a vegetarian option. Our first speaker for April will be Yvonne Pinder. Many of you will know Yvonne from previous visits to Hellifield, and this session she has agreed to do her Pinny's Pots for us, so if you like art and would like to come along as a non-member, you would be very welcome. (See advert on the right showing some of Yvonne's work).

Visitors are only charged £4 which includes refreshments. We hope this coming year will be enjoyable and that we might attract new members to bring new ideas and suggestions to the group. Look forward to seeing you soon.

Carol – Joint Secretary

Yorkshire Air Ambulance coffee morning Saturday 29 March

Please come along to support this life saving service. There will be a raffle, a tombola and a cake stall. If you can help by providing some delicious home baking or raffle prizes then we will be delighted to receive them.

To keep all the ambulances maintained and in the air we need to raise at least £19,000.00 a day. Many thanks to all those who supported our last coffee morning event on 30th November last year, where we raised an amazing £522.29!

We would be grateful for anyone who can also help at the door, in the kitchen and/or serving drinks. This would be a

tremendous boost as YAA volunteers are somewhat thin on the ground in this area. If you would like to become a registered volunteer then the website address is www.yaa.org.uk or you can contact the office on 01422 237900.

If you can help in any way then please contact me on 07511 170916 or email annebrennand@outlook.com

Anne (YAA registered volunteer)



Hellifield WI presents: Pinny's Pots



Thursday 17th April 2025 at 7.15pm

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

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



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



HELLIFIELD WI

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

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

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



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

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

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Carol (Joint Secretary) on 07855 191927

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Brian Shorrock's bachelor days

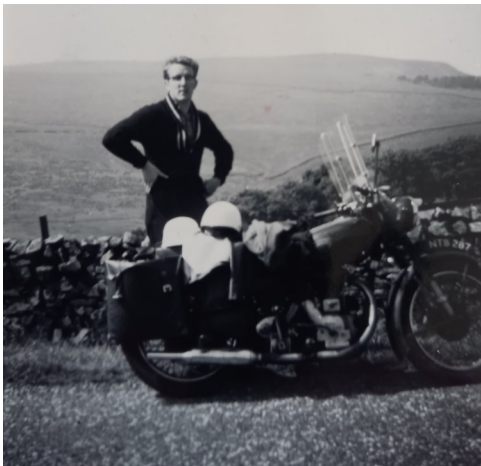
Brian has shared many memories of life growing up in Hellifield during the years of the second world war and later. Here Brian recalls some memories of life in the village and surrounds as a teenager and young man.

“As a teenager I acquired my first means of motorised transport, a Royal Enfield 350cc, which carried me into a world of being frozen to death, soaked to the skin and bombarded by flying insects of all sizes. The bike was very prone to punctures - usually in the rear wheel. This necessitated taking off the seat, the chain, plus numerous other things, making it quite a lengthy job. I had numerous incidents with this bike including breakdowns in the middle of Newby Moor and nearly drowning my girlfriend on the road to Tosside when I hit a deep pool of floodwater. Also, ending up in the middle of the road near Bolton by Bowland following braking sharply and seeing the bike careering away from me leaving us in a heap in the road. More bikes followed. A Norton 500cc Dominator and a 500cc Triumph. I was able to cover longer

distances and was lucky enough to go to the Isle of Man to watch the TT Races.

Driving a car was a different kettle of fish. My father was one of those fortunate/unfortunate people who during the war held a driving licence but had never passed a test. When eventually he acquired a vehicle, his efforts in teaching me to drive was like the blind leading the blind. Our first and last lesson terminated after a mile down the road when we nearly came to blows. So driving school was for me but not my father. After a few years he did indeed become safe and competent. However, father was an engine driver at Hellifield and there are no gears on a steam locomotive. Therefore, in his book, gears in the car were only used as a last resort, which meant ascending hills was a succession of jerks and judders, crunches and grinds. If lucky, we just managed to reach the top on most occasions. With many cars being without heaters we were bundled up in clothing and I remember a potato would be cut in half and smeared over the windscreen which stopped it freezing - for a while anyway.

Most Saturdays were spent loafing around the village, apart from football. We had quite a good team at Hellifield and I was in it. After being plastered with mud, it was home for a bath and the start of an evening out. We had a few drinks in the Working Men's Club. The club was a bastion of the smoking fraternity. The walls and ceilings had



Brian with his Royal Enfield motorbike



Hellifield Football Team, 1954-1955. Brian Shorrock - bottom row, 4th from left.

long since turned brown with tobacco from pipes and cigarette smoke. The rooms had low ceilings and the atmosphere was always polluted. The main bar was heated by a coal fire, but we saw little of this as Bill Lindley, a plumber by trade, would stand in front of it blocking out the heat and incurring the wrath of other members of the club. Following a few drinks, it was into Brian Capstick's car for a drive down to Cltheroe, or other smaller villages like Tosside, Long Preston or Slaidburn. We were coming back from a dance one night and travelling towards Hellifield. On the Gisburn Road a mile or so from the village at a place called the Clint, there was a petrol station and cafe (now a private house). We saw something bounding up the road in front of us and running up the side of a tree. It was our front wheel! We screeched to a halt with sparks flying everywhere. Thankfully we were ok. These expeditions to dances in the pursuit of girls were often a series of misadventures. We were often too late and too full of beer. Most of the girls

had gone home and the erratic drive home, with no one really in a fit state to drive, were often trials to be endured. Amazingly we survived. There were no rigid drink-driving rules in force in those days so I suppose we were doing what many similar young bachelors were doing in the pursuit of the fairer sex.

During my courting days in the 1950's we regularly attended the Nuvic Cinema in Settle. Despite this being another smoke-filled emporium, we watched some classic films of the period. I particularly remember 'The Blackboard Jungle' starring Glenn Ford and Sidney Poitier. Afterwards it was a mad rush to get to the fish and chip shop. Everyone's appetite resulted in most people ignoring the national anthem.

I could go on and on of course. Thankfully my memories of my youth are still vivid, and I have put many recollections down on paper. In further editions of the Hellifield Herald, I'm sure more tales will be told."

Ken Leak.

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Ken's drawing lesson

John, our editor, has asked me about the illustrations and pictures I have submitted over the years, and the different techniques used to create them. Many illustrations are a combination of black ink only, or a combination of black ink with pencil shading to give more depth to the illustration. If I want to emphasise shade and light, a pencil of various grades or a 'leadwash' with a fine brush can bring more life to an illustration.



I draw from my own photographs or vintage scenes, old postcards etc. I often add detail, as the Victorians and Edwardians preferred blank canvas or scenery shots because of slow shutter speeds in their photographs. A live action shot would result in a lot of blurred characters so people (if any) were asked to pose for the shots.

I mainly use watercolour in conjunction with black and white or pencil drawings using crayon or brushes to apply.

Most pencil, black ink or perhaps

coloured pictures take anything from an hour to 3 hours on and off to finish.

The 'scrapboard' drawings I submit are a different kettle of fish.

Scrapboards are white cards with a black chalk covering (or vice-versa if one prefers). Scrapboards are not easy to come by. I tend to order on-line. They are not actively promoted as there will be some health issues involved with their use. Using them

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involves finely scraping away the black chalk covering to reveal the white background using etching nibs of different sizes. So you end up with chalk dust residue which needs wiping away. Strictly speaking you should wear a mask. Though I will be honest - I don't. I find it too constricting. It is very painstaking and a picture can take many hours to complete. There is not much margin for error and the smaller details such as figures and animals are the most difficult to produce.

There is a wealth of material on the Internet or in magazines, books etc giving examples of nature/wildlife in all

its forms. Animals and people too. Most of this is free to use and I obviously use it. I don't sit in a field for hours drawing a cow or waiting for a rabbit to come along and pose briefly!

I have produced lots of illustrations over the years and many have been published.

I have drawn since a small child and will probably continue till my ink finally runs out and my pencil goes blunt for the last time.

It has been a satisfying occupation.

Ken Leak

Drama and optimism from Settle Orchestra

Settle Orchestra's 2024-25 season continues with concerts in Settle (22 March) and Skipton (29 March) under our dynamic new conductor Harry Lai. Both concerts will start at 3.30 pm, an earlier start time which is proving popular with audiences.

This term's programme explores the dramatic power of music. As well as perennial favourites of the symphonic repertoire – Sibelius' stirring "Finlandia" and Tchaikovsky's 5th Symphony, with its moving progression from dark pessimism to triumphant optimism – the programme contains a work less familiar to British audiences, the tone-poem "The Noonday Witch" by the Czech composer Antonín Dvořák. This is based on a chilling story about a mother who threatens her unruly child with a visit from the witch, only to find her threat comes true. Dvořák's masterly score brings this disturbing story to vivid life.

Looking further ahead, our summer concerts (21 and 28 June) will be free thanks to a generous legacy from Dorothy Wrathall, a former member of the orchestra. Ewan Hudson, a regular

member of our horn section and one of the younger players in the orchestra, will be the soloist in Weber's breathtaking Concertino.

We always aim to keep our ticket prices affordable, but recognising that affordability isn't the same for everyone we have introduced a Buy One Donate One scheme whereby you can donate the cost of a ticket, and we will ensure that somebody less able to afford the full cost of a ticket will be invited to attend one of our concerts. And if you, or someone you know, would like to receive a ticket under this scheme please contact Charlie Dobson in confidence at

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

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Mon	7.15 - 9pm	Table Tennis	Andy Crabtree 01729 851806	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
Tue	2 - 4pm	Helliarts	Audrey Edwards 01729 850351	4th
Tue	6-7&7-9pm	Badminton	Bob Moore 07976 215646	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
Wed	9-12.30am	Messy Monkeys	Amanda Belt 07398 284126	5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
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Day	Time	Event	Provider / Contact	Dates in March
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Mon	2.30pm	Welcome Mat	Letting Manager 07931 511652	3rd, 17th, 31st
Mon	12-1.30pm	Soup & Sandwich	Letting Manager 07931 511652	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
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Tue	9.30am	Hellitots	Letting Manager 07931 511652	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
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Tue	2-4pm	Tea, coffee & chat	Margaret Foster	25th
Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866	5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

St Aidan's Church

Day	Time	Event	Provider / Contact	Dates in March
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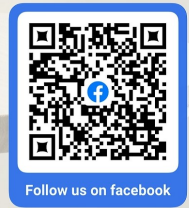
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