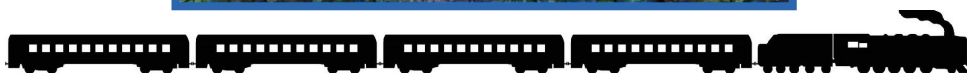

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The deadline for contributions to the November edition
is the 8th of October

Editorial

It is just over twelve months since I last wrote the magazine editorial and what a lot happens in a year. For one thing I became 70 years old, which is a bit of a milestone and tends to make you do more reminiscing than it does planning ahead.

It is uplifting to see so many elderly people in Hellifield who most definitely do not look their age and who are engaged in the many activities that are locally available – to all age groups. I am sure there are many health benefits from being socially and physically active and now that I have reached 70, I am determined to try and stay as healthy as possible, hence my involvement in many village activities.



I am also conscious that due to different reasons, there are those not able to get involved. Some people prefer their own company to being in groups. Some find it hard to make that first step because they don't know anyone. It could be due to poor health or having sight or hearing loss that understandably makes you reluctant to leave the safety of your own home and do something different.

I have found Hellifield to be full of very 'caring' people and I know many give assistance to neighbours who find themselves in need of a helping hand from time to time. There are also many organisations full of paid staff and voluntary helpers such as Age UK, Cruse Bereavement Care, Alzheimers Society, Silver Line, plus many others who, if contacted, will hopefully be able to offer some assistance if this is required.

There are a whole range of events and activities listed in the back of this magazine, but if there is something that you wish was happening in Hellifield that would assist you to become more

active, which is not currently taking place, then do contact the magazine (contact details on page 2) and we can put out a call to see if there is anyone out there who could make it happen.

Referring back to the beginning of this editorial and my reference to doing more reminiscing than forward planning, I wondered if any of you reading this, may like to put pen to paper and let us know of some of your own reminisces. If you would physically find this hard to do, I am more than happy to meet up and help with the writing. I am sure there are some very interesting stories to relay. Ring me on 01729 851070 or by email on kalydun@btinternet.com if you would like my assistance with your story.

I look forward to seeing anyone who comes along to our Annual Meeting on Tuesday 15th October at 3.00 pm. Detail is on page 12.

Karen Dunwoodie
Chair of Hellifield Magazine
Management Committee

Hellifield Institute (Village Hall) News

Despite it being the summer months when many people are away on holiday, there has still been a great deal of activity taking place within the institute (village hall). We had the Beer Festival at the beginning of August, the Soul and Disco Night mid-August and Stanfest at the end of August. All well attended with lots of fun had by all. It is very satisfying to see so many age groups and families coming together, creating a great community spirit. It makes me proud to be a resident of Hellifield. None of these events happen without a great deal of work being done behind the scenes, so thank you to everyone who made these events the success they were.

All the regular activities continue, which are listed in the 'events' section at the back of the magazine, but we are pleased to welcome the introduction of Pilates classes which began in September. In addition, since the Little Beauty Salon closed in the village, Kathryn is planning to hold some treatment sessions in the Yorke Room. Detail of these will be advertised so if you are interested in taking part, then do check them out. The table tennis group is looking for new members and so, if you have been enthused by the recent Olympics, why not consider joining in (see contact details in events section). Conversely, I have to advise that roll mat bowls is currently at capacity so until further notice there are no spare places for this fun sport.

In the next edition, I will be reminding members who are in the 200 Club Draw that we will be collecting annual subscriptions during December. If you are not currently involved and would like to be, this involves a £15 per annum subscription and you will be given

a number between 1 and 200. A monthly draw takes place during the first Saturday coffee morning in the month when three prizes of £10, £15 and £25 (amounts doubled in the December draw) are awarded. The funds raised go towards routine maintenance costs. If you would like to be included, contact Paul Surbuts, one of our Trustees, by telephone 0791 747 6852 or email paulsurbuts@yahoo.co.uk

The trustees are continually assessing what improvements are required and we are currently planning to improve disability access to our toilets; purchasing blinds for the new fire exit in the Yorke Room and an improved fire exit at the front of the building. By all means let us know if you feel there is anything you have spotted that needs improvement so that we can give this consideration. The village hall is for your use, so do feel involved in all we do.

Karen Dunwoodie
Trustee

Hellifield Parish Council

HPC are pleased to announce that all places on the Council are now filled, for the first time in several years, so going forward, there is now a complete Parish Council. This should make Council affairs more manageable and ease the strain on the few Councillors who have been conducting Council matters for the last couple of years.

Welcome to the new Councillors who include Neil Bates, Karen Dunwoodie, Harriet Maddock and Wendy Robinson.

The Community Speed Watch (CSW) group under the leadership of Paul Emsley has seen through the completion of the installation of Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS) outside Hellifield Primary School and St Aidan's Church and are in the process of the installation of VAS on Gisburn Road near the exit from the village. It is

hoped that this will have a beneficial effect and reduce speeding through the village. CSW is currently seeking new members to assist and anyone interested should contact Paul Emsley.

Sadly we have to report that there has been substantial vandalism carried out, on more than one occasion, to equipment on the Station Road playground causing damage to equipment, an expense which is borne by village funds. Should anyone witness such vandalism, please report it immediately to the Police on 101 so that action can be taken. It is hoped that in the short to medium term further funds will become available to enable HPC to install new and additional playground equipment for both Station Road and Thorndale play areas.

Julie Sleath

Clerk to Hellifield Parish Council

Tel: 07736 079135

Hammerton Drive Grass Cutting

Sadly as yet no one has come forward as a volunteer to take over the organising of the grass cutting on Hammerton Drive. Ann and I would be very grateful if two people would consider this role.

We will of course give advice re banking and delivery of letters.

We are going to be slightly short of funds at the end of this season, so if anyone could make a small donation to either 4 or 23 Hammerton Drive that would be most appreciated.

Please go on Facebook and on Save Hellifield's facilities there are pictures

of what the green looked like before!

Janie & Ann





Hellifield Winners at Malham Show



Our family recently entered the Malham show and had a very good day as a family. winning both a trophy and a shield. The trophy was the Chris Riley trophy, which is awarded for the most points as a family. Also, my daughter Devania won the Cooper Shield, which is a prize given for the most points scored by a senior child.

We were made up with the result and very pleased to keep the Chris Riley trophy in Hellifield for a second year, following a win by Victoria Richardson last year. Hopefully we will have the opportunity to keep it in Hellifield for a third year. I have added a picture.

Gareth and Sarah Horton

Settle Orchestra: 2024-25 Season

After their highly enjoyable 2023-24 season under their effervescent Columbian conductor, Maca Barbosa, Settle orchestra are looking forward to another season of first-class music making. For this year they will be conducted by Harry Lai, another graduate student of the masters course at Manchester's Royal Northern College of Music. Harry is from Hong Kong and has already made his mark in the UK, collaborating with orchestras such as the Hallé, the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra and Birmingham Opera Company.

For this season, Harry has chosen an engaging and varied programme including symphonies by Haydn (number 103, the "Drum Roll"), Tchaikovsky (number 5) and Schubert (the rarely played number 3). Another comparative rarity will be Dvorak's darkly haunting tone poem "The Noonday Witch". The season also features concertos by two present or past younger members of the orchestra, Ellen Buller (flute) and Ewan Hudson (horn), in line with our policy of encouraging young musicians.

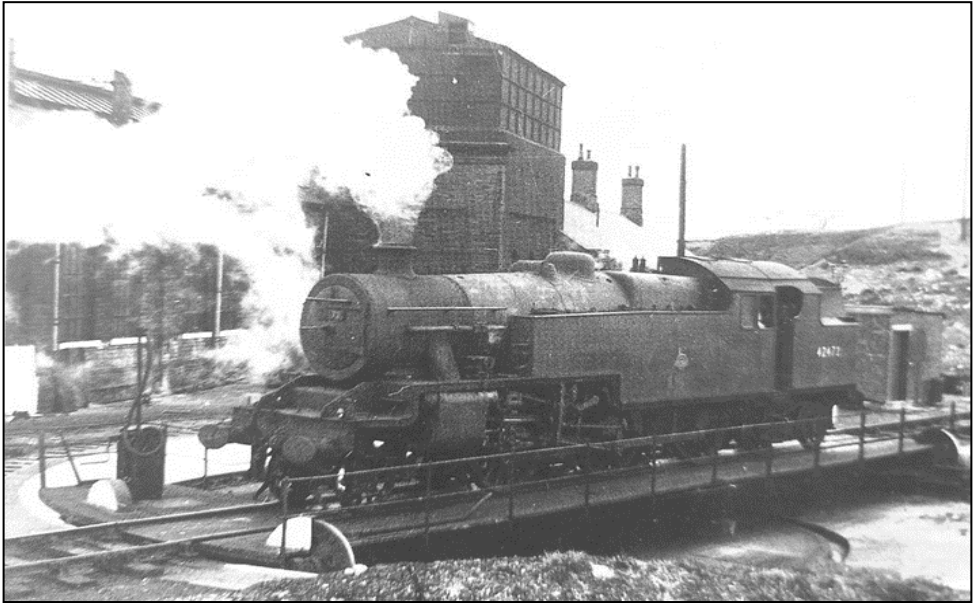
We always welcome applications to join the orchestra, especially from younger players and from string and brass players. We would also be very interested to hear from any composers who would like to write music for the orchestra.

We give two concerts each term, one in Settle and one in Skipton. This year the dates are 23 and 30 November 2024, 22 and 29 March, and 21 and 28 June 2025. Full details are on our website, <http://www.settleorchestra.org.uk/>.

Do please come and support us and keep music live in the Dales!



Hellifield Station: Then and Now



The turntable to the right of the shed. Circa 1961. Installed in 1877 and upgraded in 1922, the turntable remained in position after the shed closure and was removed in the late 1960's. A good view of the activity in the shed and on the turntable could be seen from the field to the left of the picture.

Hellifield Station is a popular destination for railway enthusiasts and patrons of the popular Shed 24H Café. Many visitors will wander into the attendant rooms on the platform to gaze at the plethora of railwayana on display. They might gaze at the

abundant photographs of activity in the neighbouring platforms, sidings and engine shed, and reflect wistfully on the long life of a once busy railway passenger and freight interchange. There was a period during the 1970's and 80's when the buildings were in



Left : The same viewpoint today. The turntable pit edge is just visible to the right and the turntable pit is still there. In my childhood it was full of water and was a brilliant place to catch frogs and newts. I remember being collared by Mr Mobbs the village bobby, who lined me and the other miscreants up on the platform and gave us a dressing down for trespassing on railway property – and for catching frogs!



Midland Railway Station Staff circa 1895. The staff pose for a group photo by the side of the northbound platform. This would have been a major event for the staff. No doubt organised by the Station Master (bearded) who sits on the front row. The staff comprise of porters and guards plus the bookstall staff and the station cat! The subway would be below and to the right.

such disrepair that it was considered safer – and cheaper – to simply pull the station down and replace it with a simpler structure. However, because of the Midland Railway architecture and the splendid awnings and canopies which overhang the platforms, the station was given a reprieve from possible destruction.

The fact that the architecture was awarded Grade 2 listed status in 1977 helped its cause. The formation of the Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Railway and their opposition to the closure of the line in 1989 was also a dominant

factor. The group won their fight, and the line plus its neighbouring stations were given a second chance. Hellifield, being an important station on the Skipton – Settle stretch, was completely renovated during the 1990's



Right: The same position today.



Above: Station staff and passengers on the northbound platform in Edwardian times.

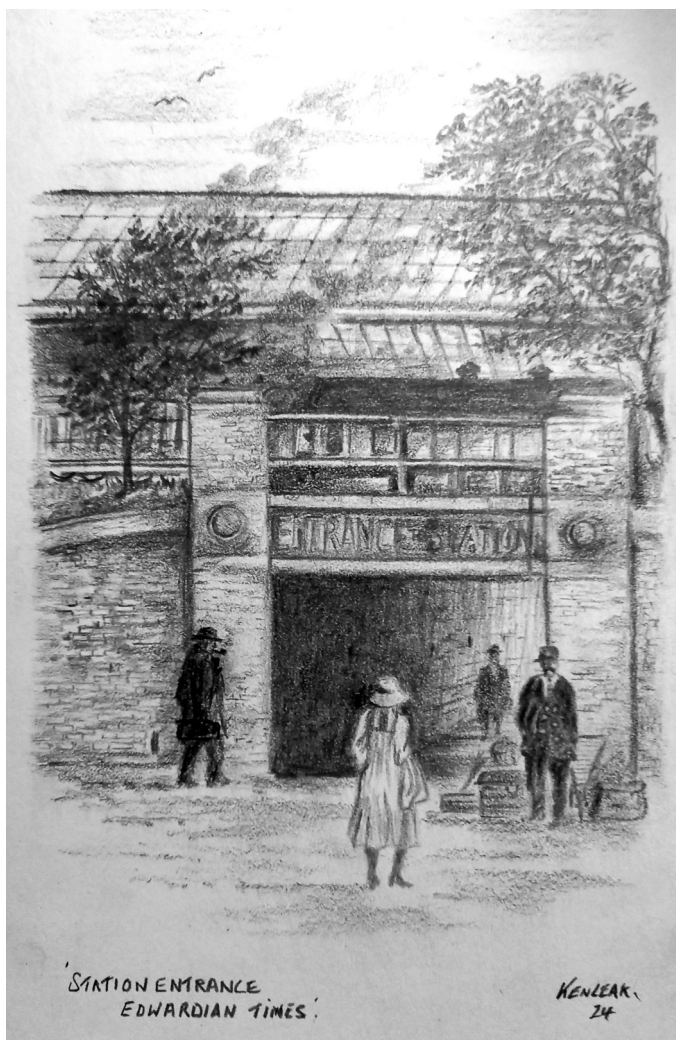
Below: The same view today. Still plenty of activity on a sunny day with the café being well patronised.



and from that period onwards it continued to be a popular venue with visitors and villagers alike.

The numerous steam specials visiting Hellifield and the splendid café on the platforms have given new life to the grand old station buildings of yesteryear.

I first came to Hellifield in 1961. I still have memories of Hellifield Engine Shed (Shed Code 24H) in its last couple of years of active life. My father was the signalman at Hellifield South Junction and I accompanied him during his duties, into the smoky portals of the building which still housed



steam locomotives on their last tours of duty. The shed closed in June 1963 and from then on much of the accompanying sidings and infrastructure disappeared. Many photographs exist of the old days, and accompanied by my own photographs we can get some interesting then and now images of what was there – and what is left – at Hellfield station.

There are many other photographs which could have been used to give a

representation of the station then and now. However, space dictates and the pictures shown are from my own/ father's collection, and some of them will be well known to readers. The pictures I chose are the ones that enabled me to put myself in the same places to recreate the 'Then and Now' perspectives.

Ken Leak

Hellifield Village Magazine Annual Report and Financial Statement April 2023 to March 2024

This annual report of the Hellifield Magazine Management Committee will be formally presented to the annual meeting, to be held on Tuesday 15th October 2024 at 3.00 pm in the Village Hall (Institute). An invitation is extended to any of our readers to come along if you have an interest in your local magazine. At this meeting the annual report, the presentation of the statement of financial activities and the election of officers to the management committee will take place. If anyone wishes to nominate themselves or anyone else (with their permission) to sit on the management committee, please do so in writing to the Secretary, Carol Weston-Moore, 9 Newton Way, by Monday, 7th October 2024.

Commitments – We have been producing the free monthly (except September and January) magazine since June 2019. A magazine is distributed to each household in the Hellifield district with a few extra copies available from H's village store. At the time of writing, this totals 735 copies. We aim to get the magazine out by the first of the month and unfortunately on a couple of occasions this year, there has been a slight delay, which was due to some problems faced by our publisher. This situation is being monitored, but hopefully is now resolved.

Management Committee - We have lost two of our management committee team since last year. There are now eight members who are listed at the back of the magazine. We each take on a specific role and work to a formally agreed constitution. We meet three times a year to ensure everything is running smoothly. We ensure there are sufficient funds to cover all costs involved.

Finance – The Statement of Financial Activities is attached.

The finances of the Magazine continue to remain stable. The committee's policy is that we should aim to break even annually using reserves to even out any fluctuations between years. In fact,

in the year ended 31st March there was a small surplus of £465. Our advertising revenue of £2,320 covered nearly 80% of the printing costs of £3,058.

The Management Committee has decided that there is no continuing need for insurance for the year ahead so other expenses will fall by £100 from the £265 shown in the 2024 statement.

Our income was boosted by a welcome grant of £250 from the Parish Council and a much appreciated donation of £500 from the Beer Festival Committee.

Above that we received nearly £700 from donations, Friends and the coffee morning income.

The reserve fund has risen to £3000 which is getting closer to the target of having sufficient reserves to cover the costs of 10 editions.

Content – It is important to make the content of the magazine as interesting as possible, with a good mix of articles and advertisements. It is also essential to make the magazine visually attractive with a mix of photographs and drawings. One of our aims is to highlight all the varied activities and events that are taking place on a monthly ba-

sis, so our readers can see clearly what is on offer and what they can get involved with. We believe these aims have been achieved throughout the past year.

We welcome new contributors and encourage anyone who has a story to tell to send it in to the magazine. We are keen to present a varied content so don't hesitate to share your tale. Detail of how to do this is set out beneath the contents section of each magazine.

Thanks – Thanks are given to everyone involved with the magazine - the management committee, the copy contributors and the band of distributors. All are volunteers giving freely of their time, thus keeping our total costs down. A big thank you goes to our advertisers, who advertise on an annual basis and are the backbone of our in-

come. Grateful thanks go to Audrey Edwards and Ken Leak who have provided the majority of the art work. We also appreciate the ongoing local history knowledge provided by John Percy and Ken Leak. Thanks also go to all those who have provided financial support as outlined in the financial statement above.

Our final but important thanks go to all Hellifield residents for taking the time to read the magazine. We hope you find it enjoyable, but we urge you to let us know if you feel we can make improvements in any way.

Karen Dunwoodie (Chair) and Chris Darling (Finance Officer)

On behalf of the Magazine Management Committee

A copy of the signed finance examiner statement is available on request.

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Hellifield WI – The Trials and Tribulations of Booking Speakers

Firstly, apologies for the change of presentation in September. Due to the unforeseen circumstances, Guide Dogs for the Blind had to cancel at short notice. However, hopefully they will be coming in October, but if not then, it will be January. If they are not available in October there will be a stand-in speaker or activity, so please come along and hopefully we will have some nice dogs to greet us or something equally exciting. Please look out for posters on the Village Hall Notice Board, and if you are a member, Zoe will keep you informed of what is happening next.

A big thank you goes to Bob Moore who kindly brought forward his presentation on Archaeology, starting from doing A level archaeology as a mature student right through to present day where he is a member of Ingleborough Archaeology Society. After an introduction to archaeology, Bob reminded us of some key sites in North Yorkshire that show evidence of life here over several thousand years. His interest in the way modern scientific techniques help our understanding of the past was illustrated by describing the investigation into the Amesbury Archer, discovered earlier this century. Bob covered some of the work he has been involved in with the Ingleborough Group, as well as notable archaeology finds like the Bronze Age flint arrowhead found at Clapdale in 2022.

We hope you found his presentation of interest, and if anyone would like more information, you can contact Bob through the Magazine email or Ingleborough Archaeology.

At present, we are still on course for our open meeting in November with

John Dawson from Bleakbank Farm. Everyone is welcome to hear John speak, as he usually manages to fill venues with his tales of farming and special humour. We will let you know if anything changes in the November edition of the magazine, but hopefully all will go to plan!.

As always, our meetings are open to non-members for a small charge of £4, and if you would like to join us on a more permanent basis, annual fees for WI membership are reduced pro rata as the year progresses with renewal next March.

Our meetings are always the 3rd Thursday in the month at 7.15pm in Hellifield Village Hall. Male as well as female guests are always welcome, so if the subject is of interest, why not give us a try. We are a very relaxed group and there are always refreshments included in the entry charge plus a raffle if you like a little flutter.

Hope to see you soon.

Carol – Joint Secretary

Thankyou from Gargrave Art Exhibition

Thank you to all the artists and visitors from Hellifield and surrounding area who supported the exhibition. As a committee we appreciate how fortunate we are to be able to display such a magnificent collection of work by all our extremely creative artists of all ages, and we know from visitors' comments how much the talent on display is appreciated.

Our first day, July 4, was a unique occasion in the history of the show. Gargrave village hall acts as the polling station, and although the polling station was transferred to the annexe, the main doors had to be open for disabled access, so in effect we were open too!

And unlike the Returning Officer's team in the annexe, ID was not required to vote for your preferred... painting!

We are delighted to announce that top of our poll was Light and Water: Katie Honey's sublime evocation of a kingfisher in flight. (See front cover) Katie lives in Hellifield and we look forward to welcoming back Katie next year with an extended portfolio of work. There will be an article featuring Katie's work in next May's edition of the magazine.

Gargrave Art Exhibition 2025:
Thursday 10 July – Sunday 13 July

Report from Hellifield Mothers' Union

At our September meeting, held in the church, Sue Alderson welcomed both members and visitors on Sheila's behalf. The vicar, Rev James Rodley led the service, James Atkinson read the Bible reading and Ellen played the hymns.

It was both inspiring and thought provoking on the theme that nothing is impossible WITH God. We shared refreshments afterwards, heard how a recent donation would be used to support others, and celebrated members who had birthdays in August and September.

Joy Orwell



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Hellifield's World War Two Air Raid Shelters and Searchlight Battery



During the second world war, possibly because of the importance to the war effort of the railway junction and its associated yards, Hellifield may have been considered as a possible target for enemy bombers. Hellifield would eventually be provided with a surface built public air raid shelter in the village centre located on the opposite side of the road to the institute and Smithy. These surface shelters were designed to protect from flying debris and would not have withstood a direct hit.

The LMS railway company also provided underground shelters for its employees which were located around the station area. Hellifield's public shelter was built under a government scheme which began in 1940, the government providing the materials and an approved contractor to do the building work. The shelter is shown arrowed in the attached photograph. The construction consisted of brick rectangular walls around 12 to 14 inch wide with an 8 to 9 inch thick reinforced concrete roof.



Internally, blast walls would have divided the shelter with one or possibly two doors to the outside which may also have been protected with an external blast wall. They were designed to accommodate around 50 people. The second photo shows a shelter of the same design as Hellifield's for comparison, this shelter still survives today at a location in Bristol. It was later found that when in use in areas of bombing these shelters proved unsuitable as the blast wave from exploding bombs would often cause the brickwork to collapse bringing down the concrete roof onto the occupants inside. This design was eventually abandoned by the government in favour of providing Anderson shelters for individual properties. I have no idea if the Hellifield shelter was ever actually used by the village residents for its intended purpose during the war. I can remember the Hellifield shelter very well from my younger days in the late

1960s, as my Uncle Norman used it as a store place for his painting and decorating business. The internal blast walls were gone by this time and after fitting double doors, I think he also used it to garage his Morris "Traveller" car! I think the shelter may have been demolished along with the auction mart and joiners shop during the construction of the new housing estate.

The shelters around the station area were underground shelters constructed of pre-formed concrete sections that bolted together, these were manufactured by the Stanton Ironworks Company of Derby. The entrance stairway to the surviving shelter at the station is shown in the attached photo and can still be seen from the station platform during the winter months when the vegetation has died back a little. A shelter of this type is shown under construction in the attached photo. Another shelter, maybe of this design,



St Aidan's Church

Our relaxed, traditional worship continues every Sunday at 9.30am- please join us as we continue to pray for our village and our world, and especially for those in any kind of need.

Don't miss our Family Harvest Festival service on Sunday 13th October! Traditional and modern hymns and songs, with the service led by the Messy Church team. Harvest gifts will be welcome- fresh produce, which we'll sell after the service, and non-perishables which will go to Skipton Foodbank. Money donations for the Foodbank will also be gladly received.

A word in advance about our annual Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday 3rd November (3pm) when we remember our loved ones and especially any who've died in the past year. Please let me know if there are names you'd like read out.

And finally- please take extra care if you're in our graveyard in the autumn, as parts of it have become very uneven over the past few months.

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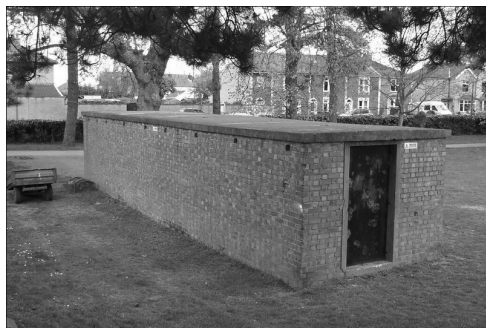
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could have been located where the carriage sidings used to be, although no traces of this seem to have survived. As far as I know only one bomb fell on Hellifield during the war. This was an incendiary device dropped by a lone German bomber (possibly lost after returning from a nighttime raid over Lancashire) on the engineers sidings or "The Dump" as it was known locally, opposite the station. This incendiary device set fire to a stack of wooden sleepers but was quickly dealt with by the local railway staff before further damage could ensue.

An anti-aircraft searchlight battery was located in a field at the top of Skipton hill (possibly from around late 1941). This formed part of an outer defence ring to protect the approaches to the industrial areas of Leeds and Bradford. Other searchlights were located opposite the Anchor Inn at Gargrave, on Fell Lane at Cracoe and on the moors above Bradley near Skipton. These sites were originally built and operated by the Royal Engineers but later probably came under the control of the 49th (West Yorkshire Regiment) searchlight regiment, Royal Artillery



(Territorial Army) whose headquarters were based in Bradford. Some articles I have read suggest anti-aircraft guns were also located on this site at Hellifield but I could find no official confirmation of this, although some batteries were provided with Lewis machine gun emplacements. Live Anti-Aircraft guns were usually only located on the inner rings of these defensive circles. From my research, the nearest live guns to the Hellifield battery were located on the outskirts of Keighley. I have not been able to find out any exact dates for the decommissioning of the Hellifield searchlight battery.

John Pearcy

One Big Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone who has renewed their subscription to the Hellifield Herald and to those new members who have joined us this year. Thanks also go to those who have preferred to donate to the magazine – however you have contributed it is a big help towards keeping the magazine running and I am always amazed at the

generosity of Hellifield residents.

If you have not yet paid your subs or donated but would still like to do so, any Committee member will be happy to take your money (details in the back of the magazine) or contact us via the magazine email address or call me on 07855 191927.

Carol – Friends Coordinator

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Looking Back on Summer

When you read this article, we will be into October and shortly experiencing the darker nights and colder weather. As I write this, the sun is shining, and it is still August.



The attached picture is of Roy and Pat's lovely pots in their garden on the corner of the Mews and the Main Road (Just past the railway bridge on Wayne's side going out of the village centre).

I thought it might cheer us all up as we approach the shorter days. Thank you to Roy and Pat for allowing us to share their garden during the summer as we walk by and for letting my 'other half', Bob, take the picture.

Carol

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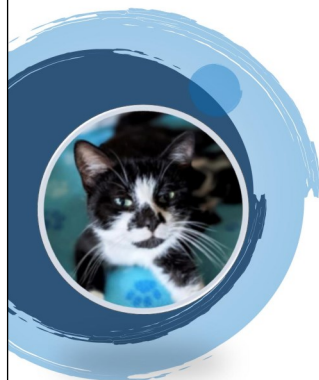
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- 6th Hour of Prayer for our Village Community at 4 pm
- 13th Family Lego Church 10.30am
- Hellitots meet every Tuesday at 9.30 am
- Welcome Mat meets on Mondays 7th and 21st at 2.30pm
- Strong and Steady meet Mondays 14th and 28th at 3pm
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- Come and join us at our Coffee morning at the Village Hall on Saturday 12th at 10 am.

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I twitch my nose - a silly habit!

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I've eaten lots, so I beg your pardon!

I live in a burrow under a tree 🌳

With all my extended family 🐰 🐰 🐰

I'm a squirrel 🐿 - my name is Scrilly*

I bury nuts but I'm rather silly!

I bury nuts here, I bury nuts there -

I hide those nuts 🧠 most everywhere!

I often can't find them - I just can't remember

Where I hid them last November 🤔

By Yvonne Crabtree and Evelyn Crabtree-Day

*Scriilly was Evelyn's choice of name for a squirrel 😊

My Name is Millie

My name is Millie, I lived in the town
In a nice little house- two up, two down
I was always well fed with plenty of cheese
And the odd bit of chocolate - a life of ease.

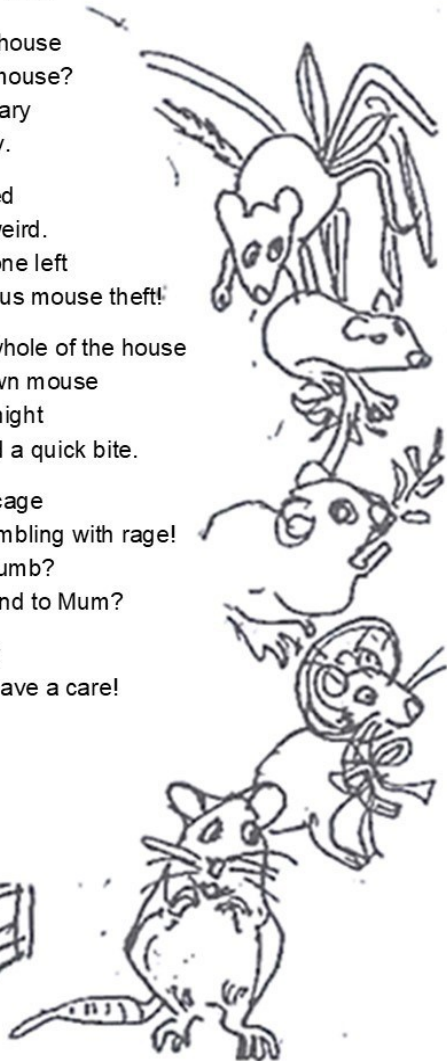
My family and friends also lived in the house
Well, what is a home without the odd mouse?
We all had such fun, we forgot to be wary
And that's when life got a little bit scary.

For one by one, my friends disappeared
And so did my family - it was all very weird.
'til the day came when I was the only one left
And I realised there'd been an enormous mouse theft!

I searched high and low, through the whole of the house
But there wasn't a sign of another brown mouse
The only new thing that I spotted that night
Was a big piece of chocolate - so I had a quick bite.

The chocolate was inside a big metal cage
When the door clanged shut, I was trembling with rage!
How could I have been so incredibly dumb?
Was this what had happened to Dad and to Mum?

The cage rose up and swung in the air
My heart nearly stopped - oh, please have a care!
"Don't drop me!" I squeaked.
"Put me down on the floor!"
But my captor didn't listen,
he just walked out the door.



We went for a ride in a big, noisy car
I don't know where but it was VERY far
On top of a moor the car pulled to a halt
And the cage rose up with a bit of a jolt.

The next thing I knew, I was being released!
It was ever so scary - I could see a great beast
All covered in wool, calling "Baa!" to its mates.
I ran to a wall, by some big wooden gates.

And to my surprise, there was Mum - and my Dad,
My brothers and sisters - so this isn't too bad !
Aunties Molly and Maisie, cousins Matthew and Mark
And all of my friends who'd disappeared in the dark.

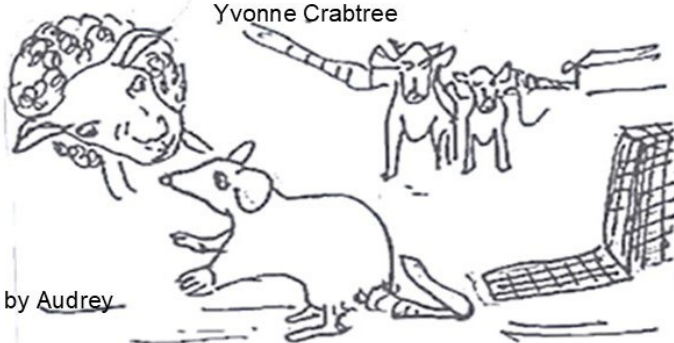
"We've begun a new life in the country," said Gran,
"I didn't think I'd like it but I'm now quite a fan!
"There's a big dairy farm, where there's lots of good cheese
"And some lovely straw beds - quite the bees' knees!"

"It feels like we're 'Ten Pound Poms'!" said Dad
"And I thought country ways would drive me mad."
But we're all here now and enjoying life -
I've even found myself a wife!

We're all really happy in our green, country home
I do miss the chocolate but I'm not one to moan
The family's settled, with plenty of space
We'll stay here for good, in our lovely, new place.

Yvonne Crabtree

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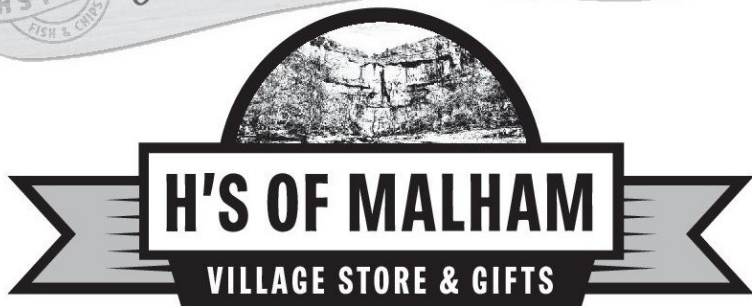
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We have tried to develop a more modern approach to our meetings and focus on getting together as a social group each month (not much Jerusalem and Jam). You will see from the picture attached we like to party.

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Hellifield Traffic Speed Monitoring – Update

Further to our article in April, the Hellifield CSW Team has continued to carry out monitoring of traffic through our Village, working from all of our NY Police approved sites:- by the village school, St Aidan's Church, the sub-station near the railway bridge and on the Gisburn road. Thankfully, we have noticed a reduction in speed limit exceedances, although traffic volumes are up; as would be expected with all the summery weather that we had in June/July!

Our current concerns are with the volumes of HGV and tractors travelling through the village. Although there were reductions in freight train volumes on the Carlisle to Skipton route earlier in the year, restrictions have now been lifted by Network Rail. Hopefully, this may have an effect; but with people now expecting to receive goods ordered on-line, within a day, freight trains can't facilitate this. (Who remembers the earlier, overnight, Mail Delivery trains?) Traffic volumes on the A65 will only continue to increase; so all of us just need to appreciate other road users and the presence of pedestrians more. We have received our first lot of traffic data from having the VAS radar being located adjacent to the School and this has been passed to the NY Police Community Speed Watch Team. Our own analysis of the data shows that there has been greater compliance to the signed speed limits at this end of the village, which is beneficial to the pupils and staff. However, we do still get the occasional driver doing over 50mph. This is a concern, as lines of sight at the west end of Hellifield are less than by the church. For the School holidays, the radar has been relocated to the east end of the Village, until September.

Donations to the VAS savings account

will now allow us to request the Parish Council to place a further order with Swarco Traffic UK to buy another VAS radar. This radar will allow us to be more flexible and consistent in our monitoring of traffic at both ends of the village and also, on the Gisburn road. NYC (Highways) have said that the new mounting post on the Gisburn road ordered from them by HPC, should be in place by the end of August. Certain concerns have been expressed in the village, about our authority to carry out our vehicle speed monitoring. Hellifield, Long Preston and Gargrave all have NY Police authorised volunteers to carry out Community Speed Watch sessions, at approved sites in their villages. If anybody has such concerns, they should speak to our local councillors or NY Police. The volunteers carrying out traffic monitoring have no powers of jurisdiction. We only pass our records onto NY Police for their attention. Hopefully, you have all enjoyed a Summer break. Thank you for supporting us at our 14 September coffee morning.

Stay safe.

Paul A Emsley
CSW/VA Co-ordinator
August 2024

View From the Vicarage

*Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;*

So the poet John Keats (also the name of my English teacher at senior school, but it wasn't him!) described Autumn in his famous poem of 1819. In our previous home in Harlow, autumn was the one season in which the otherwise very concrete, urban environment looked attractive, with the town's woodlands turning various shades of brown and orange. Keats, however, lived nearly all of his short life in London, and probably wouldn't have experienced the kind of autumn weather that's more common here in Craven- like the howling gale that brought down plenty of large bits of trees on the morning of August 24th just gone! Mind you, whilst the vicarage is sadly lacking in vines (and indeed, thatch-eves to run round), Mrs Rodley's plum tree has had a fruitful year...

We tend to see autumn nowadays as the regretful "end of summer", with children back at school, holidays fading into the memory and retailers starting to pester us about Christmas. But for Keats, it seems that autumn was a time to celebrate: as one writer has commented:

Autumn (for the poet) is seen not as a time of decay but as a season of complete ripeness and fulfilment, a pause in time when everything has reached fruition

And it's very much in that spirit that everyone is invited to our Harvest Festival at St Aidan's on Sunday 13th October. It will be a "family communion" style, more informal service, with our Messy Church team leading much of the worship. Gifts of non-perishable goods and money are welcome for the Skipton Foodbank, and children are encouraged this year to bring small quantities of fresh fruit and vegetables so that we can have some "mellow

fruitfulness" in church. But I hope that the occasion can help us mark better not just a time of celebration as, in the old harvest hymn, "all is safely gathered in", but also to be thankful for all that we have more generally. Christians give thanks to God for these gifts; others may perhaps want to reflect on the great material comfort that most of us enjoy compared to the vast majority of the world's population. Before the dark evenings set in, and our minds turn to the Season of Remembrance in early November, (and then, yes, Christmas) try to enjoy all the autumn has to offer: as Keats puts it:

*While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;*

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

The Haw

rises high
above the damp, slated roofs of fawn-brown
stone-clad houses clustered on land
where once an auction mart rang to cloven hooves,
corralling the beat and thrum of farming life;
the steaming, sweating, swearing,
bleating, lowing, tweedy heart
of this Craven village now displaced
by stillness and an air of calm,
silent, sanitised domestication.

A green, grassed, domed-topped hill,
the Haw's curved summit blends
with the Payne's Grey wash of the pre-dawn sky,
broken by a short straggly line of leafless trees
sprouting like tufts on a balding pate.
An old, fragmented stock fence threads
between them: the outer boundary of a world
belonging to sheep; their innate sense
of hefted freedom an unsuspecting
ovine delusion.

Grey-white pre-dawn mist shrouds the scene,
obscuring the sunrise optimistically predicted
by singing heralds perched on terracotta pots. Yet,
on the suede-smooth slopes of this omnipresent fell,
ewes graze unperturbed, silently linking the present
to their distant forbears; oblivious to human
indiscrimination below, or atmospheric fluctuations
above;
timeless white way-markers between earth and sky;
paradoxical shepherds
to the sleepers now corralled beneath.

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Did he Fall or was he Pushed?

The story so far set in Hellifield 20 years in the future: John Cuthbert's body has been found, impaled upon a stone slab in his garden, in the early morning, by a dog-walker. No signs of a struggle. The police regard it as an accident, so no investigation. There's lots of on-line speculation, including from someone who says John had a noisy argument, which came to blows, with a neighbour. Three friends don't believe it was an accident so dig and delve themselves looking for clues, along with help from a retired police officer friend and a PRA (Personal Robotic Assistant). They discover that John was not all he had appeared to be when a passport was discovered showing John's face but a different name. The last episode finished when out of the blue, the police raided John's house with the three friends inside. This is the fourth and final instalment from the Hellifield Writers' Group.

I can't believe that it's taken so long for anyone to investigate this, thought George. He was in his usual position by the window, gazing out onto the manic scene two doors away. He was relieved that the police were finally taking some action, as he hadn't been convinced they would act upon his tip-off about the gun.

He'd sneaked into John's house, using Thelma's key, whilst she was at work the previous day. He'd known where the papers and the gun were and had moved them to a more visible spot. He'd also moved the vase to the edge of the shelf, so that the slightest knock would send it tumbling, ensuring that someone would have to go to look for a cloth and would notice the loose board with the boxes hidden behind. So far, his plans had worked.

John Cuthbert, AKA John Carrington, had been a spy during the civil unrest of 2035 – a time that still had some villagers at loggerheads. When new laws were passed, making it compulsory for everyone to put all their documentation online, there had been a huge outcry from the older end of the population, although the young ones were mostly in favour. "Big Brother" had certainly come to pass.

George and Thelma hadn't been too keen and, although law-abiding

citizens, had decided to quietly fight. Surprisingly, considering his past, John had felt that everyone should put their information out there for anyone to access. Still, he'd known how to use the internet to his own ends, that was for sure.

George had got to know John better, after they had both retired. George, being much older than Thelma, had been at a bit of a loose end and John had taken him under his wing. They had played the odd game of chess together and gone for walks along the Leeds-Liverpool canal, when the increasingly unpredictable weather allowed.

Although appearing not particularly quick-witted, George was much more aware than anyone thought. He quite quickly got John talking about his past but in such a way as to make it seem the aimless questioning of a dodderly old gentleman. John was delighted to have, as he thought, a safe pair of ears to which he could brag of his past but when George discovered the extent of John's misdeeds, he was incensed, though cleverly kept his reaction to himself.

At home, George continued to play the vacant, bewildered man, so that even Thelma stopped treating him like an equal. Washing his unused (or so

Thelma thought) car and standing at the window, apparently watching the world go by, certainly threw her off the scent.

Whilst Thelma was at work, George would make the occasional foray in his beloved car, telling anyone who questioned him, that he had just been taking it for a spin round the block and not to let on to Thelma. No-one seemed to notice how long he was gone, so he was able to gather information from various sources about his neighbour.

John had several visitors and people had noticed that there were raised voices on some occasions and that he was becoming more argumentative as time went on.

George spotted his chance one day, when Thelma was still in bed. He knew that John was often an early riser, so stepped outside one morning, just as John was opening his front door. They exchanged greetings, then George in a bewildered-looking manner, wandered into John's garden. "Is anything wrong, George?" asked John.

"Not now, lad, not now!"

Taken by surprise, John toppled head-first onto the sharp, pointed rock on the top of his garden wall. George stayed only to check that John was indeed dead, then walked back into his own house for a cup of tea and to wait for the alarm to be raised.

What George hadn't bargained for, was that the police wouldn't be interested in John's death. Thelma was very keen to find out what had happened and suspected foul play immediately, summoning her friends, Jean & Joe. Joe's brother was called in to help with Artificial Intelligence (AI) and then Sarah, an old friend of Thelma's and recently-retired police worker had turned up out of the blue. By then,

George had planted the papers and gun in John's house, ready for everyone to find. He'd also rung the Police, giving them the tip-off that they so clearly needed.

When he saw them at John's door, George was momentarily worried. He hadn't expected them to turn up mob-handed – it was unusual to get more than a Community Liaison Officer, perhaps with a Police Robot in tow, these days. So, when he saw the half-dozen burly officers, all armed, he was worried about Thelma and her friends. He hurried round to John's house, where the Police officers were already in charge of the gun he'd hidden, having made everyone lie face down on the floor – no mean feat in such a small house!

Thelma saw George and her expression was one of puzzlement and anxiety. "George!" she called. "What are you doing here? Go back home!" The officer in charge didn't take kindly to Thelma issuing instructions and immediately told George to stay exactly where he was.

"I'm sorry, love," George told Thelma, sadly. "I was only trying to give you another interest. I know how much you love solving puzzles. And he was a right awful character, that John – not the sort of chap to have living down our street. I thought we'd all be better off without him."

"Don't listen to him, Officer," pleaded Thelma. "He doesn't know what he's saying. He needs to see a doctor. Please take him back home and I'll get someone to have a look at him."

The officer directed a young policewoman to escort George back home. "We'll get to the bottom of this, mark my words!" said Sarah.

"I hope not," said Thelma.

Yvonne Crabtree



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The Yorkshire Dales National Park – 70 years on

Wednesday 20 November, 5:00pm
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Walk for July

After a pleasant walk up the River Ribble from Settle, 11 walkers had coffees and snacks on the picnic tables



outside The Knight's Table.

After that, we walked back around to Craven Lime Works and the massive Hoffman Kiln next to Stainforth scar.

Despite many of us having visited the kilns before our walk, the Hoffman Kiln, in particular, never fails to impress. The site was chosen for the industrial production of lime because it's so close to the Settle-Carlisle railway and of course the fantastic source of limestone.

We meandered around, reading the story boards and I suppose tried to imagine the firing chambers at work, the ponies, carts and how the kiln would have operated back in the day. A visit is highly recommended.

After that, we continued into Langcliffe and were very happy (!) to support the village through the buying of several scrummy cakes.

Reservoir ramble – August's village walk.

In August, 12 Helli-walkers rambled around the stunning Grimwith reservoir. I'd describe Grimwith as a hidden gem. It's tucked away to the east of Grassington and to the north were views of Grassington moor which resembled a purple rug as the heather was in flower, and to the south, Simon's Seat looked down on us.

There were plenty of wind surfers and dinghies scooting across the water, enjoying the forces of nature, wind, and the whipping waves. These were a bit more interesting to watch (mainly

because they kept falling in) than the wildfowl, which seemed to be resting and keeping out of the way.

There was absolutely no chance of getting lost, no mud, no stiles which left us able to chitter-chatter and enjoy the natural beauty of our surroundings and breath in the fresh air.

It would have been rude not to have called in at the little café at Cracoe afterwards. Although they'd almost run out of the blueberry scones, they thankfully had the tastiest milkshakes in the world and lemon curd ice cream amongst other home-made sweet goodies. The perfect end to a perfect walk.

Hellifield Walking Group

We meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month, 10am in the village car park outside Aherne's where we share lifts to the start of the walk.

The next village walks are 15 September, 20 October and 17 November.

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

Saturday - to Skipton:

0810; 0900; 0945; 1145; 1245; 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 - Ed.

Saturday - to Settle:

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Train times in Hellifield

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- Saturday Closed
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Yorkshire Dales River Trust Open Day 5th October

Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust (YDRT) is opening its doors to the public on 5 October to offer an afternoon of river education.

The drop in event which runs from 1pm – 4pm at Gilling West village hall near Richmond, comprises a full programme including a talk about the Trust's work and how it looks after the rivers Swale, Ure, Nidd, Ouse and Wharfe along with their catchments. There will also be a guest speaker from Holmedale Nature Network and a film about the work of the community environmental group, Save Our Swale.

Additionally, the Trust's unique mobile classroom, branded Rivers2U, with its working rivers table and microscopes will be on site. This award-winning

education project – which began in 2018, enables the charity to engage with and educate children and communities about everything to do with rivers, including understanding the geography of rivers, the water cycle, wildlife and habitats, how rivers work, flooding, sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) and natural flood management (NFM).

A (free) bookable guided walk along Gilling Beck with YDRT project manager Sarah Lonsdale and Professor Jonathan Grey from the Wild Trout Trust will also offer the chance to look at some of the issues being tackled by the Trust.

To find out more and book for the walk, visit: www.ydrt.org.uk/news/



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1st	Tues	9.30am	Hellitots	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
1st	Tues	2-4pm	Helliarts	Village Hall	Audrey Edwards 07928 365967
1st	Tues	6-7 & 7-9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 07976 215646
2nd	Wed	9-12.30pm	Messy Monkeys	Village Hall	Amanda Belt 07398284126
2nd	Wed	2-4pm	Helligames	Village Hall	Karen Dunwoodie 07756 862086
2nd	Wed	2-4pm	Mothers' Union	Village Hall	Sheila Swinbank 01729 850458
2nd	Wed	6.30pm	Play rehearsal	Village Hall	Audrey Edwards 07928 365967
2nd	Wed	6-7 & 7.30-8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
2nd	Wed	7pm	Chess	contact Ian for venue	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760 190222
2nd	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866
3rd	Thurs	10-12 noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Maralyne 01729 851272
3rd	Thurs	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340
3rd	Thurs	1-4pm	Hellicrafts	Village Hall Yorke Room	Aileen Alexander 01729 851318
4th	Fri	9.45-11am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 01729 554149
4th	Fri	1-3pm	Line Dancing	Village Hall	Jane Gray 07971 656461
5th	Sat	10-11.30am	Institute Coffee Morning	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837 727268
6th	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 01729 851709
6th	Sun	2pm	Sunday Service	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
6th	Sun	4-5pm	Hour of Prayer	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652

Events in October

Date	Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact Details
7th	Mon	2.30pm	Welcome Mat	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
7th	Mon	6.30pm	Play rehearsal	Village Hall	Audrey Edwards 07928 365967
7th	Mon	7-9pm	Slimming World	Hellifield House Social Club	Daiva Martinkiene 07591 067861
7th	Mon	7.15-9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree 01729 851806
8th	Tues	9.30am	Hellitots	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
8th	Tues	6-7 & 7-9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 07976 215646
9th	Wed	9-12.30pm	Messy Monkeys	Village Hall	Amanda Belt 07398 284126
9th	Wed	10.30am	Wellbeing Café	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
9th	Wed	2-4pm	Helligames	Village Hall	Karen Dunwoodie 07756 862086
9th	Wed	6-7 & 7.30-8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
9th	Wed	6.30pm	Play rehearsal	Village Hall	Audrey Edwards 07928 365967
9th	Wed	7pm	Chess	contact Ian for venue	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760 190222
9th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866
10th	Thurs	10-12noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Maralyne 01729 851272
10th	Thurs	10-12 noon	Police Drop-in Surgery	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837 727268
10th	Thurs	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340
10th	Thurs	2-4pm	Flower Club	Village Hall	Liz Palmer 01729 840331

Events in October

Date	Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact Details
10th	Thurs	7.30pm	Book Group - live session	Village Hall Yorke Rm (for on line session - contact Audrey)	Audrey Edwards 07928 365967
11th	Fri	9.45-11am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 01729 554149
11th	Fri	1-3pm	Line Dancing	Village Hall	Jane Gray 07971 656461
12th	Sat	10-11.30am	Methodists Coffee Morning	Village Hall	Letting Manager 07931 511652
13th	Sun	9.30am	Harvest Festival Service including members of Messy Church	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 01729 851709
13th	Sun	10.30am	Family Lego Church	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
13th	Sun	2pm	Sunday Service	Methodists - Haw	Letting Manager 07931
13th	Sun	6.30pm	Bingo	Hellifield House	Cheryl Mitton 01729
14th	Mon	3pm	Strong & Steady	Wesley Centre -	Letting Manager 07931
14th	Mon	6.30pm	Play rehearsal	Village Hall	Audrey Edwards 07928 365967
14th	Mon	7-9pm	Slimming World	Hellifield House	Daiva Martinkiene
14th	Mon	7.15-9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree 01729 851806
15th	Tues	9.30am	Hellitots	Wesley Centre -	Letting Manager 07931
15th	Tues	6-7 & 7-9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 07976 215646
16th	Wed	9-12.30pm	Messy Monkeys	Village Hall	Amanda Belt 07398 284126
16th	Wed	2-4pm	Helligames	Village Hall	Karen Dunwoodie 07756 862086

Events in October

Date	Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact Details
16th	Wed	2-4pm	Helliscribes	Village Hall Yorke Room	Yvonne Crabtree 01729 851806
16th	Wed	6.30pm	Play rehearsal	Village Hall	Audrey Edwards 07928 365967
16th	Wed	6-7 & 7.30-8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
16th	Wed	7pm	Chess	contact Ian for venue	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760 190222
16th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866
17th	Thurs	10-12 noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Maralyne 01729 851272
17th	Thurs	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340
17th	Thurs	7.15pm	WI Meeting	Village Hall	Aileen Alexander 01729 851318
18th	Fri	9.45-11am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 01729 554149
18th	Fri	1-3pm	Line dancing	Village Hall	Jane Gray 07971 656461
19th	Sat	10-11.30am	WI Coffee Morning	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837 727268
20th	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 01729 851709
20th	Sun	10.00am	Village Walk	Village Car park	Rebecca Gooch 07443 493169
20th	Sun	11.15am	Messy Church	St Aidans Church, please note change of time	James Atkinson 07849 673214 jamesatkinson@outlook.com
20th	Sun	2pm	Sunday Service	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
21st	Mon	2.30pm	Welcome Mat	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
21st	Mon	6.30pm	Play rehearsal	Village Hall	Audrey Edwards 07928 365967

Events in October

Date	Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact Details
21st	Mon	7-9pm	Slimming World	Hellifield House Social Club	Daiva Martinkiene 07591 067861
21st	Mon	7.15-9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree 01729 851806
22nd	Tues	9.30am	Hellitots	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
22nd	Tues	6-7 & 7-9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 07976 215646
23rd	Wed	9-12.30pm	Messy Monkeys	Village Hall	Amanda Belt 07398 284126
23rd	Wed	2-4pm	Helligames	Village Hall	Karen Dunwoodie 07756 862086
23rd	Wed	6.30pm	Play rehearsal	Village Hall	Audrey Edwards 07928 365967
23rd	Wed	6-7 & 7.30-8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
23rd	Wed	7pm	Chess	contact Ian for venue	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760 190222
23rd	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866
24th	Thurs	10-12 noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Maralyne 01729 851272
24th	Thurs	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340
25th	Fri	9.45-11am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 01729 554149
25th	Fri	1-3pm	Line Dancing	Village Hall	Jane Gray 07971 656461
26th	Sat	10-11.30am	Children's Society Coffee Morning	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837 727268
27th	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 01729 851709
27th	Sun	2pm	Family Café Church Service	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652

Events in October

Date	Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact Details
27th	Sun	6.30pm	Bingo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866
28th	Mon	3pm	Strong & Steady	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
28th	Mon	6.30pm	Play rehearsal	Village Hall	Audrey Edwards 07928 365967
28th	Mon	7-9pm	Slimming World	Hellifield House Social Club	Daiva Martinkiene 07591 067861
28th	Mon	7.15-9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree 01729 851806
29th	Tues	2-4pm	Tea, Coffee, Chat	Hellifield House Social Club	Margaret Foster
29th	Tues	6-7 & 7-9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 07976 215646
30th	Wed	2-4pm	Helligames	Village Hall	Karen Dunwoodie 07756 862086
30th	Wed	6-7 & 7.30-8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
30th	Wed	6.30pm	Play rehearsal	Village Hall	Audrey Edwards 07928 365967
30th	Wed	7pm	Chess	contact Ian for venue	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760 190222
30th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866
31st	Thurs	10-12 noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Maralyne 01729 851272
31st	Thurs	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340





For the past four years the village has worked together to great effect, to create a Living Advent Calendar.

Windows all over the village have been alight revealing many interesting, colourful, individual displays of ideas on the theme of Christmas.

Creating some light with our colourful windows, may lift people's spirits and act as a symbol of hope, reminding us of the true spirit of Christmas at the darkest time of the year. Apparently, people really enjoy walking around the village to discover them.

The decorated windows are lit every night between 6.00pm and 9.00pm from December 1st to December 24th. With all the windows remaining lit if

possible until Tuesday 31st December to allow time for people to walk around and see them.

The window does not have to be religious but should have a festive feel. (If you wish to choose a Christmas carol or song, please feel free.) Participating households or businesses can choose the theme and content of their window. However, it is important to include the number of your starting date in the design of your window. It does not have to be on a main road but needs to be visible from a road or path. It can be an upstairs window. It needs to be well-lit and the more colourful the better.

If you would like to take part this year, then please contact Colin Blake via our Facebook page: search: Hellifield Living Advent Calendar

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