
The Hellifield Herald

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is the 8th of January

Editorial

Before I forget, may I wish all the readers of the Hellifield Herald a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. If you're like me, you probably haven't done anything in the way of preparation yet. I nearly always leave it until the last minute, frantically trying to buy suitable presents in the run up to Christmas. At least I don't have to worry about feeding the family - it's not my turn this year.

One of the reasons I'm putting off getting ready for the celebrations is that I'm busy with a new project. I know many people who have spent a huge amount of time researching their family tree, but I decided to do something slightly different: finding out the history of my house.

I got advice about where to look for details and set out with notebook and pen to the library in Skipton. I looked at various local publications, including Ken Leak's 'Hellifield: a journey into the past', but couldn't find an exact date for the construction of Thorndale Street. So, I decided to look at the National Census records instead.

I knew three key dates: 1848 - the building of the first railway station (at the top of Haw Grove), 1880 - the building of the current station and 1887 - the formation of the Hellifield Auction Mart. I assumed that Thorndale Street had been built to house railway and Auction Mart workers, so I started with the 1891 Census.

There was no mention of Thorndale Street in 1891, but I did notice that Haw Grove was called 'Old Station Road' at the time. I moved on to the 1901 Census.

In 1901, there were only 12 families in Thorndale Steet, so it looks like the street was under construction at the time (there are 34 houses now). These 12 families were presumably (but not certainly) in numbers 2 to 12 on one

side and 1 to 11 on the other. There were surnames such as Coates, Giles, Carlisle, Fairhurst and Stirgather. When I looked at the 1911 Census, I found 34 families in Thorndale Street, so the construction was complete. The bad news was that there were no house numbers on this Census.

Assuming that the families were written down in house number order, the person living in my house was a retired farmer called Robert Metcalfe. To see if Robert had stayed in the house for some time, I checked the 1921 Census and there he was. The only change was that his house was then called 'Thorndale Villa', rather than number 34. Is this the old name for my house?

I shall carry on researching and if anyone in the village is related to a 'Robert Metcalfe', please get in touch with the magazine.

John Cuthbert, Editor



Hellifield Parish Council Christmas Event



Friday 1st December
Outside the Village Hall
Lights switch on at 6:30pm



Complimentary refreshments supplied by Hellifield Parish Council will be served in the Village Hall by the WI following the Lights Switch On
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A huge thank you to Maralyne, Kate and Ann for fundraising an incredible £3,400 for Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice

Seasonal Greetings

**Andy, Yvonne and
Peter Crabtree wish
all their friends in
Hellifield a
Merry Christmas and
a Happy,
Healthy and Peaceful
New Year**

**Happy Christmas
from The Peel**
**We wish you all every
happiness for 2024
from Ben, Becky &
Family**

**Love and many
thanks for all your
kindness and care.
Happy Christmas
and New Year to
you all.
Joy Phillips**

**Christmas Greetings
to neighbours and
friends in Hellifield
From
Sheila Swinbank
and Family
Best wishes for 2024**

**Joy Orwell
and the Children
of Sumbawanga
would like to
wish you all
Peace and Hope
this Christmas**

**Wishing all our
friends and
neighbours a
wonderful Christmas
and a prosperous and
happy New Year
Bob and Carol (Moore)**

The days of the railway navy

In the tumultuous years between 1870 and 1880, Hellifield as a village witnessed an influx of labourers, builders, and engineers. All were intent on carrying out the Midland and L & Y Railway's plans to turn Hellifield into a major railway junction for the north. These plans were mirrored further north by the activity between Settle and Carlisle – particularly from 1869 to 1876.



Ribbleshead Viaduct under construction and the Shanty Town of Batty Green

In Hellifield, accommodation in the form of hutted settlements were in evidence in the Station Road areas and alongside the line constructed from Chatburn to Hellifield. The population of skilled tradesmen, builders, and navvies quadrupled the population around the village. The consequent lawlessness, fuelled in many aspects by alcohol, and the sporadic violence which often accompanied it, would have been shock to the system for the people of Hellifield, which up until then would have been a quite peaceful and god fearing community.

It is a pity that the art of photography didn't appear 50 years earlier than it did. I'm sure that any photographs

taken in that period would have been an amazing insight into the life of Hellifield undergoing such a change.

Saying that, photographs do exist of some of the constructions taking place at Ribbleshead and further up the line to Carlisle. Based on the evidence we have, I produced some prints a few years ago for the Dalesman Magazine for a feature on Navvy life on the Settle and Carlisle.

They are reproduced below to give an impression of those heady days, and are symbolic of the upheaval taking place between Settle and Blea Moor, an upheaval that would have been mirrored in Hellifield and the surrounding towns and villages

between Hellifield and Carlisle.

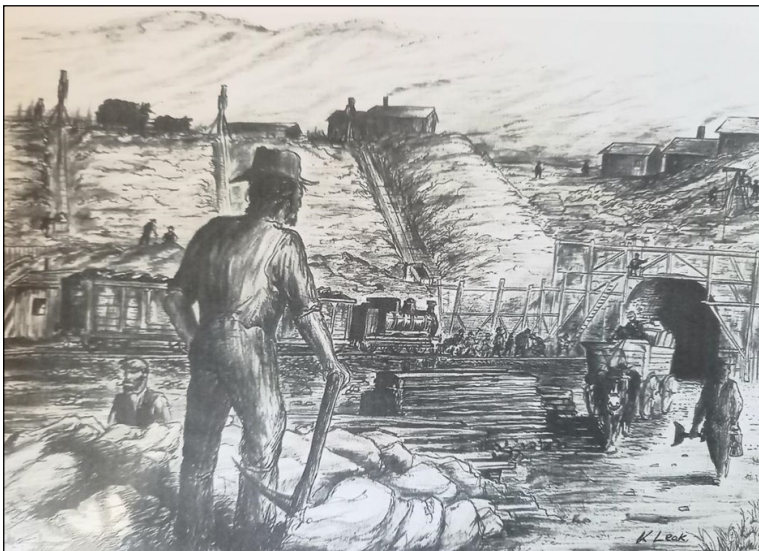
Batty Green was the largest of the shanty towns up on the moors at Ribbleshead. At one point during the S & C construction years from 1869 to 1876 it housed nearly 2,000 navvies, women and children.

The settlement included a school, mission house, library, post office and hospital. Cattle were driven on the hoof to Batty Green, and were slaughtered to feed the population. Violence and drunkenness were rife and the accidents due to recklessness, carelessness, and engineering mishaps resulted in many deaths. Many were interred at the local churchyard at Chapel-Le-Dale. Over eighty died in a smallpox epidemic which ravaged the settlement in May 1871. The navvies were proud of their accomplishments in Crimea and the neighbouring shanty town was Sevastopol – named after the conflict in that region. Other shanty towns nearby were named Jericho and Salt Lake City. All these shanty towns were rough

and ready and have been compared to the settlements of the old west in the U.S.A. The viaduct was constructed between 1870 and 1875. It is a grade II listed structure.

Blea Moor tunnel was constructed between Ribbleshead and Dent. The longest tunnel on the S & C at 2,629 yards (2,404 mtrs) long. The tunnel took four years to complete and passes 500 feet below the moor. The conditions within the tunnel for the navvies and the masons were deplorable. Constant damp. Oil and candlelight only, and deaths due to carelessness when explosives for blasting were used. Work was undertaken from both ends of the tunnel, and above the workings was a small settlement called Tunnel Huts. A tramway was laid between the area of the tunnel and Batty Green shanty town for the transport of spoil, goods, and the people themselves.

Ken Leak



Construction of Blea Moor Tunnel north of Ribbleshead



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Whether you are looking for friendship, community involvement, or just to try something new, we would love to see you (old members and new).

Contact Aileen or Carol for more information:

Aileen Alexander - 01729 851318

Carol Weston-Moore - 01729 851660

We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Village Hall (Institute) at 7.15pm

Guests are welcome to come and try before you join. Unfortunately, we can only allow 2 guest visits per person before asking for membership (a WI rule not Hellifield's).

We would love to see you there.

Hellifield WI - December update

As you read this, Hellifield WI are looking forward to their Christmas Bash on Thursday 21st December with lovely food, music and not forgetting the Secret Santa.

In November we hosted an open meeting with historian Sarah Lister who came to talk to us about the Ribbleshead Viaduct and the Navvies who were involved in its construction and the conditions in which they lived. This meeting was also attended by other local WI groups and some residents of Hellifield. The talk was followed up with mince pies and a cuppa and a great evening was had by all.

Below are some of the Christmas cards we made back in October at our craft

session. In January we will have a demonstration by Helen Bower on stained glass. As always, visitors will be welcome to come along and join us for a small fee of £4.

On behalf of Hellifield WI Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous and contented New Year – we have lots of exciting speakers planned for 2024!

Carol – Joint Secretary



Village Hall news

Xmas Party - Well everyone is gearing up for Christmas and by the time you are reading this, the Village Hall Christmas Party will be about to take place. It is happening on Saturday 2nd December 2023, commencing at 7.30 pm (doors open at 7.00 pm). If you want to see if there are any tickets left, contact me on 01729 851070 or 0775 686 2086 or email kalydun@btinternet.com. We are looking forward to music from Hellifield's very own duo, Ian and Jane, Mik's Disco and some input from the HelliHeadliners. Apparently, they are doing something vaguely associated with Charles Dickens' Christmas Carol! There will also be Christmas nibbles and other surprise events.

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Refurbished Yorke Room – We are pleased that the internal work to refurbish the Yorke Room is now complete. At the time of writing there is still some external work to be finalised and we are hoping the carpeting and decoration will be done by Christmas. We now have a new storage facility which will make a tremendous difference to the tidiness of the whole building and will ease the moving of equipment. We have also been able to purchase four new chairs with arms, thanks to a grant from Skipton Building Society. We hope this provides more comfort where needed. We look forward to receiving feedback from those using our newly designed area in the coming months. We would not have been able to accomplish this without a grant of £9,500 from the National Lottery Community Fund, donations from Hellifield Beer Festival Committee and Women's Institute, and of course from the extremely generous villagers who attend our coffee mornings and

other fund-raising events. Our grateful thanks to you all. We will have an 'official opening' in the New Year.

Coffee Mornings – Now is the time to book a coffee morning for some time during 2024. These events are an ideal way of raising funds for your voluntary organisation or a local charity. Coffee mornings are held every Saturday between 10.00 am and 11.30 am and we know many villagers love to come for a natter with friends and to meet new ones. Of course, everyone loves to take part in the ever-present raffle and often there is a tombola or a cake stall. The trustees have committed to ensuring a coffee morning is held every week (except at Christmas and New Year), so do come along and join in the fun. For those wishing to book a coffee morning, please contact our booking secretaries Ken and Heather Leak Tel: 0783 7727 268 or 0779 0042 206 or Email: stanier@aol.com

On behalf of all the Trustees of the Hellifield Institute (Village Hall), may I take this opportunity to wish everyone in Hellifield a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Karen Dunwoodie, one of the Trustees



THE SPIRIT(S) OF CHRISTMAS PAST

Based on a memory from a Christmas long ago, living at Close House farm.
Some of the readers will remember Edwin & Mary (Robinson).

The other day, sitting down for a while,
Came a memory from the past, that made me smile.
Of a Christmas Day in years gone by
When not just the turkey got a roasting! And here's why:

It was Christmas morning, wet and cold,
(I was probably going on seven years old)
"Come on Mary" Edwin said,
"The milk rounds to do, get out of bed".
Mary opened the curtains and Edwin yawned
Out into the cold as daylight dawned
Into the dairy, the bottles filled,
No need for a fridge, it was already chilled!
They loaded the van and closed the doors,
Thinking gloomily of the morning chores.

It started well, off down Gisburn Road
Delivering milk, eggs and cream to lighten the load.
Customers were up 'stuffing the turkey'.
"Have a whisky Edwin, it'll make you feel perky,
It will keep out the cold whilst you're on your round".
Mary just tutted and gave him a frown.

Down to the 'Peel', more deliveries followed,
And Edwin, not driving, another whisky he swallowed.
This wasn't unusual, it was like this most years,
But the morning was young, and Mary had fears
That it was 'early doors', a long way to go,
And she knew that more sherry and whisky would flow.

A mince pie or two soaked up some liquor,
But the atmosphere tensed, and they started to bicker.
"No more whisky for you" Mary sternly announced,
And with a full crate of milk, down the street she flounced.
But Edwin had plans, he was beginning to feel merry,
And surely he could manage just one more sherry.
And so it went on, and the morning went by

Edwin couldn't believe how time could fly.
He'd dropped Mary off to start Christmas dinner,
Rubbing his hands, he was on to a winner.
He managed to finish, though a bit unsteady
He wobbled in, just as dinner was ready.
Sitting down at the table, on him all eyes were fixed.
Merry or cross, Mary's feelings were mixed.
Edwin's feelings were numbed as he pleaded his defence,
And the words came out wrong and they didn't make sense.
As he stabbed at the brussels, they moved on his plate
Mary said roughly "Well you're in a state".

The turkey and roasties refused to be stabbed.
Edwin's aim wasn't good, as he determinedly jabbed.
His eyes weren't in focus, it was all afloat
And after a while he gave up the goat.
Mary ignored him and so did we,
And we carried on eating and left him be.
His eyes grew heavy, his breathing slow,
We all looked at mum and said ... "he's going to go".
And sure enough, the whisky had sealed his fate,
Down went his head 'SPLAT' onto the plate.

We cleaned him up, took his plate away.
Left him to sleep it off for the rest of the day.
When Edwin woke up and felt full of remorse,
Mary, as usual, forgave him of course.
After all, it was Christmas, how could she not.
But this was a Christmas we never forgot.
And we laughed about it for years to come,
So I have shared it with you for a bit of fun.
At Christmas time I hope yours is a ball
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Happy Christmas, Kate Clegg



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View from the Vicarage

It's the first week of November as I write this. I may have mentioned before that November is my most "difficult" season of the year, as the dark evenings, encroaching as they have been since later summer, suddenly advance an hour with the change of the clocks.

For many years, when I worked in a London office, I would hardly ever see proper daylight (as opposed to the artificial sort) during the week, and I invested in various remedies like special lamps, designed to help with mild forms of SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder), which like all forms of depression can be most debilitating).

Thankfully my different patterns of work since becoming a vicar have alleviated some of my struggles with dark evenings, but it seems this year that there are plenty of alternative sources of darkness surrounding us all. The horrible violence inflicted on innocent civilians in the Middle East, the continuing suffering in Ukraine and Sudan and elsewhere, and the constant, ear-shattering noise of dispute and argument about every aspect of life in our country (amplified greatly, I'm afraid, by social media) means that this coming Christmas is going to be an especially challenging time to hear and appreciate what Christians say is the profoundly "good news" of Jesus' birth. I'm reminded of the Christmas of 50 years ago, when that memorably irritating song by Slade, "Merry Xmas Everybody!" went to no.1: it was written specifically, said the band, as a deliberate attempt to lighten the mood of Britain in 1973 as we struggled with IRA violence, strikes and power cuts. Maybe one of today's pop heroes could do something similar in 2023?

The Christian message of Christmas, though, contains something that should give us profound hope in dark times like these. Because Christmas is neither just

a time to "eat, drink and be merry" (although I hope our readers get to do some of that!), nor is it (as sadly it seems to be regarded by many today) a sort of mere fairy-story about a child long ago who had strange visitors at his birth. Christians call Jesus the "light of the world", and St John's gospel tells us that the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. Note the grammar- the light is still shining! The "darkness" had one almighty attempt to extinguish the light on Good Friday, but failed.

So my wish for us all this coming Christmas-tide is: seek out the light. Let's try to be a light of hope and love to others for whom the darkness is especially hard. Let's resist the temptations to aggravate and amplify the negative stuff on social media and elsewhere, which can cast such a gloom on communities of every size. And perhaps we might allow a little light to shine into those dark corners of our own hearts and minds. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us said St John about the birth of Christ: may all our readers find God's peace and love close by as this difficult year draws to an end.

If you'd like to join a short discussion group at my home (Kellwell House, Kendal Road, Hellifield) to reflect on the familiar Bible readings we hear at our Christmas services, do let me know. We'll meet 6-7.30pm on Mondays: Dec 4th, Dec 11th and Dec 18th.

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

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Baker Mike's Christmas treats

I recently attended a demonstration by Mike at Settle WI, where he produced lots of special Christmas baking delights. Mike has kindly allowed me to reproduce a couple of his recipes here, so you can have a go at home for Christmas (or any other time in the year). Mike assures me they are all quick and easy to make, even if you don't normally use yeast.

Recipe 1 - Mike's very special Stollen loaf

Ingredients: 300g strong bread flour; 5g teaspoon salt; 30g sugar; 2 teaspoons mixed spices; 50g unsalted butter; 30g fresh or x 2 14g sachets fast action yeast; 80ml warm milk; 1 egg beaten; tablespoon brandy or rum (to soak fruit in); 200g dried fruit including cherries; 25g crushed walnuts; 25g flaked almonds; 200g marzipan; 50g melted butter (for glaze); icing sugar to dust.

Method: Dissolve the yeast in the warm milk

In a large bowl add the flour/salt/sugar and mixed spices. Rub in butter to resemble breadcrumbs and add fruit and nuts – mix well. Add beaten egg, yeast and milk to form a rough dough. Knead well on a floured surface for 10 minutes until soft and springy.

Place the dough back in the bowl and cover. Leave to prove in a warm place for 1 hour until double in size, (don't deflate) just divide the dough in half, pat out and make into pitta bread size (for two loaves).

Divide the marzipan into 2 halves and roll into sausage shapes to fill the centre of the stollen bread. Fold over the short ends and then roll up into Swiss role shape enclosing and sealing the marzipan tightly.

Place on a well buttered baking tray somewhere warm to prove up a second time until doubled in size.

Bake at 180 degrees (160 fan) for 30 minutes until risen and golden brown then glaze with melted butter to seal. Store in an air-tight container – lasts about a week.

Recipe 2 - Boozy Mincemeat Fudge

Ingredients: 400g caster sugar; 397g tin condensed milk, 140g butter; 3 tablespoons mincemeat; 2 tablespoons brandy

Method: Grease and line 8" baking tin.

In a small bowl mix brandy and mincemeat.

In a large bowl add the sugar, condensed milk and butter. Microwave for 14 minutes STOPPING EVERY 2 MINUTES TO STIR until deep fudge colour.

Remove bowl from microwave (this will be hot) and stir in the boozy mincemeat with a wooden spoon.

Pour into the prepared tin and leave to set for 2 hours at room temperature.

Once cool, carefully remove from tin and cut into small squares.

For more information about Mike and his recipes go to: facebook.com/bakermike001

Carol – Article Coordinator

St Aidan's Church

Our relaxed, traditional worship continues every Sunday at 9.30am- please join us as we pray for our village and the world in these troubled times.

Looking forward to our extra Christmas services as follows:

Sunday 17 Dec 6pm Traditional Service of Nine Lessons & Carols

Christmas Eve 9.30am Holy Communion

4pm Family Carols & Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass (Holy Communion)

Christmas Day 9.30am Holy Communion for Christmas Day

There's also an informal discussion group meeting at Kellwell House on Kendal Road, 6-7.30pm on Mondays 4th, 11th and 18th December, to reflect on some of the familiar Christmas bible readings- all welcome, of course.

And look out for some community carol singing the week before Christmas- details to be announced on social media and by word-of-mouth!

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

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St Aidan's Mothers' Union

In November Audrey Edwards gave an interesting talk with art pictures of family life which was greatly enjoyed by members and friends who attended. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 6th of December in the Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you then.

Sheila Swinbank

A place for you

So it's December, the meteorologist's start of winter. A cold and often damp time here in the Pennines. Where to go? What to do? How much will it cost? Is there anything free to do with the kids or grandchildren?

Just five minutes walk from the 580 bus stop outside the Naked Man in Settle offers somewhere free to children and adults. Through the square, bear right, head past the Talbot Arms, down to Greenfoot Car Park and on to the Rugby Club. Opposite is your goal, Settle Community Library nestled in the corner of Limestone View.

"Oh, a library, well I have done that; had to do it at school". Really? Have you tried a visit to your local library recently? A lot has changed about libraries in the last few years and you'll be surprised.

So what's changed? First it is warm, and safe and welcoming (handy with the high cost of heating). Everyone is welcome, no rush you can stay until closing time. Unlike days of old you

don't have to be totally silent and can talk to family and friends, respecting the needs of other users. You can even bring a well-behaved dog on a lead.

Yes, the traditional library tasks of browsing the shelves and selecting one or more books to take home is the main activity, but the library offers so much more.

You can use a computer free to search the net or your family history with free access to the Ancestry genealogy programme. Going on holiday or planning a walk, then pick a guidebook or OS map to help, you can take it on the trip. Want a story but no time to read, then pick an audio book. Sit and read a book or newspaper or have a go at the communal jigsaw. Bring your laptop if you want somewhere warm to sit and study or work.

Brought the children or grandchildren? Then help them select some books or sit on a comfy sofa and read a story together. A table with paper and crayons in the children's section is there if they fancy a change.

Can't find what you want on the shelves or need help with the

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Settle Community Library has been run by volunteers with the support of North Yorkshire Council, since 2017. Books are updated by North Yorkshire and they provide the computer system. A professional librarian is on hand to support once a week to help with additional services the library offers, such as bus passes.

New volunteers are always welcome and full training and support is offered. Volunteers normally do one or more 3-hour shifts per month at times to suit.

The library does have to raise money to keep open, despite support from North Yorkshire and to help with this we are running a Coffee Morning for the library on Saturday 16th December in Hellifield Village Hall from 10.00am



so please come and support your local library.

Oh yes, the library is open all year and not just for the gloomy winter so why not give it a go? If you still have the love of reading or want a paperback or audio book, but mobility issues mean a trip to Settle is difficult, the library does have a home library service to bring books to enjoy to your home.

To find out more call 01609 534535 Or email info@settlelibrary.org.uk

Bob and Carol, Volunteer Librarians



In remembrance

Thank you to Sheila Metcalfe who beautifully crafted this crocheted hat for the Village post box in memory of Armistice Day. Editor

**Wishing you and
yours a
Happy Christmas
and a
Prosperous and
Peaceful New Year
from
Canon John Holford**

North Craven Flower Club

Christmas is coming around the corner again but what would you consider are flowers to have in your house at Christmas. Traditionally people have gone for red carnations, roses, amaryllis or even anthuriums, put together with holly, ruscus, eucalyptus and pine or spruce.



However, in this arrangement which I won in last year's Open Evening, our guest designer has softened the colours by using striped pink and white amaryllis, white cala lilies along with red carnations. The twigs with the berries on are called *Ilex verticillata* or deciduous holly. Stems of the holly are cut and then placed under black plastic so that the leaves die back and leave the berries. It is expensive but one stem can go a long way. The arrangement is done in a small oasis saucer and a block of florist foam.

Our December meeting will be on

Thursday, 7th December starting at 7.30pm when our guest demonstrator will be Elaine Bedford with a demonstration entitled 'Christmas Reimagined.'

Subscriptions are now due for the forthcoming year. This will be £37 and if possible, these should be paid by the end of January.

Starting in January, our meetings will be in the afternoon instead of in the evening. Many members who have not renewed their subscriptions recently, have said that they find it difficult to

drive at night when it is dark. We are therefore hoping that by changing our start time, some may now re-join. All meetings will now therefore start at 2.00pm.

Our January meeting will take place on 11th January starting at 2.00pm in Hellifield Village Hall. Our guest demonstrator will be Ann Morgan with a demonstration with the intriguing title of 'Wood Aye Wood I Knot'. Come along and find out what this all means? Visitors are always welcome and as usual the arrangements will be raffled at the end of the evening. For more information, please ring 01729 840331.

Liz Palmer



Update from Young Farmers

October has been a busy month for the young farmers. It began with our AGM held at the Richard Tottie Memorial Hall at Coniston Cold. It is at this meeting that members elect/re-elect the new club officers for this year. Sue Wright has stayed on as Club President, Mary Throup is the new Chairman, Will Hargreaves is Secretary and John Pearson is the Treasurer.

The following Friday we held our Annual Dinner and Presentation Night at North Ribblesdale Rugby Club, Settle. We all enjoyed a delicious meal followed by a fantastic speech from our guest speaker, Mr Alistair Walton. The points trophies were presented by our president, Sue Wright. The evening was rounded off with a disco. The day after, some of our members competed in the Yorkshire Young Farmers Rural Skills Competition at Wigglesworth.



Members from all across Yorkshire were competing.

Huge congratulations to Will Hargreaves who came first in the Junior Walling Competition. The following Tuesday night, members met at Whitehills Golf Driving Range at Stirton where everyone had a great time practising their swing. The next meeting was the Settle District Quiz held at the North Ribblesdale Rugby Club. This was a great chance for our members to socialise with their friends from the other clubs, whilst putting their general knowledge to the test.

The following Sunday night some of our members took part in the Settle District Darts Competition at Settle Social Club. This was great fun and a very successful night for us, with our senior team coming first and our junior team second. We were back in the Hall for our final meeting in October, for our annual Public Speaking Competition. We all had to give a one-minute speech on a subject of our choice. Everyone did really well but after much deliberation the judges decided to present the trophies to Will Hargreaves and Mary Throup.

Young Farmers meet most Tuesday nights throughout the year and new members are always welcome. For more information please text 07731654343

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A gap in the storm

Despite the dire forecast for the storm at the start of November that sadly did cause many areas severe problems, the first Thursday in November proved a storm free day in Hellifield. Taking advantage of the break in the weather gave a chance to have the village winter planting done on time.

Following the accident in which a car damaged the underpass guardrails and took down the troughs at one end, there were only two to replenish. One trough was damaged in the accident and taken away but one survived and will be fitted to the replacement rails when North Yorkshire can put the new ones in place (we have no time scale for this happening). Fortunately, no one was injured in the accident.

As in previous recent years, Carol obtained the new plants that are Parish Council funded, removed the summer stock and planted the winter selection.

There was also a chance to enhance the village marker on Gisburn Road. As well as the visible plants, the troughs and marker have bulbs for some spring blooms.

Thanks again to Carol and let's all enjoy the plants around the village. Thanks also to Maralyne for all her work on the underpass and to the Swinbank family who continue to replant the large trough each season, helping the centre of the Village to look festive and well-maintained.

Bob Moore



Lennox Bay, Australia

In the October magazine there was an article from Bill and Beryl Wright about their adventures in Australia. Cath Angus very kindly brought two local magazines from the Lennox Bay area, for us to enjoy. I am hoping that they can be kept at the Institute for others to enjoy. They are currently being passed on to those I know to have a connection with Australia. Many thanks, Cath.

Joy Orwell

Hellifield Village Walking Group's October walk

Cool with little wind and a beautiful clear blue sky, this was a perfect October day as eight members of the group set off for the 6 1/2-mile October walk. With cars parked in a small lay-by on Buckhaw Brow opposite the old garage, we began through the gate then up an initial steep climb that levelled out after 400m. Across Feizor Thwaite, the route gave fabulous views before we dropped down to Feizor itself.



Leaving Feizor the group headed along Hale Lane past Medlings Barn, across a small footbridge and on to Wood Lane. At the four-way junction we turned right along the Wood Lane track for 200m, then took a track to the right, through a gate then headed uphill with Oxenber Wood on our right. The footpath along to Jop Ridding again awarded us with splendid views until we dropped down to Wharfe Gill Syke where we took a break as some members ate their packed lunches.

The route then took us to Austwick Lane and after a right turn we walked

back towards Feizor via Back House Lane. Arriving at Feizor we bagged a large slate table outside at Elaine's tearoom to enjoy a break with tea/coffee and cake (Or in Dave and Karen's case pie and custard!). After the break we retraced our steps back across Feizor Thwaite returning to the cars.

Excellent company, invigorating exercise, splendid views, clear skies and delicious refreshments, this was a perfect autumn day.

Bob Moore

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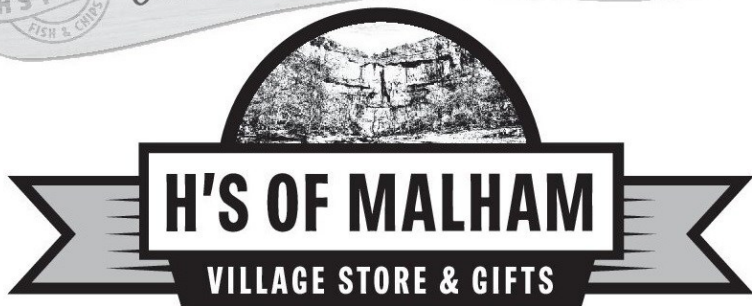
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Online Talk: Funding for Sustainable Business & Community Projects in the Dales

Wednesday 6 December, slightly later than usual, at 5pm.

This talk is pitched at businesses, community groups and individuals wanting to find out more about how the Yorkshire Dales National Park's Sustainable Development Fund can support projects that aim to promote a more sustainable way of living in, working in or visiting the National Park. Meet Andrea Burden, Sustainable Development Officer for the Park who will introduce the scheme, the funding available and how to apply. Edward Sexton of Clapham based Glencroft will then reveal how the fund helped kick-start his company's now successful 'farm to yarn' project - Clapdale Wool - buying fleeces from farms within a 5-mile radius and transforming them into Yorkshire-made hand-knit yarn.

Online Talk: Access the Dales Wednesday 17 January, 4.30pm

Since becoming a wheelchair user in 2011, Debbie North has campaigned tirelessly to break down barriers and promote countryside accessibility for all. Founding the charity, Access the Dales, whose motto is 'making the inaccessible accessible', there are now nine 'free to borrow' all terrain wheelchairs available from designated sites across the Dales. Debbie was also appointed Cabinet Office Disability and Access ambassador for the Countryside in 2022. This talk offers a unique opportunity to learn about the successes and improvements Debbie's campaigning has achieved, along with the challenges still to surmount.

<https://friendsofthedales.org.uk>

Bus and train times

Sorry, but we simply ran out of space this month for full listings.

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Memories of Hellifield from Brian Shorrock

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

Brian has been good enough to put pen to paper and write various articles on different themes. His recollections all paint a picture of the village of Hellifield in days gone by. Brian has asked me to produce his memories for our magazine, and this will be the third article on a variety of themes from Brian. In this article, Brian remembers the days when, during the 2nd World War, Hellifield Peel housed both Italian and German prisoners.

Brian recalls his memories of the Prisoners of War at Hellifield Peel:

'When I was between eight and ten years old, I would walk down to Hellifield Peel with lads of a similar age to look at the POW Camp at the Peel, where initially Italian Prisoner of War were housed. I'm not sure how many prisoners were housed there. Possibly between 50 to 150 or so. The lower ranks lived in dark brown conical tents which were pitched on the lawns surrounding the Peel itself. The house in those days was at least in a reasonably good condition. In the house itself the higher ranking soldiers were housed. The tents would not have been very comfortable during the winter months.

The Italians were at all times very friendly, and seemed to enjoy meeting children whom they would talk to – some in very good English. I think they were just glad to be out of the war. We took very small denomination coins

down to them and they very skillfully made rings and other ornaments. In my case a metal submarine was created, which I kept for many years before it disappeared. One prisoner made a very good sketch of the Peel and the camp itself, which I kept for many years until it also sadly vanished. Most of the prisoners appeared to come and go as they pleased and many working locally,



A snapshot of Hellifield Peel dated 1939. A year that witnessed a role change for the old house.

mainly on farms. They even had a football team which played against Hellifield, whom they always beat quite easily! Some prisoners could well have been professional players back home in Italy.

I never heard of any trying to escape, which initially would seem to have been an easy task. They seemed on the whole to be quite a contented group – happy to be out of danger and looking forward to the end of the war.

After the Italians went home, they were replaced with a similar number of Germans. This was a different scenario altogether. We only visited them at odd times, and found them distinctly aloof and unfriendly. A marked contrast to the amiable Italians. They were well guarded and they did not have the relative freedom enjoyed by their predecessors. Nevertheless, many still worked in the area. Again, mainly on farms.

Anyone walking past the Peel on the public footpath these days would be totally unaware of its use as a POW Camp in the second world war, as nothing remains of the camp.'

Brian Shorrocks

I've heard many stories over the years, of the days during the last war when the Peel housed prisoners of war. A notable story was when one of the Italians was drowned when swimming near a whirlpool in the river at Halton West bridge. Andrew Dakin has mentioned that when his father Peter Dakin was a boy, he also wandered down to the Peel and was given 'home-made' items. Lighters fashioned from empty cartridge cases seemed a favourite. The official term for the camp was POW Hostel 60. There were many such 'hostels' throughout the region. Many of them were low security given the relative freedom that many of the prisoners enjoyed. It seems that the Germans were in many cases a different kettle of fish to the Italians, and were kept under much closer scrutiny. One of the stories about the prisoners, is that the names carved into the tree on the left hand side of the cattle grid as you enter the Peel Park were carved there by Italian prisoners. If so, perhaps that's the one reminder we have of the men who sat out the last years of the war down at Hellifield Peel. There will be more from Brian in future issues of the Herald.

Ken Leak

Thank you from Frances Flitcroft

Frances Flitcroft & family would like to thank all who helped during John's illness - those who visited him at home & at Milton House & those who acted as chauffeurs for me.

I am moving back to Lytham St Annes where I was born, on 2nd December, to a retirement complex, which is 3 minutes from our elder son, so he can keep an eye on me!

I shall miss Hellifield, such a friendly village with lots going on! I shall look back on 16 happy years!

Frances Flitcroft

The Midland Railway's '1808' Class locomotives

The Midland Railway Company was noted for operating a "small engine policy". Its largest locomotives tended to be of the 4-4-0 wheel arrangement, meaning the use of pilot locomotives to assist trains over the steeper graded lines on the company's system was a common occurrence.

Hellifield shed was kept busy providing pilot locomotives to assist trains to the summit of the Settle to Carlisle line at Ais Gill (1169 feet above sea level) where the pilot locomotive would then be detached and return the light engine to Hellifield to await its next turn of duty.

When the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway (LYR) line reached Hellifield, the Midland saw an opportunity to run connecting trains to its Scotch Express services from Hellifield with trains from Liverpool and Manchester using the new LYR route. Previously these connections were made at Skipton with

trains running in over the Midland's Colne to Skipton line. At first, extra coaches were added to LYR train services for these connections but eventually the Midland obtained running powers from the LYR enabling them to operate their own locomotives and rolling stock over the LYR line. The gradients over the LYR line proved difficult for the Midland trains, but rather than providing pilot locomotives the Midland decided to rebuild some of its 4-4-0 locomotives with 6' 6" driving wheels rather than the standard 6' size, in an attempt to increase the locomotives speeds and improve performance. 15 locomotives were



The elegant lines of these Locomotives are shown to good effect in the photograph of No. 1810 being turned at Hellifield before returning to its Manchester base.



The other photograph shows one of the Midland's connecting train services at Chatburn near Clitheroe running on the LYR line in a period postcard, the letters MR can just be made out on the engines buffer beam.

rebuilt and became known as the "1808" class as the locomotives were allocated the numbers 1808 to 1822. Numbers 1819 to 1822 were allocated to Hellifield shed, 1808 to 1813 went to Newton Heath (Manchester) and 1814 to 1818 went to Sandhills (Liverpool).

One of the 1808 class locomotives, No. 1813, with a Hellifield crew of driver Frank Carlisle and my great uncle George as fireman was involved in a collision with the rear of an LYR passenger train at Sandhills Junction near Liverpool on the evening of the 25th August 1900 (Locomotive No. 1813 would turn out to have a remarkably long service life of 64 years, built in 1888 it was withdrawn in 1952 and cut up for scrap at Derby Works that same year). The mass of trackwork and signals at Sandhills Junction is shown on the next page in the LYR official postcard of the period.

The collision at Sandhills occurred at low speed and although damage was sustained to the front of the Midland locomotive and the rear coach of the LYR train only minor injuries were reported by passengers in the LYR train. A copy from the official accident report of my great uncle's statement to the accident inspector is reproduced on the next page. The cause of the accident turned out to be an error on the part of the signalman at Sandhills No.2 box in giving the right of way to the Midland train while forgetting that the LYR train was standing at a signal in the same section. Electric track circuit indicators which show the signalman the position of trains in his sections on an illuminated track diagram board were not in operation at Sandhills Junction at this time. It would take several more years and a number of accidents before this safety device



The mass of trackwork and signals at Sandhills Junction

George Pearcy, fireman, stated : I have been four years in the Midland Company's service, and two years a fireman. I was fireman to driver Carlisle on August 25th, but only for that day, when my hours were the same as his. My place was on the left-hand side of the engine. I joined No. 559 Midland Special at Hawes Junction. I have been on the line to Liverpool before, but am not well acquainted with it. After the last station stop we were checked by signals as we approached Liverpool, and I was not aware that a collision was imminent until we had passed through the bridge close to the tail of the train which we ran into. There was steam and smoke from a shunting engine hanging about the bridge, which prevented the sight being good. When we struck the train in front, the speed we were travelling at was not more than six or seven miles an hour. On seeing the standing train the driver said "We shall be into that train," at the same time putting on the brakes, and I opened the sand-box, which applied sand to the front driving wheels. The speed was slightly checked before we struck the rear of the other train. The body of the van mounted on to the front of our engine and got as far as the smoke-box. Neither the driver nor myself jumped off, and neither of us was hurt.

would be adopted by all the railway companies. Track circuits would not be installed on the Midland Railway until after the Hawes Junction disaster on the Settle to Carlisle line on Christmas eve 1910 (where twelve passengers lost their lives) and then following recommendations made by the accident investigators, track circuits would begin to be rolled out to eventually cover all of the major railway lines of Great Britain.

John Pearcy

Left: A copy from the official accident report of John Pearcy's great uncle's statement to the accident inspector

Update on the Children of Sumbawanga, Tanzania

Since I last did an update on the children, a lot has happened. They continue to do well. I have managed to buy the house next door to their Home with the idea of helping them to learn more skills in finishing the building off and working with skilled workmen.

We are then hoping that it will provide independent accommodation for them as they get older and pay us a small rent, rather than paying rogue landlords. I have also bought a new bajaji (three wheeled taxi) which two of the older boys are purchasing with a microloan from me, rather than getting into debt at the bank. They are running it as a business and learning how to keep accounts, as well as maintain the vehicle. Several others have given me

their business ideas for me to help them with a microloan. The older boys who are working, still bring food or clothes for the younger children as a thank you for the love and care they have been given. It is an amazing story of transformation of both lives and the local community. This Community has helped so much to raise funds and the children are so grateful, as I am.

Bless you all this Christmas. Joy Orwell



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'If I could turn back time' (Cher)

A few weeks ago, I celebrated my 51st birthday and took some time to reflect on my life having completed half century.

My name is Daiva and I came to the UK in 2011, unloading my suitcase in the beautiful market town of Settle. I have fallen in love with the Yorkshire Dales and have planted my roots in the

nearby village of Hellifield.

As a child I was a bit of rebel for my mum, later on I was a very sociable and energetic medical student. I was

kept very busy with my four children, but even after an eighteen hour shift I still had the power to dance all night!

My mornings would begin with a black coffee and a cigarette, eating meals once or twice a day and a few glasses of wine after a hard week at work, that was my normal. At that time I did not think about my 51st birthday, who would ?

My years were passing by. My children were growing up and getting on with their own lives and going out socialising. I found myself often alone.

My heart felt empty. I started enjoying takeaway meals, wine and endless TV to keep me happy, but unfortunately it didn't . I became obese, inactive and miserable. I didn't want to go out, because I felt tired, I had no energy anymore . I didn't want to dress up. My clothes didn't fit and I hated the reflection that stared back at me from the mirror. It made me sick. Simple tasks became difficult , I would struggle to tie my



shoe laces, because I could not bend over; I was constantly out of breath. I had become a prisoner in my own body.

Things had to change, I needed to break free from how I was existing and who I had become. I needed a plan to make changes to set goals and to get 'me' back.

It was a long and hard journey to rid of my old habits at times. However, since I walked through the Slimming World group's door, I have never felt lonely. I always believed that miracles exist but now I know, with help and support and understanding they can come true, goals can be achieved and you can find a new happier healthier you.

By following the Slimming World Food Optimising plan and attending weekly group meetings I lost 3.5 stone and every day I stepped on my treadmill for at least 15minutes, building up enough stamina to try running.

I work in a diagnostic procedure room and my heart breaks when I read the medical histories of people with diabetes, post heart attack, hip replacement, strokes or cancer. Being in nursing for over 30 years I can say the saddest thing affecting the younger generation is obesity and cancer, whilst many of these horrible diseases could be prevented.

Today I am a Consultant of Slimming World, working full time in hospital and I do run for Charity Fundraising events; Race for Life, Leeds Half Marathon and if you remember I was the one who struggled to tie shoe laces. This is my little contribution for the people and organisations who are looking after those people. I have been diagnosed with chronic disease, which could have been prevented in younger age and without letting my blessed body take over my health. I still run, because it feels great to be able to, but unfortunately only when I am pain free, but I always keeping my Slimming World group door open for you if you need me.

At this very festive time of the year I would like to wish you a bit of time being around your family and your very loved ones, to reflect on your own life and consider how you could change it today. Don't wait for 30 years to feel a regret as I do.

Do not waste your time looking at the stars, because you can miss the beauty of the moon.

'If I could turn back time, I could find my way'

Daiva

One big thank you from Hellifield mag!

Since my recent reminder about "Friends" of Hellifield magazine subscriptions, residents of Hellifield have responded magnificently with "Friends" subscriptions and some very generous donations.

On behalf of all the Committee may I say how much your generosity is appreciated, especially under the present economic conditions and this near to Christmas. We really do appreciate your help. Hopefully you will have received a receipt, but if not please contact me so I can issue you with one.

Carol – Friends Coordinator

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HelliSingers

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Indoor Bowls

Maralyne Cadman 01729 851272

Methodist Chapel & Wesley Centre

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Mothers' Union

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Sheila Swinbank 850458.

North Craven Flower Club

Chair: Liz Palmer 840331

North Yorkshire Councillor

Simon Myers email:

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Parish Council

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Clerk to the Parish Council: Julie

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Primary School

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01729 850215

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St Aidan's Parish Church

Rev James Rodley 01729 851709

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Scouts

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Table Tennis Club

Andy Crabtree 851806

Thursday Drop in Centre

Joy Phillips 850340

Village Hall (Institute)

Booking Secretaries: Heather Leak

07790 042206, and Ken Leak 07837
727268

Walking Group

Rebecca Gooch 07443 493169

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Wesley Centre

Lettings Manager 850802

Women's Institute

Aileen Alexander 01729 851318

Hellifield Methodist Chapel and Wesley Centre

Services in December:

- 3rd Sunday Service and Baptism - 2pm, plus Hour of Prayer at 6pm
- 10th Lego Church 10.30 plus Sunday Service at 2pm
- 17th Christmas Carol Service at 2pm
- 24th Family Cafe Church with Carols at 2pm

Services in January:

- 7th Sunday Service at 2pm
- 14th Lego Church at 10.30, plus Sunday Service at 2pm

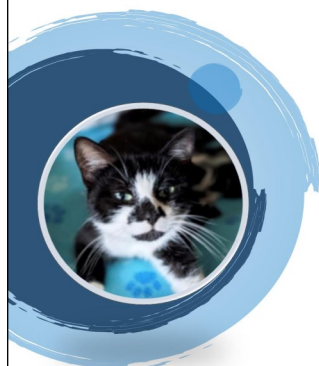
- 21st Sunday Service at 2pm
- 28th Family Cafe Church at 2pm

Other activities:

- Community Pantry on Fridays 1st, 8th and 15th December and Fridays 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th January. 2-3 pm
- Welcome Mat on Mondays 4th and 18th December and 15th and 29th January. 2.30-4pm
- Strong and Steady on Monday 11th December plus 8th and 22nd January. 3.30-4.30

Contact Martin and Pauline 07931511652 or Jeff on 851389

We would love to see you at any of our Services or Activities and you're always assured of a very warm welcome. We offer our love and prayers to everyone in our Community as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, with hope and trust for a peaceful year to come both locally and throughout our wonderful, but troubled world. God bless you all.



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www.benthampetrescue.org.uk

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Events in December and January

Date	Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact Details
1st	Fri	9.45am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 554149
1st	Fri	1-3pm	Line Dancing	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
1st	Fri	2-3pm	Community Pantry	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
1st	Fri	6.30pm	Christmas Lights Switch-on	Village Centre/ Village Hall	Parish Clerk - Julie Sleath hellifieldpc@gmail.c om
2nd	Sat	7 for 7.30pm	Village Christmas Party	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
3rd	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 851709
3rd	Sun	2pm	Sunday Service & Baptism	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
3rd	Sun	6pm	Prayer hour	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
4th	Mon	2.30pm	Welcome Mat	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
4th	Mon	7-9pm	Slimming World	Hellifield House	Cheryl Mitton 850866
4th	Mon	7.15 - 9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree 851806
5th	Tue	2pm	Helliarts	Village Hall	Audrey Edwards
5th	Tue	6-7 & 7- 9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 851660
6th	Wed	9- 12.30pm	Messy Monkeys	Village Hall	Amanda Belt 07398284126
6th	Wed	2pm	Mothers' Union	Village Hall	Sheila Swinbank
6th	Wed	2-4pm	Games Afternoon	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
6th	Wed	6-7 & 7.30- 8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
6th	Wed	7pm	Chess	Black Horse Pub	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760190222

Events in December and January

Date	Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact Details
6th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House	Cheryl Mitton 850866
7th	Thu	10-12 noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Maralyne 01729 851272
7th	Thu	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340
7th	Thu	7.30pm	Flower Club	Village Hall	Liz Palmer 840331
8th	Fri	9.45-11am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 554149
8th	Fri	1-3pm	Line Dancing	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
8th	Fri	2-3pm	Community Pantry	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
9th	Sat	10-11.30am	Village Hall Coffee Morning	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
10th	Sun	9.30am	Sunday Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 851709
10th	Sun	10.30pm	Lego Church	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
10th	Sun	2pm	Sunday Service	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
10th	Sun	6.30pm	Bingo	Hellifield House	Cheryl Mitton 850866
11th	Mon	3.30pm	Strong & Steady	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
11th	Mon	7-9pm	Slimming World	Hellifield House	Cheryl Mitton 850866
11th	Mon	7.15 - 9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree 851806
12th	Tue	6-7 & 7-9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 851660
13th	Wed	9-12.30pm	Messy Monkeys	Village Hall	Amanda Belt 07398284126
13th	Wed	2-4pm	Games Afternoon	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
13th	Wed	6-7 & 7.30-8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191

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Date	Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact Details
13th	Wed	7pm	Chess	Black Horse Pub	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760190222
13th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House	Cheryl Mitton 850866
14th	Thu	10-12 noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Maralyne 01729 851272
14th	Thu	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340
14th	Thu	7.30pm	Book Group - live session	Village Hall Yorke Rm (for on line session - contact Audrey) Audrey Edwards-	850351
15th	Fri	9.45-11am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 554149
15th	Fri	2-3pm	Community Pantry	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
16th	Sat	10-11.30am	Settle Library Coffee Morning	Village Hall	Carol & Bob Moore- 851660 - help required if possible
17th	Sun	9.30am	Church Service with lessons and Carols	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 851709
17th	Sun	2pm	Carol Service	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
17th	Sun	2-5pm	Children's Party	Hellifield House	Cheryl Mitton 850866
17th	Sun	6.30pm	Bingo	Hellifield House	Cheryl Mitton 850866
18th	Mon	2.30pm	Welcome Mat Christmas Party	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
18th	Mon	7-9pm	Slimming World	Hellifield House	Cheryl Mitton 850866
18th	Mon	7.15-9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree 851806
19th	Tue	3-4.30pm	Tea, Coffee, Chat	Black Horse Pub	Margaret Foster
19th	Tue	6-7 & 7-9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 851660
20th	Wed	2-4pm	Helliscribes	Village Hall Yorke Room	Yvonne Crabtree 851806

Events in December and January

Date	Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact Details
20th	Wed	2-4pm	Games afternoon	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
20th	Wed	6-7 & 7.30- 8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
20th	Wed	7pm	Chess	Black Horse Pub	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760190222
20th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House	Cheryl Mitton 850866
21st	Thu	10-12noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Maralyne 01729 851272
21st	Thu	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340
21st	Thu	7.00pm	WI Christmas Party	Village Hall	Carol - 851660
22nd	Fri	2-3pm	Line Dancing	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
24th	Sun	9.30am	Holy	St Aidan's	Rev. James Rodley
24th	Sun	10.45 for 11am	Messy Church	St Aidan's Church	James Atkinson 078496732 jamesatkinson72@outlook.com
24th	Sun	2pm	Family Café Church with Carols	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
24th	Sun	4pm	Family Carols & Crib Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 851709
25th	Mon	9.30am	Christmas Day Holy Communion	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 851709
27th	Wed	7pm	Chess	Black Horse Pub	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760190222
27th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House	Cheryl Mitton 850866
29th	Fri	8pm	Music Jamming session	Black Horse Pub	contact Black Horse for details

Events in December and January

Date	Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact Details
31st	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's	Rev. James Rodley
31st	Sun	2pm	Sunday Service	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
31st	Sun	8pm	New Year's Eve party featuring The Time Bandits	Hellifield House 850866 - not ticketed, open to member & non-members	Cheryl Mitton
January 2024					
2nd	Tue	2-4pm	Helliarts	Village Hall	Audrey Edwards - 850351
2nd	Tue	6-7 & 7-9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 851660
3rd	Wed	2pm	Mothers' Union	Village Hall	Sheila Swinbank 850458
3rd	Wed	2-4pm	Games Afternoon	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
3rd	Wed	6-7 & 7.30-8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
3rd	Wed	7pm	Chess	Black Horse Pub	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760190222
3rd	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House	Cheryl Mitton 850866
4th	Thu	10-12 noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Maralyne 01729 851272
5th	Fri	9.45-11am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 554149
5th	Fri	2-3pm	Community Pantry	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
6th	Sat	10-11.30am	Village Hall Coffee Morning	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
7th	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 851709
7th	Sun	2pm	Sunday Service	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652

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Date	Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact Details
7th	Sun	6pm	Hour of Prayer	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
7th	Sun	6.30pm	Bingo	Hellifield House	Cheryl Mitton 850866
8th	Mon	2pm	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 554149
8th	Mon	3.30pm	Strong & Steady	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
8th	Mon	7-9pm	Slimming World	Hellifield House	Cheryl Mitton 850866
8th	Mon	7.15 - 9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree 851806
9th	Tue	6-7 & 7-9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 851660
10th	Wed	9-12.30pm	Messy Monkeys	Village Hall	Amanda Belt 07398284126
10th	Wed	2-4pm	Games Afternoon	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
10th	Wed	6-7 & 7.30-8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
10th	Wed	7pm	Chess	Black Horse Pub	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760190222
10th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House	Cheryl Mitton 850866
11th	Thu	10-12 noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Maralyne 01729 851272
11th	Thu	2pm	Flower Club	Village Hall	Liz Palmer 840331
11th	Thu	7.30pm	Book Group - live session	Village Hall Yorke Rm (for on line session - contact Audrey) Audrey Edwards- 850351	
12th	Fri	9.45-11am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 554149
12th	Fri	2-3pm	Community Pantry	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
13th	Sat	10-11.30am	Coffee Morning	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268

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Date	Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact Details
14th	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 851709
14th	Sun	10.30am	Lego Church	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
14th	Sun	2pm	Sunday Service	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
15th	Mon	2pm	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 554149
15th	Mon	2.30pm	Welcome Mat	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
15th	Mon	7-9pm	Slimming World	Hellifield House	Cheryl Mitton 850866
15th	Mon	7.15-9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree 851806
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17th	Wed	9-12.30pm	Messy Monkeys	Village Hall	Amanda Belt 07398284126
17th	Wed	1-4pm	Games Afternoon	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
17th	Wed	2-4pm	Helliscribes	Village Hall Yorke Room	Yvonne Crabtree 851806
17th	Wed	6-7 & 7.30-8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
17th	Wed	7pm	Chess	Black Horse Pub	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760190222
17th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House	Cheryl Mitton 850866
18th	Thu	10-12noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Maralyne 01729 851272
18th	Thu	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340
18th	Thu	7pm	WI	Village Hall	Carol - 851660
19th	Fri	9.45-11am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 554149

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19th	Fri	2-3pm	Community Pantry	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
20th	Sat	10-11.30am	Coffee Morning	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
21st	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 851709
21st	Sun	10.45 for 11am	Messy Church	St Aidan's Church	James Atkinson 078496732 jamesatkinson72@outlook.com
21st	Sun	2pm	Sunday Service	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
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22nd	Mon	2.pm	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 554149
22nd	Mon	3.30pm	Strong & Steady	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
22nd	Mon	7-9pm	Slimming World	Hellifield House	Cheryl Mitton 850866
22nd	Mon	7.15-9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree 851806
23rd	Tue	6-7 & 7-9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 851660
24th	Wed	9-12.30pm	Messy Monkeys	Village Hall	Amanda Belt 07398284126
24th	Wed	1-4pm	Games Afternoon	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
24th	Wed	6-7 & 7.30-8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
24th	Wed	7pm	Chess	Black Horse Pub	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760190222
24th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House	Cheryl Mitton 850866
25th	Thu	10-12 noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Maralyne 01729 851272

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25th	Thu	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340
26th	Fri	9.45-11am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 554149
26th	Fri	2-3pm	Community Pantry	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
26th	Fri	8pm	Music Jamming session	Black Horse Pub	contact Black Horse for details
27th	Sat	10-11.30am	Coffee Morning	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
28th	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 851709
28th	Sun	2pm	Family Café Church Service	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
29th	Mon	2pm	Hellisingers (check timing with Sue) - Village Hall		Sue Alderson 554149
29th	Mon	2.30pm	Welcome Mat	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
29th	Mon	7-9pm	Slimming World	Hellifield House	Cheryl Mitton 850866
29th	Mon	7.15-9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree 851806
30th	Tue	3-4.30pm	Tea, Coffee, Chat	Black Horse Pub	Margaret Foster
30th	Tue	6-7 & 7-9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 851660
31st	Wed	9-12.30pm	Messy Monkeys	Village Hall	Amanda Belt 07398284126
31st	Wed	1-4pm	Games Afternoon	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
31st	Wed	6-7 & 7.30-8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
31st	Wed	7pm	Chess	Black Horse Pub	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760190222
31st	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House	Cheryl Mitton 850866

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