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# The Hellifield Herald

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July 2023

Free to everyone in Hellifield



*Tenley Hill, Hellifield, in the June sunshine*



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is the 8th of July

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# Editorial

A few weeks ago, when I was walking near the Peel, I met a couple who asked me about the history of the building. I told them what little I knew about it and we continued to chat as we walked back up Gisburn road. They were very interested in the history of buildings and were enjoying their exploration of Hellifield, which they had driven through many times but never stopped at before. We said goodbye at the main road and I continued my walk.



Later that evening I was having dinner at the Black Horse prior to going to see 'Opera for the People' at the Village Hall, when I felt a tap on my shoulder. I turned round to see the couple. They were enjoying their visit to Hellifield so much that they had decided, not only to have a meal at the pub but to stay the night! This illustrates that Hellifield is a welcoming and interesting village.

Hellifield is made up of individuals, families and groups with a wide range of interests. A glance at the weekly timetables of the Village Hall and the Wesley Centre gives us a glimpse of this. In addition, there are sporting activities, such as football, and quizzes and music events at the Pub and Social Club. Even going for a walk in Hellifield can be a sociable experience.

The Hellifield Herald team would like to feel that the magazine reflects the character of the village and provides something of interest for everyone. If you are reading this, then you already feel that the magazine is of interest to you but perhaps this does not go for everyone. We often receive comments (usually positive!) about the magazine when we are out and about and we are very grateful for these. The magazine is free to every home in the village so we do not have to convince people to buy it but we would like to feel that it is useful and entertaining to as many people as possible.

We have a number of regulars who contribute articles, poems, drawings and photos but it would be great to hear from others as well. An unusual hobby, a trip to somewhere exciting or an event attended in the village or further afield are good subjects for an article especially if accompanied by a photo. Send your contributions to [magazinehellifield@gmail.com](mailto:magazinehellifield@gmail.com)

I hope you all have a great Summer and enjoy the sunshine and the events in Hellifield and surrounding villages and towns. Don't forget to write about them!

Audrey Edwards

# MESSY CHURCH GOES OUTDOORS



Join us as we take our Messy Church outdoors into the wonderful grounds of St Aidan's Church on **July 23<sup>rd</sup>**, **Aug 27<sup>th</sup>** and **Sep** date T.B.C.

Meeting inside St. Aidan's Church 10.45 for **11.00 start**.

Activities centered around exploring nature, along with a story, a short prayer, and a shared meal.

Further info contact [james.atkinson72@outlook.com](mailto:james.atkinson72@outlook.com) [07849673214](tel:07849673214)

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## St Aidan's Hellifield Mothers' Union

MU member Rosemary gave a delightful talk based on a two-day retreat which she and Sheila had attended at the Diocesan Retreat House, Parceval Hall, Appletreewick. The Hall was built on land which once belonged to Bolton Priory and is Grade II listed, its oldest part dating back to 1506. It is surrounded by lovely gardens and the scenic beauty of Wharfedale and the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

The Retreat was attended by a number of MU members from parishes throughout the Diocese and Rosemary spoke about the different and varied aspects of the event.

Her talk was followed by a nostalgic slide show presented by Sheila of a number of Hellifield Gala days dating back to 1970.

Ellen Toomé



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# Gorgeous Downham and an ice-cream picnic

13 walkers set out on the May village walk which started from the gorgeous, unspoilt village of Downham which nestles under Pendle Hill.

The walk explored the pastures and meadows between Downham and the tiny village of Worston. It was a beautiful day with a heady scent of wild garlic in the air and we were constantly surrounded by wonderful May blossom of the Hawthorn trees. The flora was stunning as were the views up the Ribble Valley and across to the long ridge of Longridge.

Interestingly, we walked past the filming location of the 1961 film 'Whistle Down the Wind' – a film which included many local children – some being related to those in today's walking group.

We finished the walk with an 'Ice cream' picnic on the village green - the hardest decision of the day being which flavour to choose.

We meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month – so 16th July, 20th August, 17th September and so on – with trips coming up to Bentham and Stocks reservoir.

If you'd like to know more, please email [rebgooch@gmail.com](mailto:rebgooch@gmail.com) or text or call Rebecca on 07443 493169. I will send out more information about each walk a week or so in advance.

Rebecca Gooch



# North Craven Flower Club

Our Guest demonstrator at our May meeting was Jill Perrins from the Catkins flower shop in Settle. She made 6 designs using a variety of greenery and beautiful flowers.



The design to the left was an all-round design that started with various pieces of greenery such as ruscus and hellebore leaves. She then added lilac coloured clematis, followed by purple statice with white centres. To lift the arrangement, she finally added some white mini gerbera.

In contrast to the subdued colours of the previous arrangement, the design to the right had the very colourful sunflowers as the main feature. Although not yet opened, the two stems of lillies form the height of the arrangement. Also included were more stems of statice and finally some short stems of white hydrangea.



The arrangement below was done in a milk churn, which Jill said is currently very popular for weddings. The framework was made by adding



various pieces of greenery such as cotoneaster to give height and width. Also white beam and hellebore leaves. Flowers of the hellebore were also included as well as white stocks with their lovely perfume, white roses, white lisianthus and white chrysanthemums.





As Jill's demonstration was entitled King and Country, there had to be crown somewhere and a very rustic one was the frame for this design. A large green orchid formed the height of the design to the left. Silver edged Euonymus covered the base of the design. Short pieces of Scots pine were added to echo the Kings love of Scotland as well as the pheasant feathers. The finishing touch was some white peonies with a yellow centre.



The design to the right started with laurel - both leaves and flowers - then hellebore flowers and leaves plus some purple Euphorbia. The focus flowers were bright pink roses and pink edged carnations.

The design below also started with laurel and white beam. Cotoneaster was also added before the flowers of pink wax flower, white lisianthus, blue campanula, and small white hydrangea heads that were nestled in amongst the greenery.



Our June meeting was a visit to the Himalayan Garden and Sculpture Park near Ripon. The next meeting in Hellifield Village Hall will be on 13th July at 7.30pm when our guest demonstrator will be Louise Jones with a demonstration entitled 'Elements'.

Another note for diaries will be our afternoon tea at Langcliffe Village Hall on Sunday, 17th September.

There will be no meeting in August but we will meet again on 14th September.

Liz Palmer

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Surely, there should only be two or three?  
I really hate these kits!

I find the instruction booklet  
But it's definitely not much help  
It seems to be written in Mandarin  
And makes me want to yelp!

I finally locate all the pieces  
But I feel like such a jerk  
I've got it all together  
And the blessed thing won't work!

I threw away all the packaging  
So I shall have to find some more  
To send it back from whence it came  
What did I want it for?

Yvonne Crabtree

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## **Hellifield WI - what's happening in July**

Here are some pictures taken at the WI Coronation celebration in May. Joyce won the best dressed in her "Queen" outfit with Karen coming a close second in pretty-pink – perfect for any Royal Garden party. Entertainment was kindly provided by Bill Wright, with some 60's music for us to sing along to.

A big thank you goes to Bill, who gave up his time free of charge to make a brilliant end to the evening.

In June we were wowed by John Taylor with a talk on hypnotherapy. July brings our own Ken Leak to WI with tales of growing up in Hellifield. Those of us who are late comers to Hellifield are really looking forward to hearing about growing up in our special Village (especially those of us who grew up in an industrial area of a large city).

We are hoping to have a boat trip on the Leeds Liverpool canal this month,

so if you have not booked your place, please check with myself or Zoe to see if you can still be included.

Confirmation of the date and time will be circulated to WI members who have shown an interest. The trip costs £27.50.

This should be a relaxing trip with a special afternoon tea or ploughman's lunch and a time to relax and chat with friends. Please make your own way to Skipton – if by car, I suggest you park in Coach Street car park, or you can take the regular Skipton bus.



As always visitors are welcome to WI meetings for a small fee. There is a list of our speakers for the next few months on our face book page, or you can ring me on 01729 851660. Our meetings are always the third Thursday

in the month and start at 7.15pm.

Hope to see you soon.

Carol – Joint Secretary Hellifield WI





# St Aidan's Church

## SUMMER 2023

Our worship continues **every Sunday at 9.30am**. Please join us as we pray for our village and the world and give thanks for God's goodness.

We will also be celebrating St Aidan, our patron saint, on **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August**, with a service at **7pm** followed by refreshments. As always, everyone is most welcome.

*St Aidan's will be open for quiet and prayer every day, until the early autumn.*

Any queries? Please contact Revd. James on 01729-851709, or [jwerodley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jwerodley@yahoo.co.uk)



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By Phone: 01756 802212 (*Please ask for Craven Reboot*)

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## Village planting

You will have noticed that the planting was slightly later this year (due to worries about frost damage). Everything is in place now and hopefully over the next month or so will fill out and look attractive. The funds for plants for the troughs and Village Marker are donated by the Parish Council out of the precept monies collected as part of Council Tax. So, in effect, all Council Tax payers in the village are contributing to these plants.



As I write this article, 12 days after planting, there has already been some vandalism to the troughs and to Maralyne's triangle. Should you notice any vandalism or anyone messing about with the plants, please report this to the Parish Council, me or Maralyne, so if we know who the perpetrators are, we can report it to the Police and also replace or repair any damage. Seven hours work went into planting up the troughs and the Village Marker, and it isn't appreciated that people (of any age) feel justified in destroying it!

As last year, the Village Hall have provided their own hanging baskets and kindly held a coffee morning to raise additional funds for the wider Village planting. I received some of these funds and have replaced the two large shrubs at the bottom of

Hammerton and added some bedding plants. In time these large shrubs will be covered in pretty pink flowers, which should attract bees and butterflies, but that may not happen this year – we will just have to wait and see, as plants sometimes take a while to get established in a new environment. The rest of the money raised has been given to Maralyne to carry on her wonderful work around the railway underpass area.

The photos attached show the Village marker on Gisburn Road and the stone trough provided and maintained by the Swinbank family, which always looks amazing.

I hope you enjoy all the plants which make Hellifield an even more attractive place to live.

Carol – Village Gardening Volunteer





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**Hellifield WI** is changing and moving forward – why not help us make our WI into a modern, vibrant and exciting group.

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 third Thursday of each month in the Village Hall (Institute) at 7.15pm



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## View from the Vicarage

Apology incoming - I'm sorry if I gave the impression last month that I was making light of conditions like OCD: I'm well aware that this is very debilitating to some people and, at its most extreme, can make even the most routine of activities very difficult. Thanks to the person who pointed this out.

Meanwhile, it seems odd to be thinking about summer holidays when I was only just praising the joys of late spring in my last piece! But time trundles on, and we'll be getting into the midst of the summer holiday season by the time you read this. We are having two breaks of just over a week, the first in South Devon which is a very long way from Hellifield...fingers crossed that the M5/M6 isn't at its worst...but designed to try and get Aidan the chance of being by the sea (which he loves) before the crowds descend (which he doesn't).

It seems odd that, as he's 18, we don't any more need permission to take him out of the classroom, although with him attending a special school, it's not been an issue for us. We learned the hard way a few years ago that going to Cornwall in August was a guarantee that Aidan would not want to go anywhere near the beach!

I do hope that those of our readers who are going away in the summer have an enjoyable and relaxing time. Stories of airport nightmares seem to come along every few weeks, and (especially if you're going abroad), a summer holiday seems less and less like something to look forward to, and more and more like an army assault course with loads of mental stress thrown in. We forget, maybe, that the ability to take regular holidays away from home is a very recent thing in this country, made possible for many (but by no

means all) by car ownership and a greatly increased standard of living to that which our grandparents would have known. My sympathy for those who rush to the nearest airport at every school holiday/half-term is a bit limited, I have to admit: the old adage that "less is more" seems to have some relevance here.

We've also lost sight of the ancient meaning of "holiday" deriving from "holy-day" – those saints' days on which medieval people could, mostly, enjoy themselves for a brief period away from the grind of their everyday lives. I wonder if, as we try to pack as much stuff into our holidays as we can, we could give ourselves the chance to do what our ancestors did- when, despite their material poverty, they enjoyed their "holy-days" as a time of spiritual as well as physical and mental refreshment?

Happy holidays to you all!

Please contact Revd James Rodley on 01729-851709 or [jwerodley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jwerodley@yahoo.co.uk)

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## Fun with games

As a child, I often played cards and dominoes with my family. I had many aunts, uncles, cousins and a gran who lived in Newcastle. On our visits there, I recall fun times when we all sat round my gran's dining table playing 'Chase the Ace' – an ideal card game for lots of people. I have a sneaking feeling that as the youngest I seemed to, uncannily, win more often than not. However, back home in West Yorkshire with mum, dad, sister and family friends, I had to fight my corner and rely on my developing skill and competitiveness to achieve that winning glory.

In Britain the most popular league and pub domino game is Fives and Threes. It was a regular Sunday lunchtime retreat for my Dad to his local pub in Morley, The Rock, where he played Fives and Threes with his mates. In those days this was not a woman's domain and my mum dutifully stayed at home to make Sunday lunch. There were often 'words' when he returned home much later than the agreed 2.00 pm, with the roast slightly charred and the veggies, shall we say, not at their best.

During my twenties and early thirties, when I had fled the nest, I was lucky that my partner and some of our friends also found great pleasure from this form of entertainment. There has been many a Saturday night when various card games such as Cribbage, Whist, Gin Rummy and Hearts have continued into the early hours of Sunday morning, accompanied by several glasses of wine – not conducive to remembering who has played what.

My son has also, from a very early age, been inducted in the art of playing cards and dominoes. We didn't let him win either, unless he did so genuinely. Now at 32 when he returns home for visits, we inevitably get out the cards and try to remember the rules of

Canasta.

So, I was delighted when HelliGames started at the village hall on a Wednesday afternoon. As well as cards and dominoes, other games are brought along. I have become enthralled with a new game to me, 'Tri-ominos', which is classic dominoes with a twist. As the name suggests, the tiles are triangular in shape with a number in each corner, the numbers having to be matched on one side by your opponent. It can be frustrating and great fun at the same time.

When playing this week with Maralyne and Joy P, we chatted about why we looked forward to our Wednesday afternoon sessions. Joy P said she loved the company with a different mix of people than those she met at other events: "a good way of getting involved with community life". Maralyne felt it was ideal for her brain stimulation and laughingly said it stopped her falling asleep on the sofa: "a great way of having social interaction and meeting new people".

We all agreed that we would love it if others from the village came along to join us, especially if they had a new game we could learn. I am sure there are many people, like myself, who grew

up with this fun past-time, who may like to re-awaken their competitive spirit. Beware if you do come and find yourself playing Scrabble with Joy P, as she has an unnatural way of finding amazing high number letters that fall on double letter and triple word scores: what's more, combining with more than one word! Maralyne says it is because she does a lot of crosswords. My view is she is just too clever for me, but without doubt, I will more confidently take her on at Cribbage or Fives and Threes.

If you are interested in joining our happy gang, come and join us on a Wednesday afternoon in the Yorke Room at the village hall at any time between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm. We pay £3.00 each, which also gives us a cuppa and a biscuit and lots of fun.

Karen Dunwoodie

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# Capturing Hellifield's Past

Friends of the Dales would like you to bring along your old photos of Hellifield and any documents relating to Hellifield's past

## Saturday, 8 July at the Institute

**1000 - 1200: bring photos and documents to be scanned**

**1300 - 1500: learn how to scan and upload your own material**



**Just drop in to the morning session, no need to book. Please email John Cuthbert on [dalescommunityarchives@gmail.com](mailto:dalescommunityarchives@gmail.com) to book a place on the afternoon session**

## Capturing Hellifield's past

'Capturing the Past' is run by Friends of the Dales - a charity based in Gargrave. It's an online record of life in the Yorkshire Dales, showcasing local, historical material, including photos, old documents, wills and deeds (and much more). It can be viewed at:

[dalescommunityarchives.org.uk](http://dalescommunityarchives.org.uk)

Rather than just waiting for people to donate their historical records, we also visit communities, giving them a chance to bring along their old photos and documents. We've chosen Hellifield as our next village to feature.

You can bring a single photograph or a single document if you like, but if you have a collection you're willing to contribute, we'll even teach you how to scan and upload your own material.

There are already some records on Capturing the Past about Hellifield:

stories contributed by John Percy and Ken Leak to the village magazine have kindly been donated and photos of the Flying Scotsman at Hellifield Railway Station have also been given.

However, there could be a treasure-trove of photographs and documents hidden away in your house which records the history of the village.

Have a look in your collection and see if there's anything suitable. Ask your friends and neighbours if there's anything they'd like to contribute.

## Friends of the Dales is running 'Capturing Hellifield's Past' on Saturday, 8 July at the Village Hall

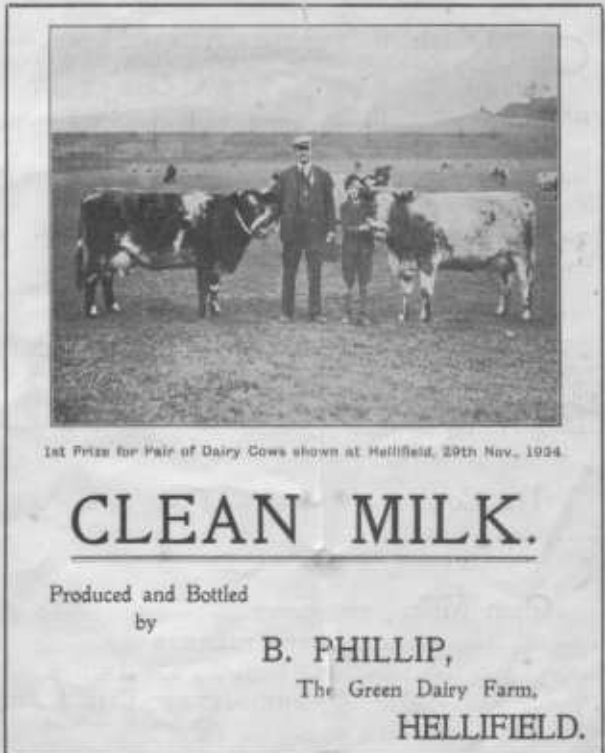
There will be two sessions for the people of Hellifield: one in the morning and one in the afternoon of the 8th of July.

If you have just one or two photos or documents to contribute, then call in at the Institute during the morning session from 10am until 12 noon. If you have a collection of photos or documents and you'd like to learn how to scan and upload them, please come along in the afternoon from 1pm until 3pm.

Both sessions will be in the Yorke Room at the Village Hall. If you'd like to come to the afternoon session, please book a place. There's no need to book for the morning session, just drop in whenever it's convenient.

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*Photo: Peter Metcalfe 'Staff at Hull House in the 1950s', from Ken Leak's article 'Memories of Hull House Farm', Hellifield Herald, May 2022*

## **WESLEY CENTRE (Haw Grove)**

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# Destination well-being



Once again Northern Trains have made arrangements for their “Year In Industry” students to have a placement with the Bentham Line (Leeds-Morecambe Community Rail Partnership).

This is the fifth such cohort of university students who take a break from their academic studies between the second and third year to sample working for a large organisation; they come from a number of academic institutions across the north of England studying a diverse range of subjects that includes Geography, Business Studies, Information Technology and other subjects. They are placed in a wide variety of offices between Manchester and York covering roles in operational management, finance or support services. The only occasion when they meet during their placement as a distinct group is on the placement with the CRP.

They work closely with Brian Haworth, Community Rail Partnership Officer for the Bentham Line to prepare a project of their own choice which will address issues around the communities along the routes and those who use train services to improve an aspect of the travel experience.

They have already spent time together, having a dementia friends awareness session lead by Rod Tickner, vice-chairman of the CRP and an Alzheimer’s Society Ambassador for Dementia Friends. These sessions are augmented with additional material relevant to rail travel to set their understanding within the context of the CRP’s

remit.

This year’s topic is DESTINATION WELLBEING. They are particularly concerned about the wellbeing of their peers, especially in the aftermath of COVID related restrictions on movement and socialising. This will be explored through various themes such as: culture, accessing the outdoors, reflecting on heritage, active life- styles and social interactions. They are due to launch their project in the first week of July this year.

“I am very much looking forward to what imaginative interpretations they can bring to this topic,” said Brian Haworth, and I am sure that the final work will be of lasting benefit to the wider community along the line as well as giving them a good grounding in the working world.”

Rod Tickner, Leeds - Morecambe Community Rail Partnership



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# Coniston Cold Young Farmers Club

The Coniston Cold Young Farmers started off the month of May at Ian & Diane Wellock's at Kirkby Malham for dairy cattle judging. We looked at the makeup of the dairy cow for milk production, this was in preparation for the District Rally the following week. We all enjoyed refreshments after, thanks to the Wellock family.

Saturday the 7th of May members travelled to Bentham Auction for the Settle District Rally, where the four clubs - Burton, Coniston Cold, Lawkland and Rathmell - competed in many different classes from baking to livestock judging. There was a great turnout. Coniston had success in the following classes: Intermediate Dairy, Intermediate Beef, Junior breeding Sheep, Mystery Judging, Junior Egg throwing and producing a Young Farmers Christmas Card.

Two days later, on the 9th of May, members met at James Middleton's Agricultural Services, for a machinery valuation evening. We started off outside with tractors and trailers and moved on inside to smaller parts - filters, oils and tyres. Overall it was an informative evening finishing off with the BBQ provided by James Middleton.

to Bentham for the Settle District football competition. The weather turned out nice and we were placed 2nd as a club.

One of our favourite meetings this month was guessing the acreage at Ashley & Rachael Caton's Farm in Otterburn. We looked at different fields and had to guess how many acres there were. Ashley Caton gave us a quick run through but we soon picked it up. Refreshments were also provided by the Catons.

To finish the month we had a cricket evening in Malham. It was very competitive but an enjoyable night, making the most of the long summer evenings.

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Later on in the month we travelled back James Mellin







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# Fundraising with the Friends of Hellifield Primary School

Our next fundraiser is the Community Fun Day due to take place on the afternoon of Saturday 29th July at Hellifield House. As part of this event, we have a bouncy castle, face painting, games (for all ages), crafts, tombola, cake stall and more to be confirmed. If any businesses/charities would like a stall at the fun day, please get in touch. We hope to see you there.

Since last writing a piece in the Hellifield Herald, the Friends have been busy organising and running several events including the Coffee morning (£423.85); Bags2school (£97); Easter treasure hunt (£53) and Chocolate bingo (£151).

Furthermore, the Friends have been awarded £225 through the Ward Member Grant Scheme from (ex) Craven District Councillor Moorby, to be spent on sports equipment. We could not have reached these totals without the generosity of the parents, teachers, businesses and the whole community. Your generous donations have gone towards commemorative coronation coins for the children; school trip to Ribchester Roman Museum for years 2-4 and school bags for the new students in September. Furthermore, Hellifield school has also requested funding to go towards 20 new laptops for the classroom, which means that

most of the future funding will be going towards purchasing these.

Looking forward towards the new academic year (September), we have lots of fundraising activities planned for the whole community to come together,

including: a Beetle drive (date to be confirmed); Coffee morning (October 21st); Quiz sheets and Christmas events. So please keep your eyes peeled around the village for posters of these events or keep up to date on Hellifield Community Facebook pages.

If you require more information about

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Monday to Friday - to Settle:

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

Saturday - to Settle:

**0915; 1110; 1210; 1310; 1510; 1710; 1810; 1910**

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It's a very wearying load

But what makes it really worrisome,  
This whole and tiring theme  
Is that even when I get to bed  
I still do it when I dream!

Yvonne Crabtree

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## Hellifield's Railway Navy Huts

In 1873, with the Midland Railway's Settle to Carlisle line under construction, the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway started to extend its line from Blackburn (which had terminated at Chatburn) onwards towards Hellifield to form a junction with the Midland line. As the line approached Hellifield, accommodation was needed for the many workers and their families involved in the construction, so a settlement of wooden huts was established on the land alongside the railway line from Town end bridge as far as the present-day Kendal Close.

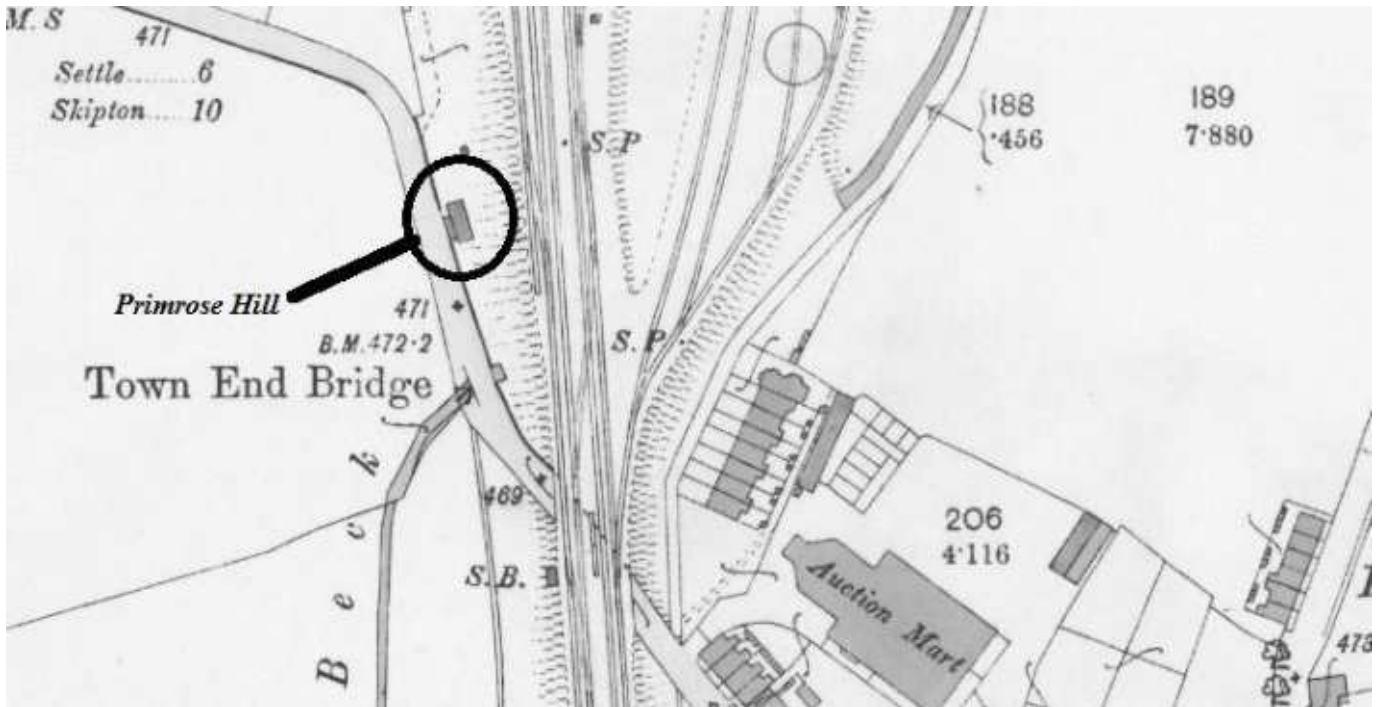
The line opened in June 1880 but a look at the census of 1881 shows a total of nine huts still on the site occupied by 62 persons including many family groups. (It would seem many of the family groups shared the same huts). Most of the general labourers had begun to move on at this point so the huts occupants tended to be the more skilled workers such as stonemasons and blacksmiths etc and also some employees of the Lancashire and Yorkshire railway company who were lodging with the families as the houses of L&Y terrace would not be ready for occupation until

1882. A house building boom in the village followed in the coming years in order to accommodate the ever-growing numbers of railway workers with new streets appearing such as Brook Street and Thorndale Street.

By the beginning of the 1900s most of the navy huts had been demolished or sold off but two remained and were known locally as Primrose Hill and were occupied by two families consisting of 11 persons until their demolition around 1910. These huts are shown on the right of the photograph below and on the OS map







extract from 1894 shown above. It is also interesting to note from the map that the original Town End bridge, which carried the road over the beck, only took up half the road width at this time, the other half being a ford.

For many years my family had allotments on the land alongside the LYR line that extended from the Back



Lane bridge as far as the present-day subway. We had an interesting collection of old huts and homemade greenhouses and cold frames on the site. My grandparents are shown in the 1920's photograph (below, to the left), alongside some of these constructions.

One hut in particular took my interest as a youngster, as it had a wooden sliding shutter on one side, with a small counter or desk top attached underneath it on the inside of the hut. Asking my father what this was for, he told me he believed the hut had been purchased by my great grandfather from the navy settlement and was thought to have been the hut where the navvies collected their pay, hence the shutter and counter. I have not been able to find any evidence to support this story and the hut crumbled away many years ago, but it still made for a great tale for a young lad to ponder on at that time just the same!

John Pearcy

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# Unusual properties and land for sale in the Dales

I dare say I'm not alone in wondering what I will spend all my money on when I win the Lottery. I occasionally look at Rightmove (other property websites are available) to see what swanky houses are up for sale in the Yorkshire Dales. At the moment, I could spend £11 million on Marske Hall near Richmond or a mere £5.6 million on Lawkland Hall between Settle and Austwick. It's likely that I couldn't afford these two even if I did win the Lottery.

I was amazed to find that there were 22 houses costing over £1 million in the Yorkshire Dales, three of which are just down the road: one in Long Preston, one in Coniston Cold and one at Malham Moor. Alongside the really expensive places are semi-detached houses, terraced houses, bungalows and plots of land for sale. Nearly all of them are out of reach of my budget. Still, there's no harm in looking, and dreaming.

Now and then, there are unusual properties up for sale. Not the run-of-the-mill two up, two down terrace or the three-bed semi. Here's a property and a piece of land you won't see for sale very often.

## **The Signalman's House**

Fisher Hopper Estate Agents put the Signalman's House on the market last year. It's a remote cottage described as needing 'quite a bit of love'. (That's estate agent speak for 'totally wrecked inside'). The Agent claims that it has sparked worldwide interest after going on sale. The former signalman's house sits between the Settle to Carlisle railway and the Yorkshire Three Peaks route. You probably walked past it if you've ever walked up Whernside.

You'd need a 4x4 or a quad bike to get there from Ribbleshead. Oh, and by the way, although it had no mains electricity or running water, it went on the market for £300,000. Nobody's



*Image: Fisher Hopper Estate Agents*





*Image: Savills*

lived there for at least 10 years and the photos show that the place would have to be gutted and refitted from scratch.

One suggestion was that it could become a café for all those walkers doing the Yorkshire 3 Peaks Challenge. This would be a great help to those weary hikers who find themselves needing a break nearly half-way round the circuit . But just think of the task of getting a Food Hygiene Certificate for the place:

“And do you have any lead water pipes?” asks the inspector.

“No, we haven’t any water pipes at all. It comes in bottles from the Co-op garage in Ingleton or I can always walk half a mile north up to the stream which runs in an aqueduct over the railway.”

“So where does the wastewater go?” asks the inspector.

“Down-hill.”

They dropped the price of the house by

£50,000 after a few months and it isn’t on the market anymore, so I assume someone bought it. I wonder what they’re going to do with it?

### **Kilnsey Crag**

Yes, Kilnsey Crag is up for sale! As I write, the Wharfedale landmark is up for sale for £150,000. I assume everybody knows Kilnsey Crag – it’s the huge limestone crag which appears on the left as you drive up Wharfedale from Bolton Abbey, between Grassington and Kettlewell.

As property develops rub their hands with glee at the chance to create ‘a special, select development’ or a ‘unique golfing opportunity’, they’ll be disappointed to find that it’s a Site of Special Scientific Interest. This means that no one can build on it, or stop the public walking over it.

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John Cuthbert



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- 9th Anniversary Service at the Station, time to be arranged
- 16th Lego Church at 10.30am - no afternoon service
- 23rd Family Cafe Church at 2 pm
- 30th at 2 pm

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2nd	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 851709
2nd	Sun	2pm	Sunday Service	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
2nd	Sun	6-7pm	Hour of prayer	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511653
3rd	Mon	2.30-4pm	Welcome Mat	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
3rd	Mon	7.15 - 9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree 851806
4th	Tue	2pm	Helliarts	Village Hall	Audrey Edwards 850351
4th	Tue	7-9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 851660
5th	Wed	9-12.30pm	Messy Monkeys	Village Hall	Amanda Belt 07398284126
5th	Wed	2pm	Mothers' Union	Village Hall	Sheila Swinbank 850458
5th	Wed	2-4pm	Games Afternoon	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
5th	Wed	6-7 & 7.30-8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
5th	Wed	7pm	Chess	Black Horse Pub	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760190222
5th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866
6th	Thu	10-12 noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	John Flitcroft 851358
6th	Thu	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340
7th	Fri	9.45-11am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 851108
7th	Fri	2-3pm	Community Pantry	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652



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8th	Sat	10-11.30am	WI Coffee Morning	Village Hall	Carol Weston-Moore 851660
9th	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's	Rev. James Rodley
9th	Sun	TBC	Chapel Anniversary	Hellifield Station	Letting Manager 07931 511653
9th	Sun	6.30pm	Bingo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866
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12th	Wed	7pm	Chess	Black Horse Pub	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760190222
12th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866
13th	Thu	10-12	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	John Flitcroft
13th	Thu	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340
13th	Thu	7.30pm	Flower Club	Village Hall	Liz Palmer 840331
13th	Thu	7.30pm	Book Group - live session	Village Hall Yorke Rm (for on line session, contact Audrey Edwards - 850351)	

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14th	Fri	9.45-11am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 851108
14th	Fri	2-3pm	Community Pantry	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
15th	Sat	10-11.30am	Coffee Morning	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
16th	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's	Rev. James Rodley
16th	Sun	10.00am	Village Walk	Village Car Park	Rebecca Gooch 07443493169
16th	Sun	10.30am	Lego Church	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
17th	Mon	2.30-4pm	Welcome Mat	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
17th	Mon	7.15-9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree 851806
18th	Tue	6-7pm&7-9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 851660
19th	Wed	2-4pm	Games afternoon	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
19th	Wed	2-4pm	Helliscribes	Village Hall Yorke Room	Yvonne Crabtree 851806
19th	Wed	6-7 & 7.30-8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
19th	Wed	7pm	Chess	Black Horse Pub	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760190222
19th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866
20th	Thu	10-	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	John Flitcroft
20th	Thu	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340
20th	Thu	7.15pm	WI meeting	Village Hall	Carol Weston-Moore 851660
21st	Fri	9.45-11am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 851108

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21st	Fri	2-3pm	Community Pantry	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
22nd	Sat	10-11.30am	St Aidan's Coffee Morning	Village Hall	Rev. James Rodley 851709
23rd	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 851709
23rd	Sun	10.45 for 11am start	Messy Church - outdoors	Meet at St Aidan's Church	james.atkinson72@outlook.com 07849673214
23rd	Sun	2.00pm	Family Café Church	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
23rd	Sun	6.30pm	Bingo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866
24th	Mon	3.30-4.30pm	Strong & Steady	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511653
24th	Mon	7.15-9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree 851806
25th	Tue	3.00-4.30pm	Tea, Coffee, Chat	Black Horse Pub	Margaret Foster
25th	Tue	6-7 & 7-9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 851660
26th	Wed	2-4pm	Games Afternoon	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
26th	Wed	7.30pm	Hellifield Parish Council Meeting, Council Clerk - Julie Sleath	Village Hall, Parish Council Clerk - Julie Sleath	hellifieldpc@gmail.com
26th	Wed	6-7 & 7.30-8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
26th	Wed	7pm	Chess	Black Horse Pub	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760190222
26th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866
27th	Thu	10-12 noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	John Flitcroft 851358
27th	Thu	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340
28th	Fri	9.45-11am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 851108

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Date	Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact Details
28th	Fri	2-3pm	Community Pantry	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
28th	Fri	8pm	Music Jamming Session	The Black Horse Pub	contact Black Horse for details
29th	Sat	10-11.30am	Coffee Morning	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
29th	Sat	after-noon	Hellifield Primary School Community Fun Day		
30th	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 851709
30th	Sun	2pm	Sunday Service	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511653
31st	Mon	2.30-3.30pm	Welcome Mat	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931511652
31st	Mon	7.15-9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree 851806

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