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# The Hellifield Herald

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## Editorial

May 6th 2023 will be a standout day for many people. Each will have a memory of the Coronation of King Charles III. The King and Queen have been crowned and central to the service the King has promised to serve us all. Much was made of the fact that many of the rituals we observed and shared were as they were in 1066 when William I was crowned. King Charles is the 41st monarch since then although there are two, Edward V and Edward VIII who were never crowned. Thus, the service, the promises and commitment link us back almost 1,000 years. But of course, there was also the associated pageantry, the perfection of the processions, the music and the knowledge that so many volunteers from around the country had been asked to share in the special day. The supporting crowds played their part by their good humour and consideration for others. The crowded Mall and the balcony scenes were, as for every such major event, wonderful to watch and share.

I found myself reminiscing about Queen Elizabeth's coronation in 1953. The day before, our newspapers were full of the stunning news that Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing had conquered Everest so the country was already in a mood for celebration.

My mother, as a GFS leader, had gone off to London having been awarded a seat in the Mall. My sister, brother and I were staying with a neighbour who was one of the few to have a TV set. There must have been 20 of us crowded round an 18- inch screen to watch the event in a darkened room. Afterwards, even though it was still drizzling, it seemed as though the whole village congregated in the nearby park



to celebrate. Our heavily polluted (highest dust fall in Europe) industrial village on the north bank of the Tees, still showing the scars of bombs, was blessed, like Hellifield, with a warm, friendly community which helped make it a memorable day. I still have my coronation plate to prove it.

As a young cricketer there was more to come that summer, for in August we were at the Oval running across the ground when England reclaimed The Ashes. Many years later clips were shown on TV and there was my 9 year old brother and me standing waiting for the balcony appearance and the trophy ceremony.

It was a year I remember well.

Chris Darling.  
Hellifield Herald Finance Officer

# Looking back on the Coronation

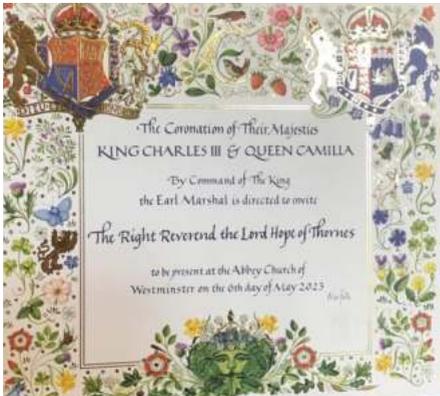
## St Aidan's Hellifield Mothers' Union Speaker Bishop David Hope

Members and friends of St Aidan's Mothers' Union greatly enjoyed a most fascinating and illuminating talk presented by Fr David Hope. He spoke about his career within the Anglican Ministry, having been Bishop of Wakefield, Bishop of London and Archbishop of York.



He was appointed a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (KCUO), an honour within the gift of Her Majesty the Queen and was created a life peer in 2005.

Fr David gave an interesting insight into the logistics involved in the organisation of enormous services in St Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey, events attended by hundreds of people. The Funeral of the late Queen Elizabeth II was one such service.



In addition, Fr David had been honoured and delighted to receive an invitation to the Coronation Service of King Charles III and Queen Camilla. He had brought along his invitation and kindly allowed us to take photographs. We look forward with eager anticipation to hearing about Fr David's attendance at such an historic and significant event.  
Ellen Toome

## On the Spot!

While we were sitting in our armchairs watching the crowds in London Julia and Mollie were out there experiencing it first hand! You can see their photos on the front cover.



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## Early villagers catch the Coronation bacon!

Some villagers were up early on Coronation Day to visit the Institute Coffee Morning for a coffee and bacon roll to start their day's celebration.

The Trustees were delighted with the response to the early start and want to thank everyone who popped in. Over £200 was raised to support the Hall.

Ann Taylor



## The picnic

On Monday the rain drove picnickers indoors to the Wesley Centre.

The organisers, from both Churches in Hellifield provided tea, hot dogs and delicious cakes and people of all ages had a great time making crowns, colouring, playing games or just chatting and reminiscing about the last coronation!

Audrey Edwards



# North Craven Flower Club April Meeting

At our April meeting, we welcomed Andrew and Carole Lay who own and run Lay of the Land in Settle. We spent an enjoyable time in their company learning about filling planters - from when to plant up containers to what to put in them! Whilst Andrew gave us lots of tips on how to get the best out of our planters, Carole put together 7 planters explaining why she had chosen those plants and how to best display them in the pots; these were then raffled at the end of the evening.



Carole made this herbaceous planter (left) with Bloody Dinosaur Heuchera, Erysimum Canaries Yellow, Carex Comans 'Amazon 'mist', Geum Mrs Bradshaw, Salvia 'Caradonna', Aquilegia Alpina, Aster Alpinus Violet and Violas. I have listed all the plants it contained to show how many plants

they suggested would then provide a good show for a long period of time. They told us that this planter would probably keep going for 2 years but would then need to be split up and the plants could then be planted in the garden.

One of the standout plants that they used were some red and yellow Ranunculi. The flowers grow from bulbs that can be planted in the Autumn or early Spring but if planted in the ground can only tolerate conditions above -6°C. They will do better in our area in a pot that can be moved into a greenhouse for winter protection.

When growing in pots you need to choose a good potting compost and a pot that has good drainage. Using broken pot bits in the bottom will aid drainage. Some say you should soak your bulbs before planting others say that they will get the moisture from the compost.

Plant them about 3-5 cm deep and space 6-10 cm apart. They then take little looking after except to ensure the compost is kept moist but not wet. Cutting the flowers encourages more to grow and the flowers stand well in water. Arrange your cut ranunculus in just a little water, as the hairy stems don't like it too deep. The flowers will drink a lot of water so keep topping it up little and often. When the leaves in your potted ranunculi die down at the end of the season take them out of the pot and leave them to dry in the sun for a couple of days. Then store them in a cool dry, well-ventilated place like a garage or garden shed. You can store

them in a cloth bag but don't use a plastic one as this will encourage the bulbs to sweat and then rot. Ranunculus are a large family that include buttercups. The flowers that we see in the shops from January through to May, are a relative newcomers from Italy that can be used in arrangements and wedding bouquets as an alternative to peonys.

We won't be having a meeting in June but instead we will be visiting a garden but will be back again in July when our demonstrator will be Louise Jones with a demonstration entitled Elements. Visitors are always welcome. Our meetings start at 7.30pm in Hellifield Institute.

Liz Palmer – North Craven Flower Club



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## **Thank you from David Alderson**

When Sue and I came here five years ago we entered a blank canvas. Sue in particular had spent many a long hour trawling the country for a suitable location. Ultimately the only criterion we agreed about was that we wanted to be part of a community. Didn't we do well!

After my recent loss of a lower limb, the good wishes and support we have had has been overwhelming and is a tribute to the community spirit that exists

around this village. Friends and relatives who have been in touch

or visited have remarked that the warmth of the neighbourhood is almost tangible. On Coronation Day we went to the Black Horse to be greeted by a spontaneous welcome home. I think everyone in this village should be proud to be here and proud of this community.

So my thanks to you all and hopefully I shall see you around as I get more mobile.  
David Alderson

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## Coniston Cold Young Farmers Club

Our first meeting in March was at Kirkby Malham village hall, for a touch, taste and smell evening which was organized by Mrs Sue Wright. Members were blindfolded and had to taste multiple foods, guess what they were, to touch they had to put on a pair of gloves and guess the object: 1st over 14s Archie Wellock and John Pearson, 1st under 14s Charlie Kimberly and Katie Wellock.

On the 14th of March members met at the Richard Tottie Memorial Hall for our annual Beetle Drive, the idea of the game is to dissect the beetle on the rolling of the certain number on a dice. Players have to roll a six to start. 1st Flynn Cartman, Lucy Kimberly.

Other events included two quiz nights and the district bingo evening.

A big thank you to Chris Pearson and Agri Lloyd for supplying our members with CCYFC hoodies, its much appreciated, thank you.

On the 18th of April we were all excited to travel to Rosendale ski slope we started of with a short lesson of walking around and then were introduced to the small slope.

We ended April on a high with a farm walk, dairy cow judging and a very interesting talk on milking robots. We started off the walk in the calf and young heifer buildings, they were all split up into different age groups. We

then moved on to a building with older cattle and calving pens as well as a look around their latest building in construction, this is to contain dry cattle (not presently milking).

We had a look around the meadows where there was a good crop of grass already. We were advised on judging dairy cattle and what to look for in their bone structure and udder placement. We then went on to watching the cows being milked by the automatic robots, and ended the night with a great supper, many thanks to the Booth family for such an interesting visit.

**To join us this spring for more activities call 01729830123.  
James Mellin**

# St Aidan's Church

June 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.

*St Aidan's will be open for quiet and prayer every day from 10am to 7pm, until autumn.*

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



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## View from the Vicarage

And the view from the vicarage as I write this- in the first week of May- is a big green field bedecked with yellow meadow-flowers, lit up by clear, bright sunlight. Little wonder that mid-to-late spring is my favourite time of the year; that sense of breaking out of winter's dark (if not, these days, necessarily cold) grip which comes when the clocks go forward is accompanied by the arrival of sweet scents, new colour and (quite co-incidentally, as it's completely the opposite in the Southern Hemisphere!) the joy too of Easter-tide for Christians. And, looking back on my childhood, a mid-April birthday nearly always unencumbered by school couldn't help lift the mood as well! (In fact, I remember being at work for the first time on my birthday- my 21st- and feeling slightly put out that others had call on my time that day, even if a brief visit to a City of London pub at lunchtime made slight amends...)

I've remarked several times since we moved here a year ago that everything in our natural environment seems so much bigger, more colourful, more vibrant than in the suburban or inner-city locations I've lived in before. Yes, Bournemouth had (and still has, I presume!) its marvellous beach but the rest of that large urban area was filled with traffic and often dreary. Harlow in Essex was grey and chilly in the winter, and often hot and stuffy in the summer, reflecting the post-war housing estates that drew thousands from the bombed-out remains of London's East End, although there were (thanks to the town's careful design) plenty of small green spaces and some lovely cherry trees- a reminder of the orchards that were cut down to make way for people and "progress". And, of course, wherever you live, there are always good, uplifting places to find if you're prepared to invest a little time and effort. But we are very lucky indeed, at our time in life, to have come to live somewhere that has a protected "green space" on the doorstep that's not the odd half-acre but 841 square miles (and even with my OCD tendencies I'm going to struggle to visit the whole of our National Park....)

Mind you, the distractions of contemporary life are such that, even

in this part of the world, it's too easy to lift our eyes not "unto the hills" (as Psalm 121 says) but unto Twitter and Facebook on our phones. We had some visitors after Easter, and we took them on a brief scenic tour to and from Stainforth Force and around the area: interested at first in my descriptions of what we could see, the eyes of my car passengers soon drifted off to social media and emails. I don't think I was being particularly boring (!)- just a reflex habit by them that we all tend to have, me included. So I'm going to make a summer – as it's a bit late for a New Year- resolution: only to look at my phone when out if (a) there's something important/urgent to do or (b) it's dark. Christians believe in a God who made us and the world and called it "very good"- but even if you don't share this view, there is surely still so much to enjoy and appreciate when we get out and about. And who knows what we might see, and who we might meet if we put the phones down for a few minutes?

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

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## The Village Green - Then and Now



### **Above: Hellifield Village Green in the Late 19th and Early 20th Century**

The drawing above shows the Village Green as it would have looked around the early years of the 20th Century. Recognisable features are the Black Horse, Hellifield House, and Rook Cottage on the right hand side. Also featured in the centre are elements of the Joiners which faced the Black Horse across the main road and next to it the building known as Grove House, with a Barn attached. The house itself became the Vicarage when St Aidan's was constructed. Hellifield House (now the Social Club) was constructed in the late 18th Century. A private house, it had been a residence for the Hardacre Family (Gentry) for over 100 years at this point. The coachhouse and stables were situated where Hellifield Garage now stands. The current occupant at the time of the above picture was William King Hardacre, the last of his line and an owner of much land and property in the Hellified district. Tree planting on the Green took place around this time. Prior to this it was enclosed in parts and used for grazing land. The Black Horse looks familiar and the current wing where the

dining room is situated would have have been used as stabling at this time. The Inn (17th Century) has been enlarged and structurally altered during its lifetime, but its main purpose in times past was to act as a Coaching Inn where horses were changed and passengers were fed and watered. Rook Cottage is a former Toll House, and dates back to the early 19th Century. It is a Grade II Listed Building.

Today the view is roughly the same. The trees, and their descendants, which were planted on the green around the time of the first picture have grown and matured. This view looks less idyllic and reflects changing times. Ahernes is now situated in the area across from Rook Cottage, and the business has been a feature of Hellifield for decades. The family firm started business in 1895 and also operates from premises in Settle. Although the Green has largely been tarmacked for car parking, the current aspect is still pleasing and is a focal point in one of the oldest parts of the Village.

There are actually two ‘Greens’ in Hellifield. The other one is situated down Gisburn Road along the lane to Hellifield Peel.

Ken Leak

**Below: The Green Today from the same Viewpoint**





## Summer Concert

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## Hellifield Beer Festival 23rd and 24th June

This great annual village event is nearly here. The 9th Hellifield Beer Festival takes place on Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th of June at the Village Hall (Institute), so please come along between 12 noon and 11pm on both days. There are no advanced tickets; just turn up at any time on either day to join in the fun.

Entrance is £6.50 which includes a programme, commemorative glass, and your first two drink tokens. Additional drinks are then purchased via a token system\*. If you retain your glass and programme, you can come and go as you wish over the two days with no additional entrance fee.

Once again, Hellifield Sports FC will be providing the food (hot dogs, burgers, chips etc) over both days.

Please note that, as well as cash, we also now accept card payments.

All the funds raised from the festival are used to support local organisations and groups.

\* You must be over 18 to be served and consume alcohol. We also operate a Challenge 25 policy and encourage anyone who is over 18 but looks under 25 to carry acceptable ID if they wish to buy and consume alcohol.

Please let one of the Committee know if you would like your organisation to be considered as a beneficiary.

More info for drinkers and sponsors can be found on our website; just Google Hellifield Beer Festival 2023.

If you have never been before, come along and have some fun; you will really enjoy it. If you have been before – we can't wait to see you again. If you can't make it and want to help raise money for the local good causes and community groups why not visit our Just Giving page - [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hellifield-beer-festival](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hellifield-beer-festival)

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# Gargrave Art Exhibition 2023

The Gargrave Art Exhibition Committee are once again delighted to welcome artists and visitors to the Gargrave Art Exhibition. Please save the dates detailed below - the show is one week earlier than “usual” but as usual, we look forward to showcasing all the fabulous artwork from local artists, both amateur and professional artists, such as Audrey Edwards, featured below, who lives in Hellifield.

## Main Exhibition

The application form is available to complete online and the application period closes on Sunday 4 June. The application form can be completed online or can be downloaded from the website: [www.gargraveart.uk](http://www.gargraveart.uk).

Alternatively, paper copies can be picked up from the Library at Gargrave village hall. Any queries please email: [gargravearts@gmail.com](mailto:gargravearts@gmail.com).

Young Artists: A particular highlight, the Young Artists section welcomes entries up to and including age 18. Certificates are awarded to all entrants and, as in the main exhibition, there will be an overall People’s Choice winner.

Application forms are available as detailed for the Main Exhibition.

When Audrey Edwards (pictured) retired from teaching in 2012, she studied, firstly, for a Foundation Diploma in Art and Design and then went to do a BA (Hons) Degree, graduating in 2019. Audrey paints in acrylics and also experiments with collage, drawing, watercolour and printing and runs HelliArts which is a group for people who are interested in art, and enjoy learning, experimenting and sharing ideas. Her most recent project has been illustrations for a book of verse entitled ‘Stuff and Nonsense’ by Yvonne Crabtree which was created to raise money for the charity Skipton Step into Action.

Enjoy a Grand Day Out seeing Audrey’s delightful paintings together with a glorious array of artworks in a wide variety of styles and materials, and perhaps treating yourself to delicious home-made cakes and bakes from the Gargrave 2022 Group!

**Gargrave Art Exhibition: Gargrave Village Hall, Thursday 6 July until Sunday 9 July**

**Thursday Friday Saturday: 10am - 7pm**

**Sunday: 10am - 4.30pm**

**[www.gargraveart.uk](http://www.gargraveart.uk)**

**Sarah Kirk**





**Whilst walking by the canal at Gargrave we spotted this beautiful swan “nest-sitting”, whilst her partner was up stream looking for food or just enjoying a lovely day on the canal. Hope you enjoy the picture.  
Carol and Bob**

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## Waterfall walk

10 walkers set out on the April village walk which started from Langcliffe and incorporated both Catrigg Force and Stainforth Force waterfalls.



We set out up Cow Close and once at the top were rewarded with stunning views of all 3 peaks, Smearside and beyond – it was such a clear day.

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.

The walk took us past Samson's Toe (Glacial Erratic) and Winskill Farm before visiting Catrigg Force to admire the 20-foot waterfall and secluded pool below it. From here, we walked down the path lined with dense clusters of blackthorn flowers to Stainforth and, after a sandwich break at Stainforth Force, we walked back down the Ribble to Langcliffe via the old Mill cottages, Mill pond and over the railway footbridge where, looking right was Pendle and looking left the top of Pen-y-ghent. Another scenic, colourful (thanks to the spring flower displays) enjoyable 6-7 mile walk.

Rebecca Gooch

We meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month – so 18th June, 16th July, 20th August and so on – with trips coming up to Downham, Stocks Reservoir and Bentham.

If you'd like know more, please email





# Hellifield Methodist Chapel and Wesley Centre

Methodist Chapel and Wesley Centre - June 2023

Worship Service each Sunday at 2 pm, including our Family Cafe Church on 25th

Hour of prayer for our village Sunday 4th June 6 pm

Lego Family Church Sunday 11th June 10.30 am In the Wesley Centre:

Community Pantry every Friday from 2 -3 pm

Strong and Steady on Monday 12th and Monday 26th at 3.30 pm

Welcome Mat on Mondays 5th and 19th at 2.30pm

Pioneer Projects are visiting on Tuesdays 6th and 20th June at 1pm with two different and interesting foodie sessions.

Cookery afternoon with prizes, giveaways, fun, videos and interactive. All welcome, no charge. Sounds really Interesting and different.

Diary Date: We are hoping to hold our Chapel Anniversary Service at the Station on Sunday 9th July, courtesy of Shed 24H with music provided by Giggleswick and Settle Brass Band. Time to be confirmed.

We're still looking for a new leader for Hellitots following Pauline's retirement, Contact 07931511652 or 851389 if you have any queries, and there's always a warm welcome waiting for you here at any of our activities.



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Saturday - to Settle:

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## The "Lanky" Gang - A Hellifield railway track gang in the 1950s and 1960s



From 1948 to the late 1960s my father was a member of the railway track gang that looked after a length of track on the old Lancashire and Yorkshire railway line, this was always known to older residents of Hellifield as the "lanky" line. The gang's length ran from Hellifield south junction as far as Newsholme station. In those days the men were known as "Platelayers" a name that goes back to the early days of horse drawn wagonways where the platelayers would lay L-shaped metal plates on stone slabs that were used to guide the wagon wheels on the trackways linking the coal mines and quarries to the ports or other loading facilities.

On the railways the platelayer's job was to check the track for any problems and to replace any damaged sections of rails or sleepers, oiling and greasing the point work and cutting back any trees or bushes that had grown on the lineside in addition to mowing the grass on the embankments

and cuttings or removing it by controlled burning.

Another job that occurred mainly in the autumn and winter months was fog duty or "fogging" as it was known to the gangs, this required members of the gang to be stationed day and night during foggy conditions in small concrete "sentry boxes" located near the signal posts to warn the train drivers of the signals position. This was done by placing warning detonators on the track at a measured distance from the signal, these detonators exploded when the locomotive's wheels passed over them alerting the train crew to slow down and then the fog man would signal the train using a handlamp with red and green aspect lenses.

Another winter job was snow clearing and unfreezing points and signal mechanisms, the hard winter of 1963 was to prove a difficult time for the track gangs. On weekends the gang could find themselves being used on any major track relaying jobs as far



Photo 2

away as Preston and Manchester.

**Photo 1** The first photo shows three members of the gang beginning to walk their length and are shown passing the Grange on Gisburn road, they are L to R- my father John Pearcy, Bob Aitchison and Jerry Gibson, the photo was taken in April 1957 in the days before Hi-Viz clothing made an appearance! This photo hung for many years in the gang's red brick cabin that was located on the lineside opposite the farm buildings on Peel Green and was rescued by my father before the cabin was demolished after the gang was made redundant in the 1960s. The second photo shows my father (third from the left), the man next to him in the trilby hat and tie will probably be the "ganger" (foreman) . I'm not sure exactly what the equipment being used is for, perhaps something to align two sections of rail before joining them with a fishplate?? Most of the manual jobs done by the track gangs have now been taken over by rail mounted tamping vehicles while specialist rail recording trains monitor the tracks for any faults; cutting back the grass and

trees from the lineside only seems to be done when the branches are actually touching the trains these days

**Photo 2.** In this photo my father is carrying a set of rolled up flags so he would have been acting as lookout man, positioned further along the line from the gang his job would be to warn the gang of approaching trains (using a whistle at this time) and to signal the train crew with the red or green flags.

**Photo 3** shows some of the gang outside one of their tool sheds, plenty of hand tools including scythes for the grass cutting can be seen inside. My father is third from the left with Fred Walker holding the spade to his right. Platelayers seem to run in my family! As well as my father two of my great grandfathers were gangers, Robert Parker for the Midland and later Lancashire and Yorkshire railways at Hellifield and John Pearcy for the North-Eastern railway at Brough near Hull.

John Pearcy



Photo 3

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## Gardens Secret or Otherwise - Part 2

In the April magazine I wrote about my interest in gardening and the way in which my skills and knowledge fall short of my aspirations and invited the gardeners of Hellifield share their secrets with me.

Three Hellifield gardeners kindly invited me to view their gardens and to interrogate (oops – interview) them about their horticultural methods.

### Garden 1

Here is Aileen's account of her gardening adventures since moving to Hellifield:

I suppose I have always gardened, and my parents were keen gardeners. I grew a tiny little plot of seeds when I was quite small, but it's very hit and miss with me and you will see that from what I've written today but it keeps me fit and gives me a great interest.

I like colour / shape interest, as a result of which my poor little garden is full of quirky things. There's an eagle and a number of frogs tucked under things as well as a few other small statues. I try growing things I like the look of which doesn't always work, I'm fortunate enough to be able to grow things from seed which soon fills a garden up.

Things fail that didn't fail in Suffolk, but other things survive beautifully. I'm no good at growing vegetables but I manage a few tomatoes and lettuce in

the green house. I like that splash of colour, especially when things come out in the spring like daffodils and snowdrops.

I battle against the lovely mice who live in the wall, pigeons who love new shoots, slugs, snails, vine weevil, crows and this year even a beautiful baby rabbit!

If anybody would like to look at my garden they would be very welcome to contact me but don't expect anything that would be in a garden show because at that I would be a failure a I grow what I like and what will thrive in the soil and environment here. But there is always time on a nice day to sit and contemplate how to improve after I tackle that weed that has shot up while my back was turned.

Every year is a new challenge.

Aileen Alexander





## Garden 2

I visited this garden and was welcomed by Dave and Ann Lynn. We walked through the house and, as the backdoor opened, we found ourselves in another world which was beautifully landscaped and stretched as far as the eye could see.

In the foreground was a burst of colour from plants which were beginning to flower. This was reinforced by the

collection of butterflies, which had been hand painted by Dave, adorning the shed. Our eyes were then drawn up the length of the long narrow garden to see central steps in between trees and shrubs artistically placed showing balanced shapes and harmonious colours. A walk up the steps took us into a peaceful space with a secluded seat on which to sit and relax.

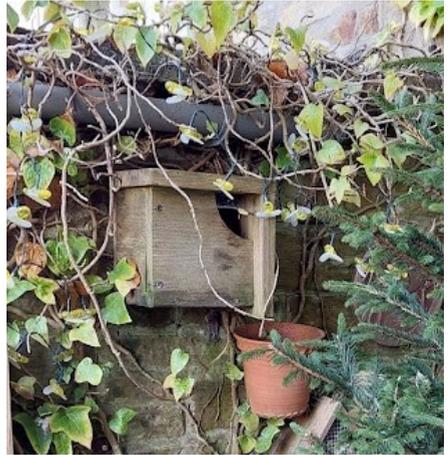


### Garden 3

Christine and Tim Sharpe are keen and knowledgeable gardeners who have an allotment but it was the compact back garden at their house which I was invited to view. It was early in the year and so I did not see the full effect of plants which will be flowering in the summer but I was able to see the structure and shape and the way the components of the garden complimented each other.

The garden attracts and welcomes wild life. There are several nesting boxes and, last year one of these was commandeered by a swarm of bees who made themselves at home among the flowers. This year a Queen Bee has taken up residence in the box which is good news. A wide variety of birds visit the garden throughout the year.

Unusual containers, collected over the



years, such as the components of a waterwheel pictured below are used for plants. Along the back wall there is a rockery and an abundance of shrubs and trees which screen it from the outside world and give it a cosy secret garden atmosphere



### What gardening secrets did I discover?

All these gardens are unique and the result of love, hard work and creativity. They are part of a home and they provide a space for their owners to relax, have fun and be themselves.

Audrey Edwards

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“The King and I” was our show of choice this year at the Alhambra in Bradford, brilliantly and efficiently organised by Yvonne. Most of us travelled by train and all met for a fabulous, relaxed lunch at the restaurant in the theatre.

The production was excellent and thoroughly enjoyed by all. We loved seeing Trixie from “Call the Midwife” play the female leading role.

Andy Crabtree kept us well-amused with this vital piece of information about the 1956 film which starred Yul Bryner, the legendary Hollywood actor. Apparently the great man never used aftershave and this fact was later immortalised in the well-known anthem

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# Project to Understand the Experiences and Issues for Potentially Vulnerable Rural Energy and Water Users



## Background

The Countryside and Community Research Institute (CCRI) and Rural England are carrying out a study to explore how potentially vulnerable customers in rural areas are affected by disruptions to energy and water supplies.

## Aims

This project aims to explore in detail the experiences of people living in rural areas who may be on the Priority Services Register (PSR) and are particularly vulnerable to energy and water supply disruptions. Specifically, this research aims to understand in greater depth the situation of people in the following groups:

People with mental health and/or dementia

People who are dependent on medical equipment, e.g. stair lift, ventilator, dialysis pump, oxygen concentrator, apnoea monitor

People who are blind or partially sighted

## Would you like to take part?

We are looking for people in the groups mentioned above who live in rural areas to participate in our study. We would love to hear of your relationship to utilities including gas, electricity, and/

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If you wish to take part, we will arrange to have a chat over the phone or online. This will take about 30 minutes and can be done along with someone to support you. If you wish to share your experiences via other means, please let us know and we can discuss other options.

The information provided will be anonymised to protect participants' data and then analysed to produce a report with the aim to improve support available for those on the PSR.

**To take part or for more information please contact Fred Dunwoodie Stirton: email [freddunwoodiestirton@gmail.com](mailto:freddunwoodiestirton@gmail.com) or call 07985475862.**

## Funding

This project is funded by the National Grid, Wales & West Utilities, Cadent, and Southern Water which provide gas, electricity and water for people's homes.

Fred Dunwoodie Stirton

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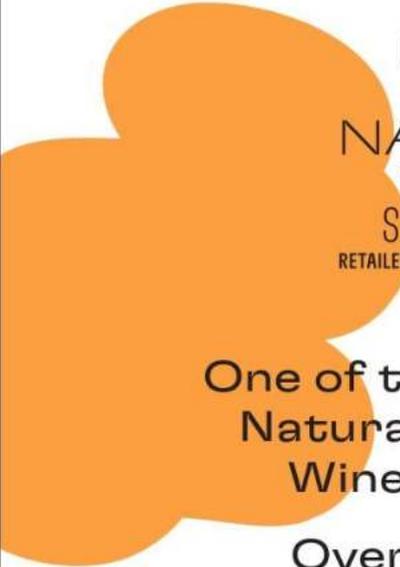
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**Carol Weston-Moore -  
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## **June WI update**

Following our Annual Meeting in April and our Coronation celebration party in May, where good food brought by members and entertainment provided by Bill was enjoyed by all, we now have our new extended team in place and welcomed Joy, Joyce and Val as additional Committee members.

The speaker for June will be John Taylor – talking about Hypnotherapy and in July our very own Ken Leak is giving a talk on growing up in Hellifield in the 1960s and early 1970s.

Our membership has been boosted by some new or returning members so

that we are financially sound to carry on for the rest of this year and Speakers have been booked through to February 2024.

We are also looking at obtaining a portable Microphone to help those who may be finding hearing our dulcet tones difficult.

As always, we welcome non-members for a small fee, so why not give us a try on the 3rd Thursday of the month – in June that will be the 15th at 7.15pm.

Unfortunately I will be away on holiday that month so will miss the fun but the rest of the team will be there to welcome you.

Looking forward to seeing you when I return.

Carol – Joint Secretary

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1st	Thu	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340
2nd	Fri	9.45-11am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 851108
2nd	Fri	2-3pm	Community Pantry	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
3rd	Sat	10-12noon	Badger Group	Village Hall Yorke Room	Liz Groves arclinta@gmail.com
3rd	Sat	10-11.30am	Village Hall coffee morning	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
4th	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 851709
4th	Sun	2pm	Sunday Service	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
4th	Sun	6-7pm	Hour of prayer	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511653
5th	Mon	2.30pm	Welcome Mat	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511653
5th	Mon	7.15 - 9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree 851806
6th	Tue	1pm	Pioneer Projects	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511653
6th	Tue	2-4pm	Helliarts	Village Hall	Audrey Edwards- 850351
6th	Tue	6-7 & 7- 9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 851660
7th	Wed	9-12.30pm	Messy Monkeys	Village Hall	Amanda Belt 07398284126
7th	Wed	1-4pm	Games Afternoon	Village Hall or Yorke Room	Ken Leak 07837727268
7th	Wed	2-4pm	Mothers' Union	Village Hall or Yorke Room	Sheila Swinbank 850458
7th	Wed	6-7 & 7.30- 8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191

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7th	Wed	7pm	Chess	Black Horse Pub	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760190222
7th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866
8th	Thu	10-12 noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	John Flitcroft 851358
8th	Thu	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340
8th	Thu	7.30pm	Book Group - live session	Village Hall Yorke Rm (for on line session - contact Audrey)	Audrey Edwards- 850351
9th	Fri	9.45- 11am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 851108
9th	Fri	2-3pm	Community Pantry	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
10th	Sat	10- 11.30am	Village Hall Coffee Morning	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
11th	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 851709
11th	Sun	10.30pm	Lego Church	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
11th	Sun	2pm	Sunday Service	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511653
11th	Sun	6.30pm	Bingo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866
12th	Mon	3.30pm	Strong & Steady	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
12th	Mon	7.15 - 9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree 851806
13th	Tue	7-9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 851660
14th	Wed	9- 12.30pm	Messy Monkeys	Village Hall	Amanda Belt 07398284126
14th	Wed	1-4pm	Games Afternoon	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268

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14th	Wed	6-7 & 7.30- 8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
14th	Wed	7pm	Chess	Black Horse Pub	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760190222
14th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866
15th	Thu	10-12 noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	John Flitcroft 851358
15th	Thu	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340
15th	Thu	7.15pm	WI	Village Hall	Carol Weston- Moore 851660
16th	Fri	9.45- 11am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 851108
16th	Fri	2-3pm	Community Pantry	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
18th	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 851709
18th	Sun	10am	Village Walk	Village Car Park	Rebecca Gooch 07443493169
18th	Sun	2pm	Sunday Service	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
19th	Mon	2.30pm	Welcome Mat	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
19th	Mon	7.15- 9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree 851806
20th	Tue	1pm	Pioneer Projects	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511653
20th	Tue	7-9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 851660
21st	Wed	9- 12.30pm	Messy Monkeys	Village Hall	Amanda Belt 07398284126
21st	Wed	2-4pm	Helliscribes	Village Hall Yorke Room	Yvonne Crabtree 851806
21st	Wed	1-4pm	Games afternoon	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268

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21st	Wed	6-7 & 7.30- 8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
21st	Wed	7pm	Chess	Black Horse Pub	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760190222
21st	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866
22nd	Thu	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340
22nd	Thu	10- 12noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	John Flitcroft 851358
23rd	Fri	9.45- 11am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 851108
23rd	Fri	2-3pm	Community Pantry	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
23rd	Fri	12noon - 11pm	Beer Festival	Village Hall	Hellifield Beer Festival committee
24th	Sat	12noon - 11pm	Beer Festival	Village Hall	Hellifield Beer Festival committee
25th	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 851709
25th	Sun	2.00pm	Family Café Church	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
25th	Sun	6.30pm	Bingo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866
26th	Mon	3.30pm	Strong & Steady	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511653
26th	Mon	7.15- 9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree 851806
27th	Tue	3 - 4.30pm	Tea, Coffee, Chat	Black Horse Pub	Margaret Foster
27th	Tue	6-7 & 7- 9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 851660
28th	Wed	9- 12.30pm	Messy Monkeys	Village Hall	Amanda Belt 07398284126
28th	Wed	1-4pm	Games afternoon	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268

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28th	Wed	6-7 & 7.30- 8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
28th	Wed	7pm	Chess	Black Horse Pub	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760190222
28th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866
29th	Thu	10- 12noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	John Flitcroft 851358
29th	Thu	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340
30th	Fri	9.45- 11am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 851108
30th	Fri	2-3pm	Community Pantry	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
30th	Fri	8pm	Music Jamming Session	The Black Horse Pub	contact Black Horse for details

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