
The Hellifield Herald

May 2023

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1920s Rolls Royce Silver Shadow on the 2nd of April Car Run



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Editorial

Dear friends, subscribers, supporters and readers of the Hellifield Herald welcome to the May 2023 Edition. I hope everybody enjoyed the Easter Holidays. The usual anticipations of spring feel somewhat chequered by the changeable weather.



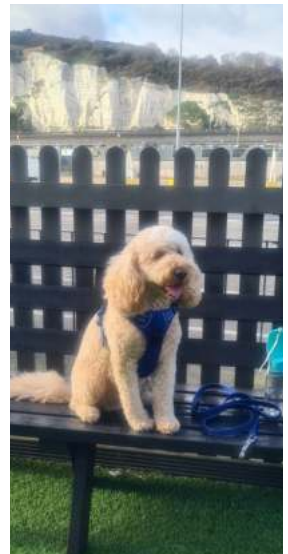
In my Editorial of last May I implied that I may have some comparative remarks about my Itinerant Living in the South of England during the past 12 months. As such Oxfordshire, in particular the Cotswold, Woodstock and the surrounding villages are largely very nice and scenic. However, finding a suitable house to rent which allowed a dog was virtually impossible. Our necessary commutes between the North and South were arduous not to mention the tedious connecting Motorways. We were always happiest being back home in Hellifield. Needless to say that my long held reservations about a permanent residency in the South were reaffirmed. Growing greyer in my Second Homeland (Yorkshire/Hellifield) is where I feel most at ease with my established network of friends, good neighbours and a supportive

community.

Saying goodbye to our little dog Benji from the backdrop of the White Cliffe of Dover was poignantly emotive even when I was certain that we would be meeting again very soon. Reassuringly, judging from the frequent and daily video link chats so far, Benji seems very happy in his new adoptive home with a large open garden. Sustained unconditional love from his mum Erika and Grandma has made Benji's adaptation and transition much easier. By the time you read this I will have spent a few weeks with him, Erika and the family. Benji has changed my previously held attitudes about having a dog in the house. He has been a remarkable companion with immeasurable unconditional love. His presence on the corner sofa is also missed by our neighbours.

Thank you for enquiring about him. Looking forward to summer and some much needed work in the garden.

David
Jamookeeah
Management
Committee



Parish Council news

January to April 2023

Parish Precept 2023/2024

Despite an inflation rate of over 10% residents will see from their Council Tax bills, that the portion attributed to the services provided by Hellifield Parish Council (HPC) has gone down by 2.1% from the preceding year.

Residents will also see that this is the only part of their Council Tax bill that has reduced. This is a real benefit to residents and has been achieved by careful budgeting and negotiation of costs by HPC.

Parish Council

In May 2022 at the end of the Parish Council term of office, all but one of the Councillors decided not to stand for a further term and the Council Clerk also resigned. This has caused various issues including knowledge of pre-existing matters and procedures and some purely logistical issues. The new Clerk to HPC has had to get up to speed on matters very quickly and has carried a considerable burden given the Council is currently very short handed. There are vacancies for Councillors should anyone feel that their services would add value to the Council's work and activities. In the event that you would like to put your name forward for consideration to be a Councillor, then please contact the Clerk on hellifieldpc@gmail.com or one of the existing Councillors.

If anyone has an item, they would like to be considered for discussion at a Parish Council meeting, please contact a Parish Councillor or the Clerk at hellifieldpc@gmail.com.

Alternatively, there is a contact form on the Hellifield Parish Council website: www.hellifieldparishcouncil.org.uk. Minutes of previous meetings of the Council are available to view on the Hellifield Parish Council website.

Craven District Councillor Chris Moorby

Chris has been an excellent supporter and help to the residents of Hellifield during his tenure on Craven District Council (CDC) which no longer exists (from 31 March 2023) and has now been replaced by North Yorkshire Council (NYC).

HPC can do no better than echo sentiments expressed by the now former Chair of CDC Simon Myers:

“Chris has been an exemplary District Councillor, representing Hellifield and Long Preston for the last 11 years. He has worked hard for his residents as you will all know, doing the day to day work of a District Council with much success, perhaps most visibly in some Planning decisions, but of course much more than that.

But what Chris has done, beyond and above that, is work hard for all Craven residents. He has been an excellent Chairman of the Council, Chair and Vice Chair of Licensing for many years and Lead Member for a Greener Craven. It is this additional work which he didn't need to do which makes all the difference to the ability of the Council to deliver for all our residents. It is 'going the extra mile'.”

So, on behalf of the HPC and the residents of Hellifield Council a big thank you goes to Chris for all the help and support that he has given to this village.

Planning Applications of note

- Keepers Cottage and The Granary (adjacent to the Peel) – resubmitted applications have now been approved for three dwellings.
- The Flashes proposed development – by the close of CDC operations this had still not come before the CDC planning committee. If and when this proposal is resubmitted, it will be to NYC planning committee and will be decided by that body. At this time there is no date for this.

Village Matters

- Our neighbourhood Police Community Service Officer (PCSO) Jayne Grace has in CDCs final 'legacy' awards been given recognition for her Community Service work. Congratulations to Jayne.
- Jayne Grace has now been joined by PCSO Julia Runciman who was introduced at the January meeting of HPC.
- Reported crime reporting has reduced slightly over the last few months.
- Also in the CDC legacy awards, Hellifield Beer Festival Committee was recognised with an award for the large amount of money they have raised over the last several years which has been distributed to local causes and organisations. This award followed their nomination by HPC, and was collected on behalf of the Beer Festival Committee at a ceremony at Skipton Town Hall on

30 March by Alec Hesleden. Well done and thank you to the Beer Festival Committee. We look forward to this year's festival in June and hope that it will be well supported.

- Vandalism in the underpass reported last year with damage to the lights has now been fixed by NYCC after a long wait.
- Graffiti damage in the underpass and the bus shelter is all too regular, and either painted over by James the Handyman or by washing down of the walls by Marilyn who continues to support the village with planting and tidying up around the underpass area.
- Glass bottles and other rubbish in play areas should be placed into the bins supplied.
- Dog owners - Please note that dogs are not allowed in the playgrounds. Please ensure that dog fouling is cleaned up across the rest of the village.

Coronation Celebrations

HPC is, in commemoration of the Coronation of King Charles III, providing a duly inscribed bench on a site yet to be decided. HPC has not been able to organise a specific event for this occasion but has made a donation to St Aidan's Church who are having an event on the Coronation Bank Holiday on the 8th of May 2023 in the grounds of the Church (or inside if the weather is inclement) to which anyone in the village is welcome.

Hellitots' last meeting

Sadly Hellitots held its last meeting on March 28th. Pauline Wright had run this successful group for the last 7 years, even through Covid it managed to survive as Hellibabies, but now it is time for Pauline to retire (it comes to us all) and as yet no one has volunteered to take her place.

Sheila Swinbank too is retiring after supporting Pauline for a number of years.

On the last morning, parents, past and present, joined together to show their appreciation for all the support and joy that Hellitots had given them. It will be greatly missed.

Aileen Alexander



Coronation picnic on the lawns at St Aidans.

To celebrate the King's Coronation, St Aidan's Church and Hellifield Methodist Church are jointly hosting a bring your own picnic event on the lawns at St. Aidans on Monday 8th May from 2 to 4pm. To make yourself comfortable, please also bring your own chairs or rugs etc.

There will be a quiz, a craft/games type stall for younger folk, as well as some appropriate taped music from the 60's, 70's and 80's etc.

Tea and coffee will be available.

This event has been generously

supported by the Parish Council, and a warm welcome is extended to everyone in the village and surroundings.

We look forward to seeing you.

WI: Onwards and upwards!!

In April we held our Annual Meeting and appointed a new Chair and additional Committee members. We are now looking forward to moving on. The Annual Meeting was followed by music and a talk provided by Yvonne Pinder entitled "Banjos and Beyond" .

In May we have rescheduled the original speaker back to June, so we can hold a celebratory party in honour of King Charles' Coronation. This will take the form of a late afternoon tea (at our normal meeting time of 7.15pm) which will be followed by a quiz and some music curtesy of Bill and Sue.

Please come in fancy dress if you like, and there will be a prize for the "best costume". As always guests are welcome for a small charge. If you are not a member but would like to join in the party, please bring a small contribution of food such as scones, small cakes, or mini sandwiches. Drinks will be provided by the WI.

We are in the process of putting together an interesting programme for the rest of the year with speakers and activities which we hope will interest all our members and guests. In June our speaker will be John Taylor who will tell us about Hypnotherapy and

counselling. In July our very own Ken Leak will tell us about growing up in Hellifield with a talk entitled "The Beckjumpers".

We are also planning at least one half-day trip out and have asked members to vote on a number of options.

Hellifield WI is hoping to move forward with additional members and a lighter touch at meetings, to make the evenings more of a group get together than a formal event. To this end we will keep the formal part to a few notices and information about what is happening in the wider WI Community. We also usually hold a raffle and always provide light refreshments, so why not give us a try? Our contact details are shown in the WI advert in the magazine, on Facebook, and on posters around the Village. You can contact myself or Aileen any time.

Carol Weston-Moore Joint Secretary

Hellifield Chess Club

A small group of chess players in the village have come together and formed a club to try and get that dormant grey matter working.

Anyone interested in friendly chess battles, please join us on Wednesday evenings from 7 pm at the Black Horse.

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Those of you who have watched Meet the Ancestors, Time Team or more recently Digging for Britain, will have the image that archaeology is just about people with unusual hair styles and jazzy sweaters kneeling in mud, trowel in hand.

Certainly, the excavation of possible archaeological remains is an important aspect of research. As a member of Ingleborough Archaeology Group (IAG), I have been privileged to take part in many excavations over the past few years. Some of you may remember I reported on last year's excavation in which we discovered a Bronze Age flint arrowhead during the excavation of an early medieval (6th to 10th century) shieling site at Clapdale. Research by the group and with members also taking part in the Stories in Stone project, has thrown new light on the early medieval occupation of the area

around Ingleborough. IAG hopes to complete the shieling project with an excavation at Clapham Bottoms in July.

Excavation can only be justified if it is a means to answer specific research questions. Prior to excavation and as an alternative to excavation there are many other activities IAG members are involved in from documentary research, to field walking and surveying. A major project currently being run by IAG is the surveying, measuring and recording of various Cairns ranging from the Neolithic to the Bronze Age. Looking at aerial photographs as well

as LIDAR images often prompts research. LIDAR shows in detail many features not visible from the ground that can then be verified by fieldwork.

Of course not all members of the group either can or wish to spend time in fieldwork and for all members IAG has an autumn and spring series of talks, with summer walks and visits focused on giving a better understanding of archaeology. Our walk in May follows a talk in January on Roman Roads and in September we will have a guided tour of the Raikes Road Burial Ground following our April talk on this.

If you are curious to find out more or already have an interest in archaeology check the IAG website: ingleborougharchaeologygroup.org.uk where you will find regular updates of our programme, online copies of field reports and other links. You can also email IAG at: ingleborougharchaeologygroup@gmail.com.

Talks and walks are open both to members and to visitors who are



welcome for a £3 entrance. Talks are on the third Monday of the month at Ingleton Community Centre starting at 7.30pm. Autumn talks begin on Monday 18th September.

Bob Moore, Chair IAG



St Aidan's Church

MAY 2023

Our worship continues **every Sunday at 9.30am**- please do join us as we continue to celebrate the events of Easter, leading into Pentecost on the last Sunday of May.

We will also mark **Ascension Day on Thursday 18th May at 7pm** with celebratory refreshments afterwards!

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



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Settle Community Library and Cooperative/Crowdfunding support

Settle Community Library is facing a difficult financial problem at the moment. The energy costs for the library have quadrupled over the last few months while our income has stayed static. From April these energy costs are likely to rise even higher.

Since the library opened, our income has come from any charges for Book clubs, ordering books, hire of the library for events, fines for late return of books and grants found by the Management Committee.

These grants have always been for capital expenditure (new furniture, blinds, projectors etc).

The Cooperative/Crowdfunding is offering help towards energy costs to help maintain the Warm Places on offer to the public. Our application for this financial support was successful and our Crowdfunding site went live recently giving the public the

opportunity of supporting the library.

Access to the Crowdfunding site can be found on our Facebook page, Twitter and Settle chat Facebook page. It is also on the Settle Library website.

The library now really needs your help, and every penny donated by YOU will be matched by the Cooperative society, so every £10 becomes £20. We need to work together to conserve this wonderful local amenity.



Friends of the Dales free events

Monitor Your Local Peatland?

Yorkshire Dales environmental campaigning charity, Friends of the Dales, has collaborated with Yorkshire Peat Partnership to recruit and train 'Eyes on the Bog' volunteers to monitor peatland condition across various sites in the Dales. Eight small teams are now in place, and so the charities are inviting those interested in volunteering for the scheme to come along to their next joint training event taking place Saturday 13 May, 10am – 3pm near Ribbleshead Viaduct.

Walk: Exploring Frostrow Fell

Timed to coincide with bus and train services to Sedbergh, Trustee, Ian McPherson will lead a delightful high level, five mile, moderate walk around Frostrow Fell on Thursday 25 May 11.30am-4.30pm.

For more information and to book places on either event, contact Victoria Benn:

victoria.benn@friendsofthedales.org.uk
or visit: www.friendsofthedales.org.uk

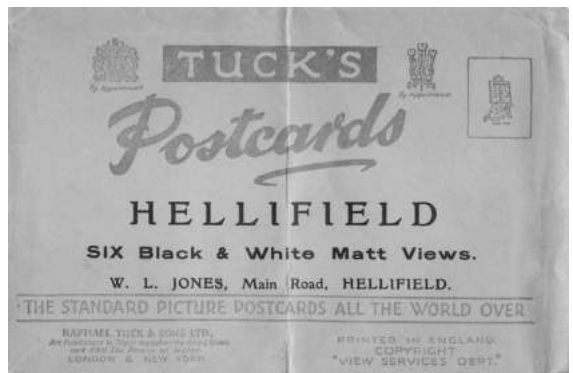
Postcards of Hellifield

These three postcards were part of a set of six possibly issued in the mid to late 1920s by the company of Raphael Tuck & Sons of London.



The Black Horse Hotel

The retailer was Wilfred Lewlyn Jones who together with his father William ran a gent's hairdressers and tobacconist's shop located in a small building next to St. Aidan's church for over 25 years. During my younger years the shop was run by brothers Claude and Raymond Preston who also had a newsagent and fancy goods shop in the main street at that time. Part of the original barber's shop building still survives today and now forms part of the Restoration Den.



Tuck's Postcards of Hellifield

John Pearcy



Main Street, Hellifield



General View, Hellifield



Summer Concert

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There's even a wedding couple
About to exchange their vows
And a slightly wonky farmer
With a couple of muddy cows.

Whenever we pass this garden
The figures are all still
But I know that as soon as we're out of sight
They will gambol about at will.

Fishing, knitting or playing,
Digging in the sand,
They're happy as the day is long
In their little Gnome Man's Land!

Yvonne Crabtree

Children's Art, Easter 2023

I was very eggcited to receive the entries for the Childrens' Easter Art Competition. All the work was eggcellent and as usual the task of picking winners was eggscrucatingly difficult!

It was obvious that a lot of thought had gone into choosing the content and a lot of care, skill and imagination into the production. The work showed individuality and imagination but all the pieces encapsulated the essence of Easter. They presented both traditional and contemporary aspects of Easter and reflected the village, the surrounding farms and the nature all around us.

By the time you read this you will have seen the artwork displayed. Easter, will be behind us and we will be involved in other celebrations. However, on behalf

of the Hellifield Herald I would like to thank all the artists and their families and also Wayne and his team at H's for their help and enthusiastic support.

Prize winners:

Ages 3 – 6:

- 1st prize Martha, 5
- 2nd prize Willow, 5

Ages 7 – 10:

- 1st prize Esme, 7
- 2nd prize Maisie, 10

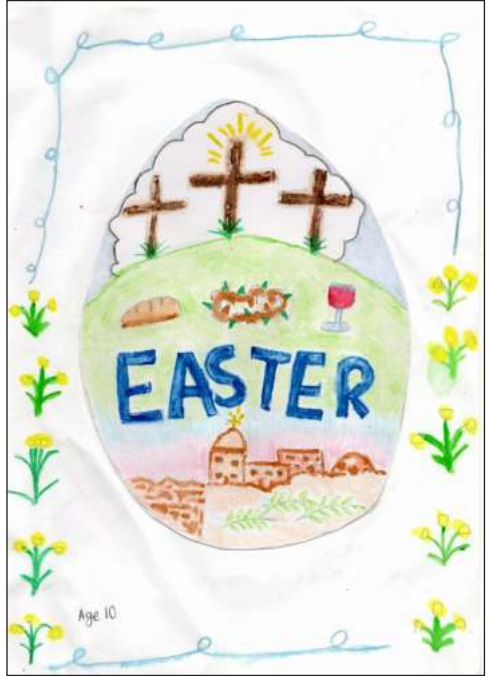
Audrey Edwards



1st prize: Esme, aged 7



1st prize: Martha, aged 5



2nd prize, Maisie, aged 10



2nd prize: Willow, aged 5

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The Car Run - 2nd April

A big thank you to everyone who turned up on the day which turned out to be beautiful. The sun made an appearance in the afternoon.



There was a great variety of cars from the Mighty Mustang, two fast Fords (an XR2 and an Escort turbo), the Japanese legends - two Mazda MX5's and a Subaru Impreza, two German Automobiles namely an early VW Beetle and a Mini Cabriolet and last, but not least, the British Legends - the Triumph TR, the lovely Riley, Lizzy (our Morgan) and Keith Ward with his Morris Minor. The cherry on the cake was a beautiful 1920's Rolls Royce Silver Ghost which turned up at Watershed Mill at the same time as we did.

The staff made us very welcome and served us with light lunches and refreshments. The general opinion by all was that they had a good time.

A big thank you to Steve Gledhill from Long Preston for taking many photographs of the line up and even

some ariel views. Many thanks to James for taking photographs of the vehicles as we set off.

Tony Clarkson



Easter Parade

What a splendid Parade of Easter Bonnets were on show at the coffee morning on 1st April. So many of you had been so creative from the comic ones to the spectacular. The Parade itself around the hall was enjoyed by all with everyone joining in the singing led by the Hellisingers.

The winner of the competition for the best 'bonnet' was Anne from The Green (Rex's mum) who had forfeited her own tulips from the garden.

Hellisingers were on hand to provide further entertainment with two or more songs by Irving Berlin.

The morning was finished off with the ever-popular raffle and the draw for the Two Hundred Club. I think I can safely say "a good time was had by all!"

Thanks to everyone!

Sue Alderson



Hellisingers providing the Easter entertainment

Hellifield Methodist Chapel and Wesley Centre

Activities for May 2023

Worship

- Service each Sunday at 2 pm, including our Family Cafe Church on the 28th
- Hour of prayer for our village Sunday 7th May 6pm
- Lego Family Church Sunday 14th May 10.30 am

Wesley Centre

- Community Pantry every Friday from 2-3 pm
- Strong and Steady on Tuesday 9th and Monday 22nd at 3.30pm
- Welcome Mat on Mondays 15th and 29th at 2.30pm
- Free Film afternoon showing "The Way" on Thursday 11th at 2.30pm

- We're looking forward to our Coffee Morning at the Institute on Saturday 27th May at 10am with raffle, tombola, cakes etc. for Chapel Funds.
- We're still looking for a new leader for Hellitots following Pauline's retirement,
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Saturday - to Skipton:

0810; 0900; 0945; 1145; 1245; 1345; 1545; 1745

Monday to Friday - to Settle:

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

Saturday - to Settle:

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

Train times in Hellifield

Train times may change during May. Best to double check before travelling - see www.northernrail.co.uk, or phone 0344 811 5111.

To Skipton, Monday to Saturday: **0736; 0745; 1011; 1039; 1142; 1244; 1343; 1514; 1543; 1637; 1805; 1842; 2011; 2126; 2208; 2228**

To Skipton, Sunday: **1113; 1202; 1411; 1440; 1648; 1707; 1742; 1848; 1913; 2059; 2115**

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Memories of Halton West

From an early age I looked forward to spending weekends - or even longer if I was lucky – at my Uncle Arthur and Aunty Mabel’s farm in Halton West. Both me and my brother David spent enjoyable times at Auld Hall Farm with our cousins Brian and Peter Beresford and in between stays we often took bike rides down to Halton West Bridge and beyond. Mainly to mess about by the River Ribble or walk along the river to a favourite swimming spot in the vicinity of Arnford.

I have a diary entry from Thursday 17th February 1972 which says: “Today in the morning we went to Halton West Bridge for a walk. Redfern and Angus came with us on their bikes. We played beck jumping and jumping off the bridge. We saw Bronic sawing

made our own entertainment. The chap whose name we always pronounced Bronic would be Bronek Kwolek. Of Polish descent, he came to Hellifield during or just after the war years and lived in one of the cottages in Halton West. He worked on the Yorke Estate



Halton West bridge. From an old Postcard

branches off trees and waved to him. Then me, Gray and Mick went home by Arnford. After dinner, me, Gray, Mick and Bartlett went beck jumping. Bartlett and Gray fell in.”

Exciting stuff eh! And quite a good representation of what we got up to in a time when we basically went out and

in Halton West and will still be remembered by many of the older residents of Hellifield. The Yorke family were, and still are, a notable family in Halton West and with a pedigree going back over the centuries, resided at Yorke Place which is set back beyond the woods which border the Ribble and surrounding land. The house, which



Halton West. A photo taken in the 1980's

was built in 1770 for Thomas Yorke is a Grade 2 listed building.

Thomas also purchased much of the surrounding land at Halton West itself. The Yorke family also had notable properties and land in Richmond, Gouthwaite and Bewerley. For much more information on the Yorke family at Halton West I would recommend you read *Yorke Country* by Anne Ashley Cooper. Published in 1988, it contains a wealth of information on the history of this noted family. I seem to remember making a journey from Hellifield to Halton West when I was very little, on a Red 'Ribble' Bus. What sticks in my mind is going over Halton West Bridge and the stiff curved climb up the hill, before the road levels out and approaches the village around a sharp bend in the road. This memory would stem from a visit to Uncle Arthur and Aunt Mabel at Auld Hall in the 1960's. The village itself was originally known as Halton (Doomsday Book, 1200), The 'West' was added to distinguish it from Halton East – 12 miles to the east. Historically it was also known as West Halton and was a township in the ancient parish of Long Preston in the West Riding of Yorkshire. It became a Civil Parish in 1866.

Auld Hall was a 17th Century house and is now a Grade 2 listed building. The overall view of the house, from the road through Halton West, is little changed from the house I remember in the 1960's and 70's. Some of the outbuildings have changed, but then again the village itself in my mind's eye, is still very much the same as it was when I was a child. Many were the kickabouts and football games we played in the field adjoining the house. The local lads would turn up. The Iretons, Waddingtons, Standrills,



Peter Beresford outside Auld Hall in the 1960's

Dakins – to name just a few. Summer evenings seemed to last forever. Some of the lads (probably most) were bigger than me and I recall many a bruised ankle from a dirty tackle. I also remember an incident with a boomerang in that field. Can you still buy them? Probably deemed as too dangerous now! This one was anyway. It went straight up into the sun, did a circular motion and came down straight on to my head, which resulted in a lump the size of an egg and many tears. Aunty Mabel rubbed some butter on it. Fantastic stuff butter!.. Cured many a bruised pride! That boomerang got stuck in a tree and never came down. Wonder if it's still there?

In the field next to the house a large old tree had been felled. Me and Peter Beresford were playing around on it when I found an old long bladed knife stuck deep into the tree trunk. I managed to get it out and remember being fascinated by its age and shape. Again, I wonder what happened to it. Around the farm and in the barns we



Mum, brother David, Aunt Mabel and Peter Beresford in the garden at Auld Hall. 1960's



Me, brother David, and Peter at Auld Hall in the 1960's

messed about making dens out of bales of hay and generally getting in Uncle Arthur's way. There seemed to be a lot of cats around the vicinity of the farm and subsequently kittens. I was particularly shocked when I came across a bucket of water with kittens in it. I suppose the population had to be controlled. They certainly didn't get in there themselves. I also remember watching some hen huts being pulled down in a field at the back of the farm. A couple of farm dogs were to hand. Once the huts were pulled down there were rats everywhere. Where there are hens there's rats, and the dogs had a field day as up to 50 rats must have been disposed of while I stood by transfixed by the onslaught.

My eldest cousin Brian formed us into a secret society called the 'Narados'. He was the Great Narado. We made badges, formed rules, and for some strange reason he taught me how to write a few basic words in Japanese. Don't quite know why! Evenings were often spent playing darts in the back kitchen at the rear of the house. The Washhouse had a range type oven where I remember young lambs were installed during lambing time to warm them up. Lines of wellington boots



Uncle Arthur plus one of the residents at Auld Hall.

stood near the door. The interior of the house to my little mind was somewhat dark and spooky, with a supposed secret tunnel somewhere. Never found it! Over the field we messed about around Candlerush Beck. In times gone by the rushes were apparently used in the local manufacture of candles.

The village itself still hosted a little shop, a school, and church. Many of the cottages belonged to the Yorke estate. Henry Waddington's animal feed supply business was quite a fixture and most of the villagers were

employed in agriculture, with a lot of land belonging to the Yorkes, although farmers were now buying their own land in the area. Across from where I lived on Kendal Road in Hellifield stood Popay's Shop. Popay's was a typical local shop of its time. It sold everything from fruit and veg to fuel, sweets, cigarettes and household goods. Mr Popay would deliver round the area and I remember him arriving in his van stocked with all manner of goods to deliver to the villagers of Halton West.

To skip forward to the 1970's. As a teenager I used to go and work on Uncle Arthur's farm at the weekends. Many a time I recall freezing lambing times, feeding the sheep and mucking out. One building in particular known as 'Old Close', which stood opposite the woods near the entrance to Halton Place on the roadside. Mucking out some cows in there I received such a kick from one of these animals that I was bruised and limping for two weeks. I'm sure that my cousins Brian and Peter Beresford could add much to these recollections of Auld Hall and Halton West and I could probably rattle on a lot more about all those far off times. The Halton West days were a significant period in my memories of childhood and were halcyon days when the sun always seemed to shine and the skies were always blue.

Ken Leak

Spring was in the air for the March village walk

Spring was in the air for the March village walk which started at Sawley Abbey in the shadow of Pendle Hill. From the ruins, 8 of us walked up the River Ribble with the pleasant screeching of oyster catchers overhead - the sound of chiff chaffs and the sight of primroses in bloom both signalling the arrival of a new season.



As we approached Fooden Farm, we could look down on a couple of mini weirs in the Ribble and we paused to check out some interesting, old derelict buildings, one of which looked like it could have been an old school house.

We then walked to Bolton by Bowland arriving from the church side of the village and called in at the small café there for refreshments before walking back down Skirden Beck to join the River Ribble and back to Sawley.

Highlights of the walk included seeing wild deer, the primroses (of course), buzzards and a sparrow hawk - and Robert and John's good turn of the day when they rescued a sheep (gimmer)

which had caught both of its curly horns on the wire fence.

All in all - a cheery, chatty walk of around 7 miles. I know I certainly felt energised and pleased to have experienced the walk - it's unquestionably a route I'd love to do again - perhaps when the fields are ready for harvesting.

The next walk will be on the 21st of May. If you'd like to know more our walks, please email 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.

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My secret garden

After reading Audrey Edward's article on 'Gardens: secret and otherwise' in the April edition I was prompted to write about my own 'secret garden'. But first, like Audrey, I love observing the diversity of gardens around. Sometimes I do wonder if gardens are a reflection of their owners. Are their sock drawers as tidy (or untidy) as their gardens!

Perhaps it is just as well my garden is pretty secret! It backs onto a field without a footpath through it and it hides behind my rather large garage. Very few people pass my garden!

When I moved into the house over 5 years ago it was literally a small field with a post and rail fence around enclosing just grass and dandelions! Having had an allotment in the 'secret allotment gardens of St Ann's' in Nottingham for nearly 10 years, I wanted to re-create that special feeling I got from my very large and private allotment, surrounded by huge hedges and containing several very mature fruit trees.

The first winter here I planted a hedge, with mixed hedging stock as this is beneficial for wildlife. My initial hedge included Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Beech, Guelder Rose and Rowan. I also planted several fruit trees and dug out some vegetable plots. That was very hard and messy work as the ground was full of stones and bits of building rubble. Now those half meter sticks I planted have formed a thick hedge which needs regularly clipping to keep it under control. The 2 rowan trees have excelled themselves growing tall and producing beautiful berries for the birds in winter. I have supplemented the hedge with whatever I could lay my hands on, so now some Holly, Crab Apple and Privet have been added plus

a few other unknown shrubs along with a few young Willow trees in a very wet corner. I have to say the hedge is very beneficial for the garden in terms of absorbing water from heavy rain rainfall. I have read that hedges are very good for this along with mopping up pollution. The added benefit is some protection from those strong westerly winds we are prone to.

My fruit trees are now reasonably productive and the soft fruit is particularly so with freezer stocks lasting through this last winter. The vegetable beds have benefitted from huge amounts of manure and compost added in every year, which now means they contain good, healthy soil with lots of worms and give me vegetables of some sort all the year round. As I am aware we need to make our gardens 'pollinator friendly', there are insect friendly flowers growing in the hedgerows and in the two circular decorative beds I made.

Following the big publicity campaign I did try 'no mow May' last year to encourage insects and pollinators to thrive within the lawn. After 3 weeks I decided I would not be able to cope with the length of grass and the excess of dandelions if I did not mow! A balance has to be struck somewhere especially when you are surrounded by open countryside. But I have to say I love my garden, walking out and

seeing plants growing, a bee diving into a flower or just picking a sun-warmed strawberry or raspberry is so therapeutic.

butterflies and bees cluster around the Echinaceas, Sedums and Lavenders.

A flavour of my special secret garden!

In Spring the hedge glows white with Blackthorn blossom, in late summer

Mary Kenning

North Craven Flower Club

Our March meeting turned out to be a very windy evening with snow showers so sadly, only 10 members plus the demonstrator and her husband, made it there! Linda Hardman put on a wonderful demonstration and below are some of the arrangements that she did. As there were so few members there, it meant that everyone got to take an arrangement home! A reward for having battled the elements to attend.



At Our April meeting our speaker was from Lay of the Land Garden Centre, Settle. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 11th May starting at 7.30pm at Hellfield Village Hall. Our guest on that evening will be Jill Perrings with a demonstration entitled King and Country (11th May). It will be an interesting evening and visitors are always welcome.

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View from the Vicarage

It's going to be very strange, from this month onwards, hearing folk talking about "the Coronation" and having to ask "which one?" For all my life, "the Coronation" has, of course, meant that of the late Queen in 1953.

This, after so many decades, had become almost a cultural icon in itself as, thanks to television, it was the first time anyone, other than those actually present in Westminster Abbey, had seen what was going on. And for those of a certain age, it was always one of those lovely conversations you could have over a cup of tea; "what were you doing on Coronation Day?" For my late father, the memories remained strong half a century later: watching, as a student living nearby, in the huge crowds in Westminster getting very wet and hoping to get a glimpse of the procession of worthies. And for those viewing from home (or, maybe, on someone else's TV!) a sense of intimacy with a great occasion never before experienced: after all, seeing edited highlights on a cinema newsreels wasn't nearly as special as watching from your living room.

So, I wonder whether the "new" Coronation on May 6th will enter into our national consciousness as much as that from 70 years ago did? Back in 1953, write the historians, the start of Elizabeth 2nd's reign was marked with a new and welcome sense of optimism about the future, which the conquering of Everest that same week seemed to encapsulate. Rationing was largely over after the painful years of post-war austerity (which, of course, followed six dreadful years of WW2 itself). Britain was starting that long decade of prosperity which peaked in the mid-1960s, with many of those social norms which felt-to some- so restrictive in

1952 largely overturned by the time I was born in 1966. Given the events of the past few years, and the many current and real anxieties in our world, I suspect that King Charles' coronation won't perhaps be seen in quite the same light seventy years from now.

But we'd do well to remember, perhaps, that the Coronation service which seems so timeless is in fact, in many ways, a more modern creation, with some elements dating only from the time of Edward 7th – little more than a century ago. And the constitutional monarchy it celebrates is far removed from the very different ideas of kingship (with the odd Queen too) from past centuries- no idea here of the "divine right" of monarchs which helped plunge all of Britain into civil war in the 1600s. Of course, I appreciate that some of our readers may have perfectly good reasons to object to any kind of monarchy in the 21st century, and I suspect there are also those "royalists" who won't be happy about the very deliberate Christian (indeed Anglican) emphasis of the Coronation (which we're told, as I write this, will be left largely intact in this year's ceremony). However, look at the problems facing America, France and indeed Russia right now to see the potential for conflict where the head of state is an elected politician, and where loyalties to person and office can sometimes be painfully opposed. Our system, imperfect though of course it is, may perhaps in our present troubled world, be more valuable than many

think.

And, of course, do raise a glass to their Majesties on 6th May!

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

Sarah Lister comes to Mothers' Union

What a lovely afternoon we all had. Sarah came to tell us about some of the buildings in Hellifield and their residents from times past. It was absolutely fascinating. We were all enthralled for over an hour and still wanted more.

Sarah's method of presentation involved the audience reading out snippets of information which in her words "stopped them from falling asleep". There was no chance of that – it was all extremely interesting and entertaining. We heard about Edward Elgar almost coming to live here!

This was an open meeting which drew in around forty eager listeners. Tea and cakes were handed round afterwards which made it a very sociable afternoon.

Our thanks go to Sheila Swinbank for setting it up and providing home-made biscuits!

The next meeting will be on May 3rd at 2.00pm.

Kind donations were made to the work of the Mothers' Union which supports women and girls both globally and at home.

Sue Alderson

For information, a date for your diary. If you enjoyed Sarah's talk, and would like to hear her again on the topic of "Mischievous in the Navy Hut" – based on the navvies who built the Ribbleshead viaduct. Sarah will be speaking at an open WI meeting on 16th November at

7.15pm in the Village Hall. Guests are always welcome (including men), so if you are interested in local history, we would love to see you then. She promises it will be a fun event. We make a small charge of £2 for guests.

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We have decided to trial a session of HelliGames every Wednesday afternoon from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm. This proved popular with those who attended the Warm Places sessions and so we propose to continue with this but encourage lots of you out there to come along and join in. Games, such

as cards, dominoes, backgammon, chess, draughts, scrabble are all possibilities. Perhaps someone would like to share his or her skills and introduce a new game they would be willing to teach the rest of us? It is a good way of keeping the old brain cells functioning, making new friends and socializing. There will be a charge of £3.00 per person each attendance, but this will include a cuppa and possibly a biscuit or two as well! You don't have to book, just turn up and you will be made very welcome.

There is going to be a special coffee morning to mark the King's Coronation, on Saturday, 6th May, from 10.00 am to 11.30 am. On this occasion there will be some bacon butties, with vegan alternatives. It is just £2.00 entrance fee and with that, you can have as many cups of coffee as you like. How generous are we?

As mentioned in last month's Hellifield Herald, by popular demand, we welcome the return of Opera for the People, with Nicola Mills. This will be an uplifting evening of popular opera and classical crossover. Nicola is a world-class soprano, who is extremely friendly and down to earth. The performance will take place on Friday 19th May at 7.30 pm (doors open at 7.00 pm). Tickets are £10.00 and

available from myself. (See contact details at the bottom of this article). This will be a 'bring your own' nibbles and refreshments event.

We are absolutely delighted to announce that Julia Chapman, the local author of the famous Dales Detective Series, is coming to give a talk at the village hall on Wednesday 24th May at 7.30 pm (doors open at 7.00 pm). There will be an entrance fee of £2.00 and coffee will be served at the end of the talk. In order to keep an eye on numbers, please let me know if it is your intention to come along. (See contact details at the end of this article).

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Date	Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact Details
2nd	Tue	2 - 4pm	Helliarts	Village Hall	Audrey Edwards-850351
2nd	Tue	6 - 7 & 7 - 9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 851660
3rd	Wed	9 - 12.30pm	Messy Monkeys	Village Hall	Amanda Belt 07398284126
3rd	Wed	1 - 4pm	Games afternoon at 1pm. Mothers' Union at 2pm	Village Hall	MU - Sheila Swinbank 850458 Games Ken Leak 07837727268
3rd	Wed	6-7 & 7.30 - 8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
3rd	Wed	8pm	Chess	Black Horse Pub	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760190222
3rd	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellfield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866
4th	Thu	10 - 12noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	John Flitcroft 851358
4th	Thu	12noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340
5th	Fri	9.45 - 11am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 851108
5th	Fri	2 - 3pm	Community Pantry	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
6th	Sat	10 - 11.30am	Coronation Themed 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
7th	Sun	6 - 7pm	Hour of prayer	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511653
8th	Mon	2 - 4pm	Coronation picnic	St Aidan's grounds	Joint event Methodists/St Aidans

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Date	Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact Details
9th	Tue	3.30 - 4.30pm	Strong & Steady	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
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	1 - 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	8pm	Chess	Black Horse Pub	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760190222
10th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866
11th	Thu	10 - 12noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	John Flitcroft 851358
11th	Thu	12noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340
11th	Thu	7.30pm	Flower Club	Village Hall	Liz Palmer 840331
11th	Thu	2.30pm	Film afternoon	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
11th	Thu	7.30pm	Book Group - live session	Village Hall Yorke Rm (for on line session - contact Audrey Edwards on 850351)	
12th	Fri	9.45 - 11am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 851108
12th	Fri	2-3pm	Community Pantry	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
13th	Sat	10 - 11.30am	Village Hall Coffee Morning	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
14th	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 851709
14th	Sun	10.30pm	Lego Church	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
14th	Sun	2pm	Sunday Service	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511653

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Date	Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact Details
14th	Sun	6.30pm	Bingo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866
15th	Mon	2.30 - 4pm	Welcome Mat	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
15th	Mon	7.15 - 9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree 851806
16th	Tue	6 - 7 & 7 - 9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 851660
17th	Wed	9 - 12.30pm	Messy Monkeys	Village Hall	Amanda Belt 07398284126
17th	Wed	2 - 4pm	Helliscribes	Village Hall Yorke Room	Yvonne Crabtree 851806
17th	Wed	1 - 4pm	Games Afternoon	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
17th	Wed	6 - 7 & 7.30 - 8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
17th	Wed	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall. Contact Parish Clerk Julie Sleath: hellifieldpc@gmail.com	
17th	Wed	8pm	Chess	Black Horse Pub	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760190222
17th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866
18th	Thu	10 - 12noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	John Flitcroft 851358
18th	Thu	12noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340
18th	Thu	7.15pm	WI	Village Hall	Carol Weston-Moore 851660
19th	Fri	9.45 - 11am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 851108
19th	Fri	2 - 3pm	Community Pantry	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
19th	Fri	7.30pm	Nicola Mills (Singer)	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
20th	Sat	10 - 11.30am	Christian Aid Coffee Morning in the Village Hall		Ken Leak 07837727268

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Date	Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact Details
21st	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 851709
21st	Sun	10am	Village Walk	Village Car Park	Rebecca Gooch 07443493169
21st	Sun	2pm	Sunday Service	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
22nd	Mon	3.30 - 4.30	Strong & Steady	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
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	7.30 - 9.30pm	Julia Chapman Author	Village Hall. 850351 - Village Hall	Audrey Edwards- open event
24th	Wed	8pm	Chess	Black Horse Pub	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760190222
24th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866
25th	Thu	12noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340
25th	Thu	10 - 12noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	John Flitcroft 851358
26th	Fri	9.45 - 11am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 851108
26th	Fri	2 -3pm	Community Pantry	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
26th	Fri	8pm	Music Jamming Session	The Black Horse Pub	contact Black Horse for details
27th	Sat	10 - 11.30am	Methodists' Coffee Morning in the Village Hall		Pauline Wright 07931 511652

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Date	Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact Details
28th	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 851709
28th	Sun	2pm	Family Café Church	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
28th	Sun	6.30pm	Bingo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866
29th	Mon	2.30 - 4pm	Welcome Mat	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511653
30th	Tue	3.15 - 4.30pm	Tea, Coffee, Chat	Black Horse Pub	Margaret Foster
30th	Tue	6 - 7 & 7- 9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 851660
31st	Wed	6 - 7 & 7.30 - 8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
31st	Wed	8pm	Chess	Black Horse Pub	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760190222
31st	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866

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