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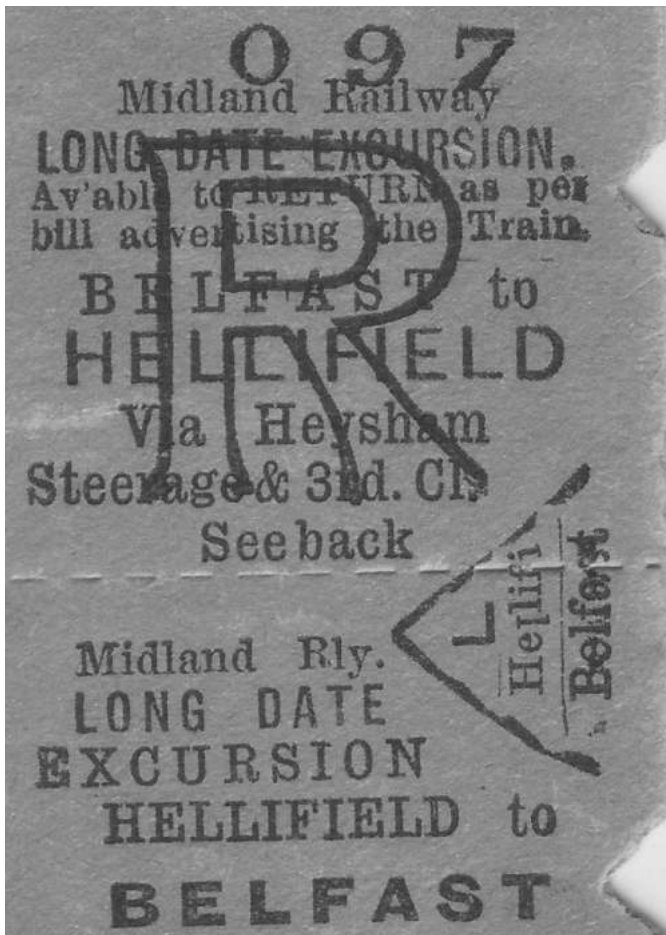
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November 2023

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is the 8th of November

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# Editorial

Hello readers. Sadly this will be my last editorial as I am moving out of Hellifield and I am giving up my role on the Committee of the Hellifield Herald. I have enjoyed living here and will greatly miss the wonderful views of open fields I have from the front of my house. I'll also miss my orchard garden, which again this year has been very productive, keeping me well supplied with fruit and vegetables. I will also miss the very welcoming and friendly people in Hellifield – so goodbye to all.

You may ask why I am leaving this wonderful village? The arrival of my first grandson by emergency caesarean and the very high cost of nursery fees have prompted me to move Eastwards. Henry is now 5 months old and a gorgeous little chap – as his Granny I can say that! I cannot believe how strongly my maternal instincts arrived with my grandchild, never having felt them towards other peoples' babies. In fact I was quite ambivalent about being a grandmother! I have only agreed to one day a week of child-minding, but that will be

enough. Fortunately the other Granny will be around as well. My own two children grew up in Northumberland hundreds of miles away from any relatives and I do remember it being a very tough time.

So onto a new adventure in life – a new house, a new village and new walks to find. As some of you will know I am a lone walker, exploring all the walks around the village, my favourite for a quick one is going down to The Peel. Such a magnificent building in a beautiful park setting, which I have seen in all winds and weathers.



The preparation for my move has really made me assess how much 'stuff' I have collected over the years and keep for sentimental reasons. So nothing like a move to have a good clear out! My wardrobe thinned down, book shelves emptied, kitchen cupboards thinned out. The charity shops are now well stocked! One very elderly friend of mine moved a couple of years ago and when I went to see her I could only find two of each crockery and cutlery items. Her daughter had told her very firmly she didn't need more than that! I am doing my own sorting and packing so I am not going that minimalistic!

# Hellifield Parish Council Christmas Event



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



Complimentary refreshments supplied by Hellifield Parish Council will be served in the Village Hall by the WI following the Lights Switch On  
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To add to my 'culture shock' of moving away I am changing the style of house I live in, going from a quirky barn conversion with beams and sloping ceilings to a very modern house. There are pros and cons for each style!

I seem to have always liked a bit of variety and adventure in life, moving around the country but it all started when I was 17 and did an 'overland' trip to Morocco with 5 total strangers. An amazing experience! At 18 I

hitchhiked to Greece with a friend. "We'll go back via Holland", said my even more adventurous friend! Anyway, I am going to try to make this my last move. But I am sure I will be back visiting.

To close, make the best of life and whatever the future brings for you!

Mary Kenning

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## Friends of the Hellifield Herald

Many of you who have previously made a subscription to Hellifield "Friends" of the Magazine will know that recently I have been asking if you would like to renew your subscription for another year (2023/24).

If you have already renewed, many thanks. If I haven't managed to catch up with you and you would like to renew, please call me on 01729 851660, or ask any member of the Magazine committee to take your subscription. This still remains at only £5.

If you have not previously joined but would like to join, please give me a call and I will be happy to add you to the membership list.

The money raised through subscriptions goes towards the cost of printing the 10 issues we produce each year, which are delivered free to everyone in Hellifield. Your support,

along with the advertising revenue, donations and coffee morning revenue, is how we finance the monthly magazine. We hope you find it interesting and informative. The magazine, as many of you know, is run by a committee of unpaid volunteers.

If you would like more information about our printing costs etc, then please contact me. I will be happy to explain in more detail.

I hope to hear from you soon. Many thanks.

Carol – "Friends" Coordinator for the Hellifield Herald

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## View from the Vicarage

I mentioned this time last year that early November, in the Church of England and many other Christian traditions, has become what I call the “season of remembrance.” This is primarily due to a coincidence of the calendar, as our national Remembrance Sunday (recalling the Armistice on 11/11/1918) comes close to the old feast of All Souls’ Day, when medieval Christians would pray for the souls of the dead. And once more we’ll be having our own opportunity to remember our departed loved ones on Sunday 5th November at St Aidan’s Hellifield (3pm start) - please see page 21 in the magazine for details.

But I’ve been thinking about ‘remembrance’ – or at least remembering events, places and people – in a slightly more light-hearted way recently, too. I had a hilarious couple of hours with my oldest friend at the start of October as we marked exactly 40 years since our first meeting, in our first week at Durham University. We recalled some of the rather crazy characters from our time there - are University lecturers allowed to be eccentric any more? We reminisced about various amusing moments in the lower-grade professional sport that have kept us entertained over four decades: football and cricket matches that were unbelievably boring to watch (we generally find these things give us more to talk about than games that are exciting!) and some characters, whether obscure, outspoken or both, who’ve enlivened our friendship for so long.

Of course, trying to explain this even to my nearest and dearest family has proved rather difficult: it’s a bit of a middle-age-man-thing, maybe (although Nicky and I, in our turn, frequently remember bizarre goings-on in church from years ago: it was easier

to laugh at things going pear-shaped when I wasn’t the vicar!) One thing my friend and I did agree on, though, was that the world has become a much more serious place since we were students together. Not in terms of big threats to world peace and the like - after all, we were both young adults in the late and dangerous phase of the Cold War, not to mention the activities of the IRA - and current anxieties seem like so much of a re-run. No, we couldn’t help thinking that there’s so much fear of causing offence now that folk are reluctant to be seen to find anything funny or even mildly entertaining if there’s a danger that someone might call us out for it. Churches, especially, were always at their most healthy when clergy and congregation alike could recognise their fallibilities, own up to them with a smile and get on with the complicated business of learning to love folk you didn’t necessarily get on with! But that’s much harder now.

Of course I would never suggest that genuinely offensive words or deeds were acceptable (although for me it’s another matter that they should somehow automatically be criminalised, as is increasingly the case

today). Seeing the humour in other people or situations should always be kept within suitable boundaries. But I do hope that those who are 17 now (as I was when I met my friend at Durham for the first time) might be able, 40 years from now, to sit with their own friends and laugh at the silly and

harmless things that human beings so often say and do. It's a very good therapy on a grey and damp late Autumn day.

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

## Christmas greetings

Over the last few years, we have included "Christmas Greetings" from individuals in Hellifield to friends and family instead of sending multiple Christmas cards. This has proved very popular and if you would like to do it again this year, please let us have your entry by 10th November so we can include it in the December issue.

Ideally, send your entry by email to [magazinehellifield@gmail.com](mailto:magazinehellifield@gmail.com), or you can phone us on 07976215646, or put it through the letter box of 9 Newton Way. If you need any help, we are happy to do that. We suggest a donation of £5 for a small box containing your message of up to 25 words. You can pay one of the

Committee members in cash or direct into our bank account by BACS (HSBC, Hellifield Village Magazine, sort code 40-40-31, Ac No 41474898) or by cheque payable to Hellifield Village magazine.

Please see the examples below of how your greeting might look:

Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year  
From all your Hellifield  
Magazine Volunteers

**Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year  
from the Editor**

## St Aidan's Mothers' Union

Members and friends of Hellifield Mothers' Union very much enjoyed a most entertaining and informative talk by the Reverend Colin Blake at the October meeting.

The speaker at the next meeting, on Wednesday 1st November, is to be Audrey Edwards.

Ellen Toome

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# Hellifield traffic speed monitoring – an update

Progress to report at last! After struggling for the best part of a year to get Public Liability Insurance (PLI) cover for the proposed installation of Vehicle Activated Signage (VAS) equipment for our Village, the Parish Council has now agreed to extend their existing PLI policy to cover the equipment. They have also agreed to purchase the equipment on behalf of the CSW Team, so that the equipment can be purchased without VAT.

Our new County Councillor, Cllr Simon Myers, has also agreed to support the Project by providing funding for the annual maintenance contract that we are seeking with the VAS supplier. (Hellifield has to buy the equipment from NYC Highways approved suppliers of VAS equipment.)

NYC Highways has surveyed the proposed sites for the equipment and has approved them. We will have a mounting post installed at each site: one adjacent to St Aidan's Church for westbound traffic and one near the Village School for eastbound traffic. Both sites will have solar-power panels and the VAS sign will be rotated between the two posts, to a program approved by NY Police, with deployments permitted for up to 6 months. Data retrieval will be initially on a weekly/monthly cycle. Although the 'War Chest' for our equipment now stands at just under £6,000, we are still looking for additional financial support because, ideally, we would like to have equipment at both locations, with the possibility of a third position on the access road to the Gisburn Road (A682), which has been proposed to NYC Highways.

The Village CSW Team deployments are continuing and we are still looking for volunteers to join the team and help with our traffic speed monitoring. Sadly,

in July, we said farewell to Tim and Jan Crompton on their departure to Settle. They had both been involved with the team since its inception in 2019 and we would like to thank them for their help and organizational activities in supporting road safety in our Village over the past 4 years. I would also like to thank the remaining members of the team, who have been stalwarts in trying to get road users to slow down in this area of Yorkshire – unlike the absent NY Police CCTV Teams. Hopefully, with the VAS operations in Long Preston and Gargrave, we can now move towards a consistent system for managing traffic speeds in this part of our county – to the benefit of all of us.

As an after note: there has been quite a lot in the national press recently about the setting of 20mph speed limits in certain parts of the Country.

Previously, this policy was rejected by NYCC, and it is not the intention of the Village CSW Team to pursue this. All we want is for drivers to respect the displayed speed limits and to drive safely within the actual conditions.

Stay safe.

Paul A Emsley



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# Village Hall (Institute) news

## Refurbishment

By the time you are reading this we are hopeful the Yorke Room refurbishment will be complete, with just finishing touches by way of decoration and carpeting still to be done. We are grateful to Ian Gray, Rick Haythornthwaite and Brian Hugill, the contractors, who have gone out of their way to provide our bespoke requirements. We are also grateful to everyone who have given donations towards the cost of this project and to our users for their patience whilst the work was underway. We do intend to have a formal opening, so watch this space for further detail.

## Games Night

At the time of writing, the Games Night due to take place on 14<sup>th</sup> October has not been held, but we are hopeful that this this proved to be an enjoyable social evening for all who took part.

## Local Author

Julia Chapman, who has written the famous 'Dales Detective Series, will be giving a talk on **Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023**, commencing at 7.30 pm – doors open at 7.00 pm. (See separate article by Audrey Edwards on page 16).

## Christmas Party

Our Christmas event this year will take the form of a Christmas Party, so a totally different type of celebration to our past presentations. This is mainly because we are building up to putting on an entertaining production of the swashbuckling musical 'Pirates of Penzance', which will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024.

The Christmas Party will be held on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2023** commencing at 7.30 pm – doors open at 7.00 pm. We will have music from our brilliant local duo Ian and Jane, a disco provided by Mik Cardus with an entertaining interlude by the Hellifield Headliners. Put the date in your diary.

There will be some delicious Christmas nibbles and a chance to socialise with friends and neighbours at this joyful time of year. Tickets will be £10 obtainable from me (see contact details below). This will be a 'bring our own' alcohol event.

## Coffee Mornings

You need to start booking your coffee mornings for 2024 now. If you are a local voluntary organisation or would like to make some money for a charity that is close to your heart, holding a coffee morning is a great fund raiser.

Contact one of our booking secretaries, Ken or Heather Leak, by telephoning 0783 7727 268 / 0779 0042 206 or by email: [stanier@aol.com](mailto:stanier@aol.com) to make your booking or for further information.

Thank you to everyone who uses the Village Hall (Institute) and if you have not used it before, do come along to one of the many events that occur throughout the week. See the events calendar at the end of the magazine for a full rundown.

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## **Messy Church goes outdoors**



Our next meeting is:

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

**10:45 for 11:00 start**

Then:

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**Family Crib Service**

**4pm St. Aidan's**

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

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## 'Hellifield to Belfast return, please'

During the golden age of rail travel, in the period up to the beginning of the first world war, it was possible to travel from Hellifield to Belfast and return on one inclusive ticket. An example of one of these tickets from my own collection is shown on the front page of the magazine.

When the Midland Railway took over the "little" North-Western Railway Company it inherited the North Western's steamer service from the pier at Morecambe (the present-day stone jetty) to Barrow-in-Furness where connections were made with sailings bound for Belfast.

With the strong currents and constantly shifting sands of Morecambe Bay the pier often silted up, making it difficult for larger vessels to dock there.

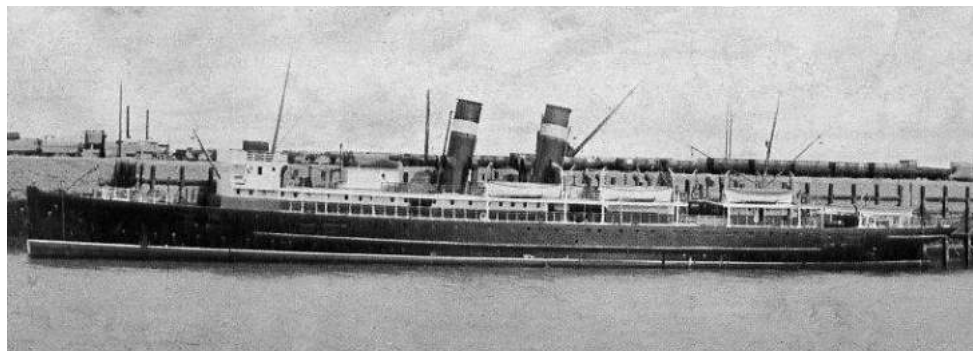
Looking for a solution to this problem and also with an eye to further expanding its services, the Midland Railway was able to secure some land at Heysham and began to construct a large deep-water harbour with rail connections for goods and passengers.

This new harbour was brought into service in 1904. The passenger station at the harbour is shown below in a commercial postcard of the time. For the opening of the harbour the Midland had four new steamers built to add to

its fleet to operate the company's new services to Belfast and Douglas (Isle of Man). One of those new vessels was the SS. Donegal, shown to the right in a postcard of the period. This vessel was later requisitioned by the war department for use as a hospital ship during the first world war, but tragically it was to be sunk in the English Channel by a German U-Boat in April 1917, with the loss of 40 lives.

To serve the new harbour at Heysham the Midland Railway introduced a Belfast boat train service. This train left St. Pancras station, London, at 5pm and travelled over the Midland main line to Hellifield. After leaving Hellifield the train turned off the main line to Carlisle at Settle Junction, travelling via Bentham and Wennington to Lancaster and then on to Heysham (267 miles from St. Pancras). There, it would join a steamer to take the passengers on to Belfast. With good sea conditions Belfast could be reached round about



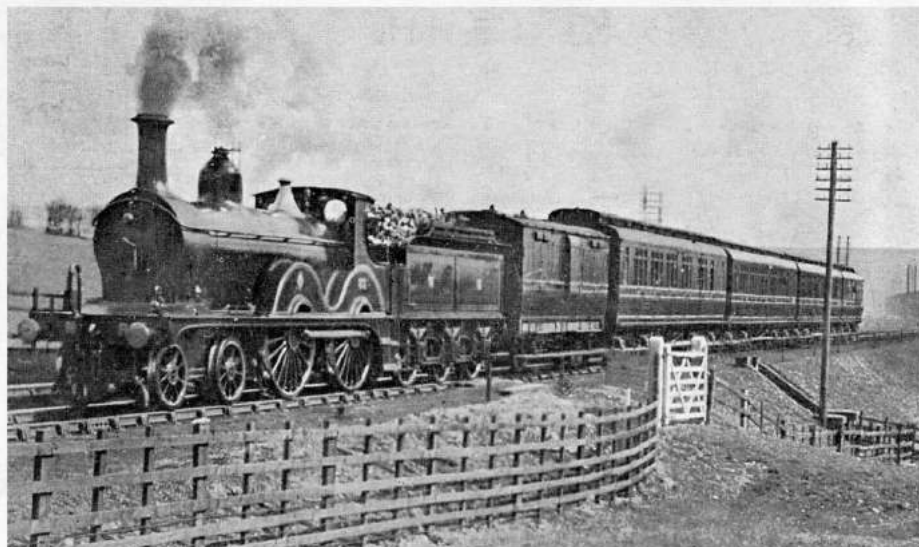


6.30am the next morning. After 1923 when the Midland became part of the London Midland and Scottish Railway company the train was re-routed to run from London Euston station and was renamed "The Ulster Express". This train travelled along the west coast mainline to Lancaster (connecting services were provided from Leeds via Skipton and Hellifield) and then to Morecambe where the express locomotive was replaced by a smaller tank locomotive to haul the coaches over the branch line to Heysham harbour. A Morecambe bound Midland

Railway train is shown leaving Hellifield in the period postcard below.

It is still possible to travel to Heysham harbour by rail from Hellifield today for services to the Isle of Man and Ireland although a change of train needs to be made at Lancaster now. In the present timetable it seems there is only one train per day in each direction from Lancaster to Heysham and of course, the ships are no longer operated by the railway companies these days.

John Percy



Express leaving Hellifield for Morecambe Bay.

M.R. No. 2e.

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# WI news

## September and October

Our September meeting brought a real treat when Kathryn from Hellifield's very own Little Beauty Room demonstrated a facial on one lucky member: Carole Brook. The photo shows a smiling Carole along with Kathryn following the relaxing treatment.

October brought a craft evening run by members and a chance to chat with friends. We learnt how to make cards for Christmas – if only we could afford the postage to send them following the recent increase in the price of stamps!!

## November and December

In November our speaker will be Sarah Lister, who will talk to us about the Navvies who built the Ribbleshead Viaduct. Sarah is such an entertaining speaker and always gets the audience involved in her talks. This meeting is



open to other WIs and Hellifield residents and we might even have a couple of chaps come along. So why not join us? Guests are charged £4 entry. Please see the pictures below and to the right showing the Navvy huts and the work on the Viaduct.

In December we celebrate with a Christmas party which includes a sit-down meal and entertainment. This event is usually well attended by members and a great time is had by all. The Hall is usually decorated by the Institute committee ready for Christmas, and everything has a very festive feel. The meal will be followed by music from Ian and Jane and if there is time, a beetle drive. I hope you have booked your place. If not contact me as soon as possible.

Before our Christmas meeting, we are as usual helping with refreshments for the Village Lights “Switch-on”, which this year will be the 1<sup>st</sup> of December. Members who can help with



preparation of food etc are needed. Please let the committee know if you are available to help.

In January we welcome Helen Bower, who will demonstrate her skills with stained glass – more about this in my December/January article.

Meanwhile hope to see all our members soon.

Carol Weston-Moore – Joint Secretary



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## Visit from author Julia Chapman

On Wednesday 22nd November Julia Chapman, author of the well-known Dales Detective book series, will be visiting Hellifield Village Hall.

She will answer questions, talk about her writing and her life as an author and also sign books. Copies will be on sale by Tania, of Limestone Books, Settle, who will attend the event.

Tea/coffee and biscuits will be served after the talk.

Come and join us for a lively, interesting and sociable evening!

Everyone is welcome.

The event starts at 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm).

The entry fee is £2, payable at the door.

To reserve your seat contact Karen Dunwoodie on 01729 851070 or [kalydun@btinternet.com](mailto:kalydun@btinternet.com)

Audrey Edwards



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## Ebony saved by Bentham Pet Rescue

For those of you who, like me, love a story with a happy ending, please read on. In this story, the heroes are the amazing volunteers at Bentham Pet Rescue.

A few months ago a little black cat began visiting our garden to eat the hedgehog food, she was that hungry and thin. But it was her poorly eye that got us worried. One of them was closed and looked in a bad way.

We made her a shelter in the garden and fed her, but we were unsure how we could help her. We reached out to B.P.R and they reassured us they would keep in touch, letting us know when they had room to take her into their care.

When we got the thumbs up from B.P.R it was time to try to catch her. It was fun and eventually, we managed to do so and take her to Daleshead vets. She was so friendly and well-behaved, but she had no microchip and the vet was very concerned about her eye.

Sue from B.P.R kindly collected Ebony from the vet but after a second look at her eye, it was suggested for her to go to an eye specialist clinic. Even though they knew this would cost the charity a



fortune, Sue got the backing of the trustees and drove Ebony to Penrith eye specialists.

The news from the eye clinic was shocking. Ebony had been shot in the eye by an air rifle and the pellet was still lodged in her neck. They thought this had probably happened months before and that she had been living in constant pain ever since. This has been reported to the police and RSPCA just in case any more cats in our village are hurt this way.

What was left of the eye was removed, luckily the remaining eye was healthy, and the pellet was also removed from her neck.

Ebony is now recovering extremely

well, with Sue from B.P.R giving her so much care. She is such an affectionate cat despite what she has been put through.

We just wanted to say an enormous thank you to all the amazing volunteers who give up their time, care, and homes to help animals like Ebony.

B.P.R saved Ebony's life and when fully recovered she will go to give love, joy, and companionship to her new owners.

If you would like to help B.P.R there is a page especially dedicated to Ebony with photos of her too.

<https://gofund.me/ee325e93>

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## The Village Hall coffee morning and Manorlands - the Grand Finale

Hello all. Here I am again - another entry for the Manorlands coffee morning. So, to save you all stifling a yawn, I will try and make it a short(ish) one!

On Saturday 30th September, Hellifield Village Hall very kindly let us include a tombola stall for Manorlands within their coffee morning – these were items remaining from our coffee morning held on the 9th of September.

The stall was well supported with everyone trying their luck throughout the morning (only two items left at the end). Thank you for your generosity.

We also had one auction item left over, which was expertly auctioned by Karen, who left her coffee making duties to deliver another outstanding performance on the microphone, whipping up the audience to raise £45 for the car valet voucher.

The coffee morning was very well

attended, and a huge 'thank you' to the Village Hall for allowing us to join them for the morning and to everyone who came along to support both the hall and the charity.

Best wishes, 'The Team'

NB: The tombola stall, auction item and donations on the morning raised £253. This amount added to the monies raised at our 'main event' makes the grand total raised for Manorlands £3,400.

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to both events. We are extremely grateful for your support and generosity.

Maralyne, Kate and Ann

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## Beer Festival distribution of funds

On Friday 22nd September, the Hellifield Beer Festival Committee presented cheques to the beneficiaries of the 9th beer festival. The festival was once again a huge success - thanks to everyone that came along and to all our sponsors and helpers. This year we were able to donate £4,480 to local organisations and to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

The presentation evening was held at Hellifield House Social Club and was a celebration of the success of the festival with a chance for the Committee to give an overview of the festival, discuss the financial highlights, and to thank all those whose efforts made the festival such a huge success.

Committee Chairman David Firth presented cheques to representatives of the following organisations:

Hellifield Methodist Church, Hellifield Community Pantry, Coniston Cold Young Farmers, Rathmell Young Farmers, St Aidan's Church Yard Maintenance, Hellifield Institute, Friends of Hellifield Primary School, Hellifield Herald, Gargrave CC, Helliarts, Helligingers, and Hellifield Hotshots Rounders Team.

A cheque has also been sent to

Yorkshire Air Ambulance, and the Committee will also be purchasing a wreath to be placed on the village cenotaph for Remembrance Sunday.

Some of the community beneficiaries receiving their cheques on the night.

Hellifield Sports FC also benefited from the surplus made on the food that they worked tirelessly to provide over both days, and that was vital to the success of the festival.

If you are involved in a local organisation that would benefit from funding next year, or you are able to help sponsor next year's festival please email us at

[Hellifieldbeerfestival@outlook.com](mailto:Hellifieldbeerfestival@outlook.com)

Dave, Ian, Chris, Chappy, Pete, Alec, and Mark are now planning for next year's festival!



# Young Farmers

For the last meeting in August, it was decided that the river had finally subsided enough to try floating the rafts which members had made at a previous meeting. Each team took it in turns to float their raft as quickly as possible down to the finish line. This was hilarious to watch and everyone had a great time.

September started with a meeting at Kirkby Malham by kind invitation of the Wellock family. This was for 'fat lamb' judging. Members had to carefully study the 4 lambs, which were marked A, B, X & Y and place them into order on their judging cards. They then took it in turns to explain to the guest judge their reasons for putting them in to that order. A total of 100 points are up for grabs. 50 points are given if they match the judges placings and points are also gained for accuracy of observation, a comparative rather than a descriptive statement, style and ability.

The following week some of our members got the chance to try out their judging skills again, as they travelled to Bolton-by-Bowland to compete for the coveted Semple Trophy. This is an annual competition against the other 6 clubs who were in the old Settle District of Young Farmers Clubs.

This year they were judging dairy cows and fat lambs in the outdoor competition and cakes and photographs in the indoor competition.

The following week we met at Park House Farm, Malham for the 'pallet challenge'. We were split into teams and instructed to make bridges, which we then tested for strength by standing on them and then gradually adding extra weight.

An extra meeting in September was the Settle District Pig Racing night, held at

North Ribblesdale Rugby Club. This was raising money for district funds and everyone who attended had a great time. For the final meeting in September members met at Matrix Superbowl in Skipton for a fun night of ten pin bowling.

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

Alfie Wright



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# North Craven Flower Club

It won't be too long before our guest demonstrators start moving us to begin to think about Christmas! Before that we have our AGM on Thursday, 2nd November starting at 7.30pm in Hellifield Institute. This is when a Chair and committee are elected for the forthcoming year and we look back on the year gone by, remembering what we have done and achieved.



We had a successful session at our Langcliffe Teas in September, raising £369.22 for club funds. Our next fundraiser will be our Open Meeting on

Thursday, 9th November at Gargrave Village Hall. Our guest demonstrator will be Nick Grounds, an auctioneer by day and a National Demonstrator by night! He was last with us in 2018 with a demonstration entitled 'Bah Humbug'. TO the right and left are pictures of some of his designs. As you can see none of them were on the small side and as always, the arrangements were raffled off at the end of the evening.



Tickets are available from Flower Club members or by ringing 01729 840331. They cost £15 but include a complimentary glass of wine. There will also be a sales table with Christmas decorations and plants. Doors open at 6.30pm so you have a chance to peruse the sales table and enjoy your glass of wine.

Although Nick's arrangements will be large and I would imagine full of sparkles, you can achieve a lovely arrangement for Christmas



with a few red carnations, some greenery from the garden and some sparkle in the form of red baubles stuck on kebab sticks and three or four midollino sticks.

This arrangement idea appeared in the Flower Arranger magazine several years ago. This was constructed in a red pot about 60 cm in diameter and a block of wet oasis cut to fit. Or you could insert a glass container inside the pot to hold water and crumpled chicken wire to secure your stems. The long stems of conifer had wire wrapped around the stems, so they could be shaped. The small baubles were glued to wooden kebab sticks so they could be placed in the oasis.

The Flower Arranger magazine is published 4 times a year and is packed with designs, tips and techniques both for the experienced flower arranger and also those just starting. You can buy it from newsagents or subscribe on-line by visiting the NAFAS website.

There will then be just one last meeting this year on 7th December at 7.30pm in Hellifield Village Hall. Our guest demonstrator will be Elaine Bedford with a demonstration entitled 'Christmas Reimagined'. Visitors are always welcome – come and get some ideas for Christmas!





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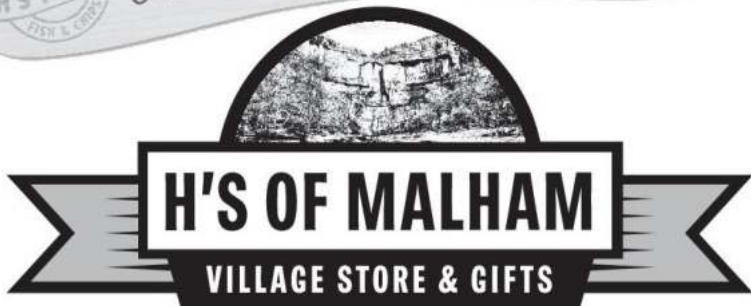
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# Memories of Hellifield, by Brian Shorrock (as told to Ken Leak)

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

Brian has been good enough to put pen to paper and write various articles on different themes. His recollections all paint a picture of the village of Hellifield in days gone by. Brian has asked me to produce his memories for our magazine, and this will be the second article on a variety of themes from him - all of which give us a nostalgic look back on Brian's childhood, and memories of a time when the sound of the steam locomotive was an ever present reminder of the village's role as a busy railway junction.

Brian came from a family of

railwaymen, and in July 1945 the L.M.S (London, Midland & Scottish Railway Company) featured the Shorrocks in their magazine 'Carry On'. The article is shown below. Brian's father was Harry Shorrock who was an engine driver at Hellifield Shed.

Brian recalls his memories of the Railway at Hellifield:

'In my younger days, most Hellifield residents worked on the railway in some capacity or other. Either as engine drivers, fireman, platelayers, fitters, or porters, to name just a few of the railway occupations which made up

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"CARRY ON"

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## MESSRS. SHORROCKS (UNLIMITED) OF HELLIFIELD



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If Running Shed Foreman Darcy so far forgot himself as to open his office door and call "Shorrocks" he'd suffer a major invasion for there are seven Shorrocks at Hellifield M.P.D. - and they're all blood relations. Brothers Jack, Fred, Ted and Harry are all drivers, Brother Bill is a Fitter's Mate, and Jim and Alan, sons of Jack are both passed cleaners. Thus they are carrying on the tradition established by driver William Shorrock (father of the brothers), who came to Hellifield, on the very first day the Shed was opened and remained there until his retirement 45 years later. Altogether Messrs. Shorrocks have put in 191 years service at Hellifield Shed. A fine record, indeed.



Fitter's Mate William



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Passed Cleaner Jim

the workforce of this busy railway station. When I was a boy I would occasionally visit my father – Harry Shorrocks – who was an engine driver at the Hellifield Shed, where engines were repaired and serviced. I vividly remember the smoky and steam laden atmosphere. Dimly lit by what I thought were oil lamps. Oil and grease seemed to be everywhere. The steam engines were huge.

Standing at the same level, and not on an elevated platform, they towered over me. The wheels themselves were much higher than me. Never mind the rest of the structure!

When at work my father came and went at all hours, as this was a very busy railway junction. He often started at 2 a.m. - or finished at that time. Whilst I still enjoy seeing steam engines passing through, I was aware that they were very uncomfortable to work on. Burns and scalds were a hazard from the many valves and pipes. There were no toilets, and eyes were injured by bits of grit from the funnel, when peering out to view signals etc. Once or twice I got a lift on

the footplate with one of my uncles. This was illegal of course, and on board you were either roasted by the fire, or frozen when standing away from it. The whole engine would be rattling and moving from side to side. I sometimes wondered how we managed to get under a bridge. But we always did. Coal fell – or was pushed from the tender down an embankment to keep the home fires burning. These grassy embankments were burnt on an annual basis, thus stopping regular embankment fires, which still occasionally occur today.

During the war, when I was about eight years old, many troop trains passed through and stopped at Hellifield Station. The troop trains were packed with Americans en-route to Europe. These Americans were very generous, throwing out chewing gum and chocolate. The latter – we were totally unable to purchase. Otherwise we were very well fed at home. Once the word spread in the village, dozens of children descended on the station. Inevitably, it became too much for the railway staff and rather annoyingly we were all banned from the platform. The



*As a boy, Brian would have recognised this view of the station. Photo shows the North Box with Engine Shed at the rear.*



station itself had a refreshment room and a W. H. Smiths bookstall. There were also waiting rooms and toilets. There was a regular passenger service from a bay on the eastern end of the platform where you could travel on the many frequent trains which went down the 'Lanky Line' to Clitheroe, Blackburn, Preston etc. As my father received half-price tickets on any train, and also three free passes anywhere on the network, it was used frequently. Sadly and strangely, no regular passenger service exists today. Near the repair shed was a turntable which was operated manually. Further east was a large coal bunker where coal was loaded and unloaded. On the hillside between the turntable and the coal bunker, was a large advertising board which depicted two large men carrying a plank on which was printed 'Sissons Paint Manufacturer'. Presumably this was a metal and/or wooden structure, as it stood for many years.

At the junction of the Leeds and Blackburn line was a cattedock for transporting and delivering animals to the area. At the very join of the two rail lines was a small underground air raid shelter. It may still exist in spite of the housing estate which has now been built on the land where the cattedock and sidings were located. A subway connected the road from the station entrance, and still does. A bell could be rung at the bottom end, so a porter would come down the slope with a heavy truck with metal wheels to collect luggage from the many railway travellers. Not too bad coming down but hard going up! The road and entrance to the station was not visible from the platform, so as young boys we would press the bell and watch from a distance as a porter came down to find no passengers anywhere. He would

have to push the heavy truck back up the subway. Luckily we were not caught. Punishment would have been severe.

Thankfully the station still flourishes and should still continue to do so for many years.'

Brian has recalled many memories of Hellifield Station during his childhood in the 1940's. Many of the features he has pointed out are memorable to me. Particularly the engine shed, turntable, coaling stage, and also the advertising board featuring two men carrying a board advertising paint. The shed, turntable, and coaling stage were all still in use when I moved to Hellifield in 1960. Interestingly, the air raid shelter he speaks of is, as far as I know, still in -situ. During the 1970's myself and a group of lads sneaked into it, and it was full of old railway paperwork, tools etc. The paperwork consisted of old LMS handbills, memo's, adverts, etc. John Percy and I 'retrieved' much of it (if retrieved is the right word) for it was all interesting stuff and dated back many years. There will be more from Brian in further issues of the magazine.

Ken Leak

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# Events in November

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>
1st	Wed	2-4pm	Mothers' Union	Village Hall	Sheila Swinbank
1st	Wed	2-4pm	Games afternoon	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837 727268
1st	Wed	6-7 & 7.30-8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre Haw Grove	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
1st	Wed	7pm	Chess	Black Horse Pub	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760 190222
1st	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866
2nd	Thu	10 -12	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Maralyne 01729
2nd	Thu	7.30pm	Flower Club AGM	Village Hall	Liz Palmer 840331
2nd	Thu	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340
3rd	Fri	9.45-	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson
4th	Sat	10 - 11.30am	Village Hall Coffee Morning	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837 727268
5th	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's	Rev. James Rodley
5th	Sun	2pm	Sunday Service	Methodists -	Letting Manager
5th	Sun	3pm	Service of	St Aidan's	Rev. James Rodley
5th	Sun	6pm	Prayer hour	Methodists -	Letting Manager
6th	Mon	2.30pm	Welcome Mat	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager
6th	Mon	7-9pm	Slimming World	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866
6th	Mon	7.15 -	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree

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7th	Tue	2-4pm	Helliarts	Village Hall	Audrey Edwards - 850351
7th	Tue	6-7 & 7-9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 851660
8th	Wed	9 -	Messy Monkeys	Village Hall	Amanda Belt 07398
8th	Wed	2 - 4pm	Games	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837
8th	Wed	6-7 & 7.30-8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
8th	Wed	7.30pm	Hellifield Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	Parish Clerk - Julie Sleath hellifieldpc@gmail.c
8th	Wed	7pm	Chess	Black Horse Pub	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760 190222
8th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866
9th	Thu	10-12	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Maralyne 01729
9th	Thu	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340
9th	Thu	7.30pm	Book Group - live session in Village Hall Yorke Rm. For on line session - contact Audrey		Audrey Edwards 850351
10th	Fri	9.45-	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson
10th	Fri	2pm	Community Pantry	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
11th	Sat	10-11.30am	Leprosy Coffee Morning	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
12th	Sun	10.40am	Remembrance Service	Meet at War Memorial /St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 851709

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12th	Sun	10.30pm	Lego Church	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
12th	Sun	2pm	Remembrance Service	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
12th	Sun	6.30pm	Bingo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866
13th	Mon	3.30pm	Strong & Steady	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
13th	Mon	7-9pm	Slimming World	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866
13th	Mon	7.15 - 9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree 851806
14th	Tue	6-7 & 7-9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 851660
15th	Wed	9-12.30pm	Messy Monkeys	Village Hall	Amanda Belt 07398 284126
15th	Wed	2-4pm	Helliscribes	Village Hall Yorke Room	Yvonne Crabtree 851806
15th	Wed	2-4pm	Games Afternoon	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837 727268
15th	Wed	5.45-8pm	Christmas Craft workshop	Village Hall	See advert on page 19 for details, Daisy 07766 493280
15th	Wed	6-7 & 7.30-8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
15th	Wed	7pm	Chess	Black Horse Pub	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760 190222
15th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866
16th	Thu	10-12 noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Maralyne 01729 851272
16th	Thu	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340

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16th	Thu	7pm	WI open meeting with Sarah Lister	Village Hall	Carol Weston-Moore 851660 - guests welcome £4
17th	Fri	9.45-11am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 554149
17th	Fri	2pm	Community Pantry	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
18th	Sat	10-11.30am	Methodist Coffee Morning	Village Hall	Letting Manager 07931 511652
19th	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 851709
19th	Sun	10am	Village Walk	Village Car Park	Rebecca Gooch 07443493169
19th	Sun	2pm	Sunday Service	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
20th	Mon	2.30pm	Welcome Mat	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
20th	Mon	7-9pm	Slimming World	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866
20th	Mon	7.15-9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree 851806
21st	Tue	6-7 & 7-9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 851660
22nd	Wed	9-12.30pm	Messy Monkeys	Village Hall	Amanda Belt 07398 284126
22nd	Wed	2-4pm	Games afternoon	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837 727268
22nd	Wed	6-7 & 7.30-8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
22nd	Wed	7.30pm	Julia Chapman (Author)	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837 727268
22nd	Wed	7pm	Chess	Black Horse Pub	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760 190222

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22nd	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866
23rd	Thu	10-12 noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Maralyne 01729 851272
23rd	Thu	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340
24th	Fri	9.45-11am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 554149
24th	Fri	2pm	Community Pantry	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
24th	Fri	8pm	Music Jamming Session	The Black Horse Pub	contact Black Horse for details
25th	Sat	10-11.30am	St Aidan's Church Coffee Morning	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837 727268
26th	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 851709
26th	Sun	10.45 for 11am	Messy Church	St Aidan's Church	James Atkinson jamesatkinson72@outlook.com 07849 673214
26th	Sun	2.00pm	Family Café Church	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
26th	Sun	6.30pm	Bingo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866
27th	Mon	3.30pm	Strong & Steady	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
27th	Mon	7.15pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree 851806
28th	Tue	3.00-4.30pm	Tea, Coffee, Chat	Venue to be confirmed	Margaret Foster
28th	Tue	6-7 & 7-9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 851660
29th	Wed	9-12.30pm	Messy Monkeys	Village Hall	Amanda Belt 07398 284126



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29th	Wed	6-7 & 7.30- 8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
29th	Wed	7pm	Chess	Black Horse Pub	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760 190222
29th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866
30th	Thu	10-12 noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Maralyne 01729 851272
30th	Thu	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340

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