

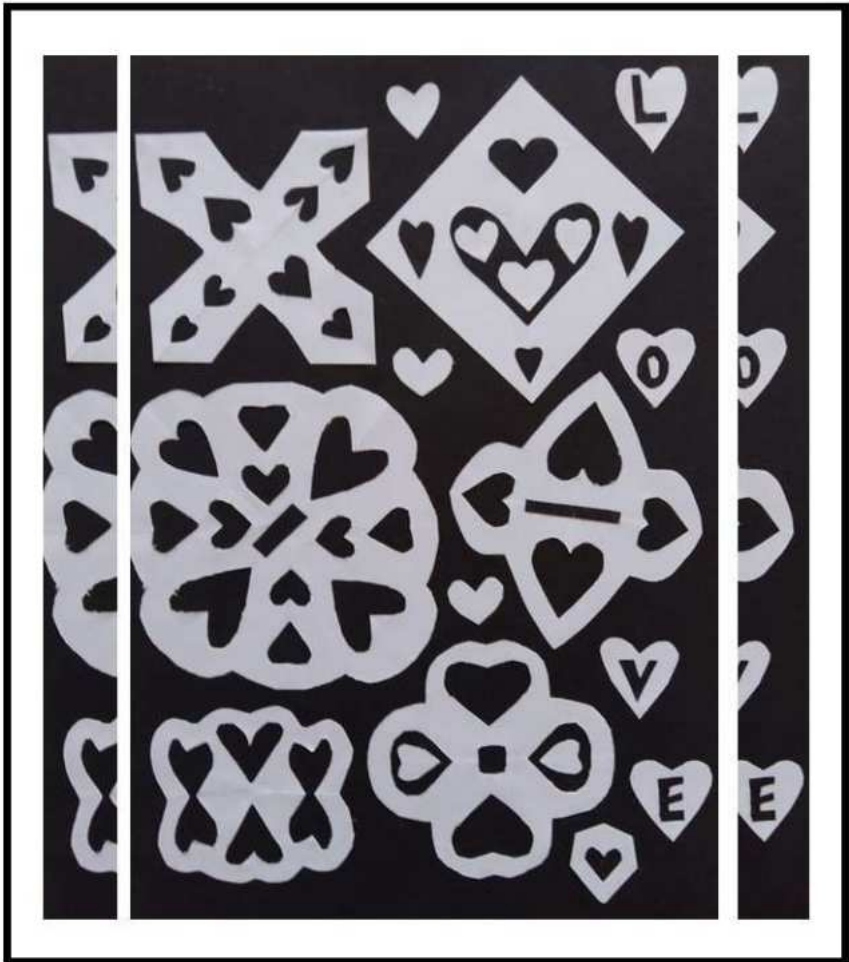
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February 2026

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the 8th of February

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# Editorial

Have you recovered yet? Presumably, you've survived the rigours of Christmas with the in-laws and the hangovers of New Year (or you wouldn't be reading this). Now the merriment of the festive season is over, thank goodness, we can turn our minds to the tricky task of keeping, or ditching, our New Year's resolutions.



New Year's resolutions are supposed to make us healthier and kinder to others. So how is it I don't feel any healthier year on year? And, if I am kinder to others, they don't seem to have noticed. I have the same shortcomings as before, with maybe a couple of extra ones thrown in for good measure.

So, if you had difficulty in choosing some, here are a few resolutions which

I hope you can keep. If you can't keep them, please don't blame me.

You must:

1. be kind and helpful to your neighbour, as a good neighbour is worth their weight in gold (thank you Sheila);
2. accept that your partner is right when they say you need to tidy up after yourself;
3. try not to set fire to your kitchen (if the recipe says "heat the oil in the frying pan to a high temperature" that doesn't mean "so hot it catches fire" – believe me, it doesn't);
4. stop sticking pins in the voodoo doll which represents the person who keeps taking your parking space (it doesn't work, I've tried it);
5. try harder to lose weight and not falter in the colder months (because everybody knows a plate of salad is just what you need on a cold, winter's evening);
6. do the washing up before it becomes difficult to move around your kitchen;
7. clear the junk out of your garage so you can use it for it's original purpose.

I'll stop at 7 because I think that's enough. Here's hoping. Best of luck.

John Cuthbert



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## Bus service update

Happy new year! Since I last wrote there has been a lot of activity in the bus world. In November 2025, the 'Bus Services Act' was passed. Also, North Yorkshire Council's Bus Service Improvement Plans were passed. Both include improving rural bus services.

David Skaith, Mayor of York and North Yorkshire, and all Mayors elected across the country will be focussing on local public transport needs, having some control aimed at improving bus transport.

In December 2025 I submitted a brief presentation to the Democracy Forum describing what the people of Long Preston and Hellifield want from their bus service. Over the past 2 years myself in Long Preston and Trevor Metcalf in Hellifield have been asking for your feedback on the 580 Kirby Lonsdale bus company which passes through our villages from Settle to Skipton.

Our agenda is to be kept informed of any developments to enable us to share with you through our village magazines so that there is adequate

time for everyone to participate in the passenger consultation when it happens. This is not going to be a quick process but hoping to get updates to share with you.

Our aims: To have a meaningful communication pathway from North Yorkshire Council; a bus service which is 'fit for purpose' that meets passenger needs to avoid social isolation; an improved quality of life and practical solutions which will break down barriers to independence for all ages and abilities.

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## Settle Community Library

Very many thanks to those who were able to support the December coffee morning we ran in aid of Settle Community Library. The event raised £275 which helps with some of the costs the Community Library must meet. Although books and services are provided by NYC some of the energy and other costs are met by the community. For those not able to travel to the library, there is the home library service. Once registered you will be allocated a volunteer who will find and deliver to your home books of your choice. You can register online or by ringing 01609 534535.

For those able to travel to the library, it provides a warm space where you can read, use the computers, take your knitting, do a jigsaw or puzzle or simply enjoy the company of a friend.

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A few people have asked if I would consider offering 'Specials'. So from February, I will be trialling 1 hot dish & 1 hot pudding on a Friday, Saturday & Sunday ( or until I sell out).

It will be dishes such as lasagne, cottage pie etc. The dishes will change each week on a rolling basis.

Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date.

The new NYCC Mobile Library Service is back in operation and will visit Hellifield in the car park near Ahernes.

The February visit will be Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 11.45am to 12.45pm.

Bob Moore  
Library Volunteer

## Hellifield Living Advent Calendar 2025

This year's Advent Calendar has once again proved to be a great success. Our contributors are a lovely mixture of regulars and new volunteers. Several people indicated that they had recently moved into the village and wanted to share in this community activity.

In addition to the usual trail, we have added a word puzzle. Each window now displays a letter which when all 24 have been collected will complete a seasonal phrase. The winner will receive a small prize and be announced in the March Edition of the Herald. Next year a design competition for children is planned, with the winner having their design



created by a local artist in a window at Sip and Savour.

This year a small group of contributors to the calendar have gathered together to share ideas and plans for the windows and to consider future events. We have been made very welcome by Michelle at Sip & Savour. There is an ongoing discussion about whether we should organise an event during the summer based around the Hellifield Cows (Coos) as an image that represents the village. Hopefully there will more details to follow in a future edition of the Herald. Colin Blake





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# Hellifield Traffic Speed Monitoring – Update From the CSW Team

When asked a question about having a survey of possible mobile Police CCTV locations in Hellifield, the NY Police Officer who attended the November 2025 meeting of Hellifield PC gave this reply:

“When analysing speed data for the village, Hellifield didn’t qualify for Safety Camera Enforcement due to the speeds not being consistently high. We implemented a CSW group in the village instead and they often deploy on the A65 and Gisburn Road. I have explained to the lead CSW volunteer there (Paul) many times that their outcome is CSW and this remains in place unless further speed data or outcomes from the CSW deployments show they have persistently high average speeds which to date they do not.

“He’s asked numerous times for SCV enforcement due to other villages on the A65 having a presence but we naturally need to deploy the resources where the data proves we need to be either through collisions or through high speeds. We do have a SCV presence just to the south of Hellifield in the national speed limit section which will influence drivers across that whole area.”

What the Officer didn’t mention was that the NY Police CSW Team have had the 24/7 traffic data from our VAS radars deployed in Hellifield since March 2024. This data shows the

increased volumes of traffic, as well as the excess speeds of up to 50mph and up to 70mph that the village experiences on a regular basis (and not always in the ‘quiet hours’). We are the only village in the area where the Village School is located on the A65.



As a resident, if you are concerned about the NY Police comments above, please contact your local NYC Councillor – Cllr Simon Myers, or NY Police direct. Thank you.

Paul Emsley  
Ex Hellifield CSW Co-ordinator



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# Greetings from Lincolnshire

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We thoroughly enjoyed our 15 years in Park Avenue and wanted to thank everyone we knew in the Hellifield Community for always stopping for a chat, providing valuable services, being good neighbours - making it a happy and welcoming place to live. We are sorry if we did not see you to say goodbye.

Very best wishes for 2026. If you are travelling along the A17 and need a tea & wee stop, please consider popping in to see us at 29 Church Street, Heckington.

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## Settle and District Aid in Sickness Fund

The Settle and District Aid in Sickness Fund is a registered charity, operating since 1960, and its entire purpose is to help people with those increased costs relating to sickness. The Fund makes one-off gifts to applicants in Settle Parish and all the eleven parishes that surround Settle.

Examples of the kind of help available are towards the cost of:

- travel to hospital both for patient appointments and for family visits
- winter fuel bills for the housebound or immobile
- equipment to help with immobility
- domestic help

The Charity aims to help those who are less well off, but there are no formal means tests. Applications are handled in the strictest confidence, there are no

age limits and no complicated procedures or forms to be filled out. The amount of each gift is at the discretion of the Trustees, except the rules say there can be no commitment to recurring gifts.

I am the Hellifield representative on the charity. If you think you or someone you know in Hellifield may need the support of the charity, please contact me on either 07976215646 or [bmoore68.bm@gmail.com](mailto:bmoore68.bm@gmail.com)

Bob Moore

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## The Train, by Ruby B

The steam train rocked like a cradle, clickety clack, as it pushed through the night, its iron breath hissing into the dark. I had boarded at dusk, managing a quiet seat opposite another empty one, my coat still smelling of coal smoke and rain, and now the compartment was warm and dim, lit by a single flickering yellowed bulb. Outside, the countryside slipped past unseen. Inside, the rhythm of the wheels lulled me into stillness. Sleep overtaking me. Somewhere between one station and the next, I became aware the train was quieter. Too quiet. The chatter of passengers had faded, and even the engine seemed to move without effort, gliding instead of pounding. I opened my eyes and saw

that the compartment was empty, except for the man sitting opposite me! He wore a dark wool suit, neatly pressed, though the style felt slightly old-fashioned even for 1945. His hat rested on his knees. He had the pale, careful look of someone lit from within rather than from above.

“You missed your stop,” he said gently.

“I don’t think I did,” I replied, though my voice sounded far away, as if spoken through a tunnel.

He smiled, but there was no warmth in it. “That’s what I said too.”

The train whistle sounded long and mournful, echoing in a way that made my throat tighten. I noticed then that the windows showed nothing at all, not

## **Hellifield Methodist Chapel and Wesley Centre February 2026**

- Worship Services on Sundays 2pm: 1<sup>st</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> February
- Prayer for our Community Sunday at 4pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> February
- Family Lego church at 10.30 am on the 8<sup>th</sup> February
- Café Church Sunday at 2pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> February
- Welcome Mat Mondays 2-30 – 4pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February
- Warm Spaces and Soup and sandwich lunch 10-2pm pm every Monday

**In this season we celebrate Valentine's Day on the 14th, but God's Love is available every day 24/7 if you want to accept it. Just say 'Yes' and be blessed.**

## **St Aidan's Church- February 2026**

Please do join us at 9.30am every Sunday as we hold both our wider world and our own village before God in prayer. Dates to note especially in February include:

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 9.30am**

Family Communion as we celebrate "Candlemas"- the end of Christmas! (How's that?- do come and find out!)

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm**

A service for Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent, where we reflect upon ourselves, our lives and our relationship with God.

We'll also be holding a discussion group for Lent at home, starting probably in the last week of February. Look out for notices on social media nearer the time.

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

darkness, not landscape, just a flat, silver-grey mist.

"Where are we?" I asked.

"Between," he answered. "It's a place trains pass through but never stop."

He leaned forward, and for a moment his face flickered, like an image caught between frames of a film. I saw something else beneath him, burnt wood, twisted metal, a platform crowded with people frozen mid-scream.

"I was on this line once," he continued. "Winter of '42. The brakes failed just beyond the bend."

My mouth went dry. I had heard stories, whispers in stations, names spoken softly, accidents never fully explained.

"You're dead," I said.

He nodded, unoffended. "Not entirely. Not while the train still remembers me."

The carriage grew colder. Frost traced the edges of the windows. I felt a sudden weight pressing on my chest, the panic of someone waking too slowly from a nightmare.

The man stood and replaced his hat on his head. "You'll wake soon. When you do, you'll hear the whistle. Don't be afraid of it."

"Why are you here?" I asked.

"To make sure you don't miss your stop," he said again, and this time his smile was kind.

The whistle screamed.

I jolted awake as the train thundered into a station, steam pouring past the windows. The compartment was full once more. My heart raced. Across from me, the seat was empty, but on the cushion lay a faint dusting of ash.

When I stepped onto the platform, the air smelled of soot and frost, and somewhere far down the line, a whistle echoed, like a farewell.

HelliScribes, the Hellifield Writers' Group, meets every third Wednesday in the Village Hall at 2pm. You are most welcome to come along.

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## The High Street, then and now

If we use 1926 to 2026 as our window on time, the general view of the high street at Hellifield looks at first glance to be little changed.



The 2026 view above shows the houses of Craven Terrace with the gateway nearest the camera being an entrance to the former Auction Mart which stood at the rear of the terrace. Further along the row was the site of the village post office, now relocated to within Aherne's shop. The building at the end was the former Temperance Hotel. All the buildings are occupied and in use with 'Sip and Savour' being the latest venture to occupy the accommodation at the end of the row. The old school house and Institute stand as a key guide to the location. To the right of the picture Wayne's Village Stores occupy the row with the former Butchers Shop on the end of the row currently unoccupied. The underpass on the right was constructed in the late 1980's.



This view above was taken earlier than 1926. Probably early Edwardian. Of interest are the gates which divided the entrances to the Auction Mart land and the houses on L&Y Terrace. These gates were taken away when the houses and

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shop (known as The Fold) at the end of the row were demolished to create a parking and unloading space for the Mart in the early 20th century. One of the houses on the left near the original post office was used as a bank when the Auction Mart was built and in use from 1886/87. On the right were the village stores and from the early years of the 20th Century an improved facility for a bank and in later years a small jewellers.



Above: The original main sale ring during demolition in the early 1990's. Situated at the rear of Craven Terrace the building was also used to host village concerts and Gala entertainment plus a regular furniture sale during the 1970's.



The current view of the Main Street looking towards the Railway bridge is shown above. At the moment the former building, which for many years was a butcher's, is unoccupied. Prior to the building of the Railway extension from Chatburn to Hellifield and the opening of the Auction Mart, the small building now occupied by Yorkshire Paving was the last building in Hellifield Village going north.

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1:00 pm to 3:30 pm
- Friday 9:00 am to 12:15 pm
- Saturday Closed
- Sunday Closed



Above: A view of the Temperance Arms houses and Craven Terrace. Of particular interest are the buildings on the right which consisted of houses and a small shop. These houses jutted out into the road and created a dangerous blind spot when road traffic increased due to the Auction Mart traffic. Particularly, the use of motor vehicles. By 1926 they had been demolished to create parking and unloading for the Mart which by then had increased in size.

The general view of the High Street is probably one of the least changed aspects of the village. The railway bridge at one end and the old School House and Institute at the other being obvious key features. The Post Office has been relocated (at least we still have one!) and the underpass has been built to provide safe passage for pedestrians along this very busy road. The former building of the old Temperance Hotel continues to be used and this area of Hellifield remains the sole retail and trading area in the village.

Ken Leak

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## Mothers' Union

Sheila, our President, welcomed members and visitors to our December meeting. We prayed for Jean and Cath who were unable to be with us, due to health issues. Joy led our prayers and also told us about how our donations could be doubled for a project in Uganda. We raised £95 which will be doubled to £190 which is amazing. Thank you for your generosity.

Sue told us about the campaign to raise awareness about gender based violence and how we could help. Sheila welcomed our Speaker, Mark Ireland who had recently returned from a mission trip to Burundi. We were delighted to learn exactly where the country was situated in East Africa

and how the Team from SOMA (Sharing on Mission Abroad) were training young pastors and their spouses to serve the Lord in their churches and communities. Everyone was very interested and asked further questions. We finished with delicious cakes baked by Gill and cups of tea.

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Or just come along and see what you think.

## HELLIFIELD WI

Hellifield WI has now been running for over 75 years. Our current aim is to have a monthly meeting with a speaker or demonstrator. We keep our official business to the minimum and try to have a more modern approach with the focus being on getting together for a social event rather than a formal meeting so we can all enjoy a relaxed time in good company. (Less Jam and Jerusalem, more Tea/Coffee and Cake/Biscuits).

Our meetings take place on the third Thursday of the month at the Village Hall at 7.15pm. Guests are always welcome for a small charge of £4 which includes refreshments. **SO WHY NOT GIVE US A TRY!**

**January Meeting (15.1.26) Flower arranging demo by Yvonne Crabtree - Institute. February meeting – venue and speaker to be confirmed.**

We celebrated two December birthdays, Pam and Annie, and wished everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year. At our January meeting members took part in the Wave of Prayer in which we pray for the work of the Mothers' Union in our link Dioceses. We lit candles for each of the areas as we learned more about their challenges and opportunities. We prayed for our own members too who

were unable to join us, but were delighted to welcome some visitors. We celebrated Jean's birthday with refreshments at the end of the meeting. Our next meeting on February 4th will be the A.G.M and we hope to meet at the Wesley Centre in Haw Grove as the Institute will be closed for refurbishment.

Sheila Swinbank and Joy Orwell

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## Yorkshire Dales photography competition

Would you like your photograph to feature in an exhibition at the Dales Countryside Museum, or in a regional calendar? The Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust 'Rivers4Life' Winter Photography Competition is now open.

The charity is looking for the best photographs of Yorkshire Dales rivers and wildlife this winter, to be included in its Rivers4Life exhibition which will be mounted at the Dales Countryside Museum in 2026 and will also feature in its 2027 calendar - all funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

For an entry form, visit:  
[www.ydrt.org.uk/photography-competition/](http://www.ydrt.org.uk/photography-competition/)

The winter stage of the competition closes on 5 March.

Remember to include the location of your photographs, taken in the catchments of the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust which includes the rivers Swale, Ure, Nidd, Wharfe and Ouse and their tributaries.

The Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust was established in 2004 as a Registered Charity, working to enhance and protect the rivers of the Yorkshire Dales for the benefit of everyone. By

working in partnership with landowners, businesses, land managers and the public, it aims to care for the rivers, streams and catchments of the Swale, Ure, Nidd, Wharfe and Ouse as sources of pure water, as habitats for aquatic and other wildlife, and as havens of quiet recreation for everyone to enjoy. It also works with schools and communities to inform children and the wider public, to ensure a better understanding, care and appreciation of rivers and their associated habitats.



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He leapt straight up into my arms  
And I held him tightly there  
Then I closed my eyes and kissed him  
On his beautiful, shiny blond hair

I set him down upon the floor  
Then looked, aghast, at his head  
For there, as the clearest imprint  
Were my lips, of the brightest red!

His Mum came into the kitchen  
And immediately glared at me  
Her son was bathed and hair-washed  
They were all going out for tea!

The scarlet paint upon my lips  
Left room for not one doubt  
The guilt was at my doorstep  
And I couldn't wriggle out

I fetched the makeup remover  
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# The Pets A'Peel mystery

I hope you managed to attend the Christmas play but if not, here is a brief description of what you missed! Firstly, thanks must go to Ben & Becky Caldwell, the current owners of the Peel, for allowing us to “borrow” their home and install the Addams family in it for the duration of our play 😊. And thanks also to Audrey Edwards, who did a marvellous job on the backdrop, recreating the grand interior of the Peel, embellished with some spooky additions.

The props team / stagehands / set-builders also did a great job, adorning the stage with all kinds of weird and wonderful items, which added to the atmosphere, including a skeleton, kindly loaned by a relative of Bob & Carol Moore.

The outline of the plot was that the Addams family had recently moved into the Peel, bringing with them their strange menagerie of spiders, snakes, a monitor lizard and a Komodo dragon. Shortly after their arrival, the village pets (so well fed and cared for by their owners) start to go missing and suspicion fell on the Addams family, who were possibly feeding them to their own ‘pets’.

The Parish council members were called upon to sort out what was happening, with Glyn Edwards and Paul Surbutts supposedly providing the ‘muscle’. In the end, it fell to Chairperson Elizabeth (Bland) to sort it out by bravely going to visit the family at the Peel.

Karen Dunwoodie played a marvellous Morticia, with John Cressey as her adoring husband Gomez. Rosemary Padgett-Roberts took the role of Grandmama, with Ian Gray, his wife Jane and Sue Emsley playing the roles

of Pugsley and his ‘identical’ twin sisters, Tuesday & Thursday.

Completing the family were Tony & Jackie Clarkson, as Uncle Fester and his glamorous girlfriend, who had met whilst on a Bibby’s trip to Blackpool, where Fester had gone to brush up on his dancing skills, ready for the Christmas party that the Addams family were giving for the whole village. Tony & Jackie executed a fabulous Argentine tango, to prove that their trip hadn’t been wasted 😊

Mark Winter made an excellent Lurch, with Sheila Kershaw’s hand appearing as “Thing”!

Liz Kilburn provided the love interest for Pugsley, who very nearly put her off him completely, with his very funny rendition of “You Were Made for Me”.

The stolen pets were played by myself, Bob & Carol Moore and Jackie Winter and we were all rescued by the artful and wily cat, Demonica (Audrey Edwards) with the help of “Thing” and Lurch.

A joyous reunion took place at the Peel, with all the Addams family and their guests in attendance. It wasn’t the Addams family who had been stealing the pets but Mr. Badman who, of course, came from Long Preston! Mr.

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Badman was played by Alan Harker. who does, in fact, live in Long Preston and was great at getting the audience to boo, hiss and shout at him 😊

Obviously, the whole point of the play was to show what a great place Hellifield is and how we are always willing to accept new people into the village, however “different” they may be (not that we’re suggesting that Ben & Becky bear any resemblance to the Addams family!) 😊

Sheila Kershaw did a fantastic job with the make-up for everyone, whilst her husband Chris ensured that the lights and sound were perfectly aligned, as well as sorting out appropriate music for in between the scenes.

The cast provided their own costumes and really went to town, with splendid wigs and accessories and Mark Winter even shaved off his beard!

Jen Darling did an excellent job as our prompter, though thankfully, her efforts weren’t required too often!

The basic idea for the play was mine but I am extremely grateful to Audrey Edwards and Sheila Kershaw for their huge input on the script, as well as their invaluable help with directing and producing the play.

Watch this space for news of our next offering!

Yvonne Crabtree

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## Hellifield’s Christmas 2025

Hellifield made Christmas very special again this year with the Christmas panto *The Pets A’Peel* (described in detail above), which those involved hope you enjoyed. The photos below show two of the stage scenes, including the cage scene where all the animals were trapped ready to be transported to the dreaded Long Preston Farm.



*Animals in cage with Demonica the cat*



*Grandma, dead husband, Cousin It and Leonardo the stuffed leopard!*

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and the Station and Christmas services both at St Aidan's and the Methodists Chapel.

The Social Club held a Christmas Party for local children along with Christmas Bingo and there were lots of mini parties held by Helligroups, including Line Dancing, Book Group and WI, and I am sure the school also had special performances to make

Our next great event took place in St Aidan's Church and was a spectacular musical production by Helligingers. Sue Alderson who leads this group put on an amazing concert with some classical, dramatic seasonal music including a rendition of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus, Christmas Carols and even "Slade", which the Audience where invited to join in with where appropriate.

a great start to the Christmas season.

There were also the advent Calendar windows – so thanks to everyone who made an effort to decorate their windows and to all those who took the time to walk around and see the amazing displays. The magazine set up a children's Christmas Card competition and all the entries were amazing; not to be outdone, the football team produced a Christmas Quiz!



*Picture taken at the Methodists Carol Service at the Station Café*

If you took part in any of the above, I am sure you will have great memories to look back on as we begin the next few winter months. Don't forget to keep sending in your articles to the magazine to keep us interested and amused. Helligfield Herald depends on you for material and you can contact us via the magazine email (details on page 2) or pop anything through my letterbox (9 Newton Way). Hope to hear from you soon.

Following these two major events were Carol Services at the Social Club

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And what ops they're planning to have  
Which doctors they've recently visited  
And how often they go to the lav.

Each speaker becomes more eager  
To impart all the gory details  
In future, I'll pass on the coffee  
And go back to just sending emails

That way, I can tell my own story  
But won't have to listen to theirs  
My organ recital's much grizzlier  
And my tablet list? Nothing compares!

I'm taking thirty-three tablets  
I'm booked in for a hip and a knee  
My wrist's playing up - and my ankle  
But that's quite enough about me

Oh, you've got some operations planned?  
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# Christmas Card Competition 2025

By the time you read this, Christmas and New Year will be far behind us. One of the delightful events this year was the Children's Christmas Card competition which was the first one launched by the Hellifield Herald.

There were a small number of entries but every competitor entered with enthusiasm and used their skills and imagination to create a unique card which evoked the atmosphere of Christmas.

The age range was 3 to 10 years and the cards, when displayed together, made an attractive festive display in the Yorke Room of the Village Hall.

Art competitions are always difficult to judge because each entry is an individual piece of work with its own merits. I prefer to regard our competitions as an opportunity for children to:

- Use their imagination and

skills to produce a piece of art work in response to a theme.

- See their work exhibited in the village.
- Enable people in the village to enjoy viewing the work.

The competition ticked all these boxes and there was plenty of positive feedback from both competitors and viewers.

The Hellifield Herald team would like to thank all those who entered and all who came to see the exhibition. Thank you also to the families of the competitors for their support and to the team at H's who provided a collection hub and helped the organisation to run smoothly.



Here is the list of prize winners:

Age group 7 - 10 years:

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## View from the Vicarage

By the time our readers get to see this, it will be well on the way to an early Easter (5th April this year), and so memories of Christmas will probably have long since faded. But I just want to express my appreciation to all of those, both members of our regular congregation and others from our village, who offered their time and expertise to make our Christmas events and services so memorable. It was marvellous to see so many in church for our carols, crib service and – not least- the Hellisingers concert, and our carol singing at Hellifield House. Thank you again for coming!

I wrote recently about memories from the 1970s and I'm going to indulge myself once more with an advertising strapline from that decade. Do you remember "a dog is for life, not just for Christmas", a phrase coined in an attempt to reduce the number of abandoned pets after the festive season? Well, a Christian (for, a different reason, obviously!) would hopefully say something similar about the person of Jesus, too. That to encounter Jesus solely as the baby at Bethlehem is all well and good, but in the end not much use in helping us navigate the challenges of our lives. We wouldn't expect our own little children to be able to do stuff for us, after all, and for all that the first Christians claimed powerfully that Jesus was indeed "God incarnate", the Bible also stresses that Jesus needed the care and love of an earthly home before he was ready, aged probably around 30, to take his radical message into the deeply challenging environment of his own day.

So if you're feeling, in the middle of winter as you digest this latest magazine, that all the "comfort and joy" of Christmas hasn't really

sustained you for very long in 2026, don't worry- it's not meant to! St Aidan's will be following, week by week until Easter, the story of how the adult Jesus came to lay down his challenge to a world full of violence, greed and exploitation, It's a story that reaches its extraordinary climax at Easter, by when in Hellifield we'll hopefully be enjoying our annual move away from the cold and darkness of winter into the new, fresh, fragrant, even (maybe?) warm-ish air of spring.

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# Women's Institute

Happy New Year to all our members and friends of Hellifield WI. Our February meeting has moved venue, due to the toilet refurbishment at the Village Hall. For this open meeting we will be using Hellifield House (Social Club) in the back room.

Many thanks to Yvonne for her flower demonstration in January, and from those of us who were lucky enough to win a flower arrangement, a special thank you. My prize was an amazing bouquet of mixed flowers, and I was delighted!

March will bring our Annual Meeting and renewal of membership. If you are continuing your membership, please try and bring your subscription along to the February meeting. This year the amount will be £38 (as last year). Hellifield WI are once again subsidising our portion of the membership fee, so the amount above goes mostly to Federation and Craven. We can do this thanks to the generosity of the Beer Festival and coffee mornings run by our group during last year.

In April this year we are holding a coffee morning but instead of any profits going to ourselves, they will be sent to the Hope for Tomorrow Bus charity, who helped our Vice President Judith with cancer treatment. I am sure you are all aware that Judith sadly passed away in November and will be greatly missed. That means that in March we will be looking for a new President, as Aileen is retiring, a Vice President to replace Judith, a secretary as I am leaving WI. Some of the present committee members are

willing to be put forward to fill some posts, but without all the above, we are not allowed to continue, so if you would like to become part of the committee or take on one of the above roles, please let me have your details prior to the meeting. I understand our Treasurer is willing to continue, but again you will need to approve her appointment. It is important that members do attend the annual meeting to vote on the above. If we do not have the relevant committee members in place, then unfortunately Hellifield WI will have to close.

I will be reporting on the March meeting as retiring Joint Secretary, but after that another member will (I hope) write the monthly article for the magazine, so you will still be informed of what is happening and who are speakers are.

For now, if you are new to the village and interested in joining the WI, or just coming along to see how we operate, please give me or our President a call:

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# Do not be my Valentine

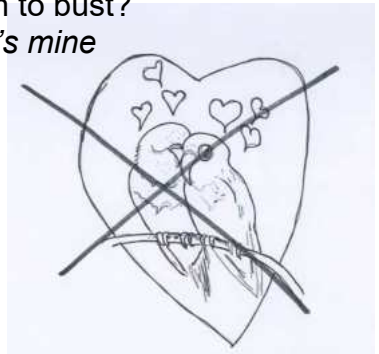
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*A date with you would be divine*  
**BUT DO NOT BE MY VALENTINE**

I do not want to disappoint  
Roses are fine, and hearts up to a point  
I'm happy to go to dine and dance  
But I can't book three months in advance  
*We will indulge in sparkling wine*  
**BUT DO NOT BE MY VALENTINE**

A date on the 15<sup>th</sup> is quite OK  
Or even the 13<sup>th</sup> (if it's not a Friday)  
The dinner will be just as nice  
And we can treat ourselves for half the price  
*I will shower you with gems that shine*  
**BUT DO NOT BE MY VALENTINE**

Perhaps the shopkeepers need the chance  
To cash in on this wave of romance  
Without this annual surge of lust  
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*I will share with you everything that's mine*  
**BUT DO NOT BE MY VALENTINE!**

Audrey Edwards



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# Institute (Village Hall) news

New exciting things are happening in the Institute (Village Hall) at the start of 2026. By the time you are reading this, the Village Hall will be closed so that the final touches to the new toilets can be completed. They have been designed completely differently to enable much better disabled access. We are due to re-open in the middle of February, so do come in once business starts again to have a look at the layout of the finished loos! Once the exact date of opening is known, this will be published on the notice board at the front of the building and on Facebook.

We apologise that all the regular activities, such as the coffee mornings, badminton, table tennis, roll mat bowls, HelliCrafts, HelliArts, HelliGames, HelliScribes, HelliReaders, linedancing, WI, Flower Club, Mothers Union have had to be put on hold but we hope it will all be worth while, once better facilities are available.

Once open, we are looking forward to a new programme of Wendy's Dance / Exercise Classes, which will be every two weeks on Thursday afternoons, starting on 19<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00 pm for just £3. Why not come along and have fun whilst shedding some Christmas and New Year excesses!

We will also be continuing with our Music Night sessions through the year. Dates and themes to follow.

A date for the diary is Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 8.00 pm when David Green, an Acoustic Blues and Rock Singer/Songwriter will be performing his music for us. More detailed information will be in the March magazine.

The Institute (Village Hall) is a community building for the use of local

villagers so if you would like to utilise it for a function – a party or meeting or charitable function, or any other activity, then do get in touch with our booking secretaries Ken & Heather Leak on 07837 727268 or 07790 042206.

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# Events in February

Day	Time	Event	Contact	Dates
<b>Village Hall</b> (As the Village Hall is closed for refurbishment during the first half of February, some of the dates below may be subject to change).				
Mon	7.15-9pm	Table Tennis	Andy Crabtree 01729 851806	16th, 23rd
Tue	6-7&7-9pm	Badminton	Rebecca Gooch 07443 493169	17th, 24th
Wed	2-4pm	Helligames	Karen Dunwoodie 07756 862086	18th, 25th
Wed	2-4pm	Helliscribes	Yvonne Crabtree 01729 851806	18th
Thu	10-12 noon	Bowling	Maralyne 01729 851272	19th, 26th
Thu	11-12noon	Police Surgery	Ken Leak 07837 727268	19th
Thu	2-4pm	Exercise Class	Wendy Robinson 07970 734523	19th
Fri	9.45-11.15am	Hellisingers	Sue Alderson 01729 554149	20th, 27th
Fri	1-3pm	Helli-Line dancing	Jane Gray 07971 656461	20th, 27th
Sat	10-11.30am	Village Hall Coffee Morning	Ken Leak 07837 727268	21st
Sat	10-11.30am	Charity Coffee Morning	Ken Leak 07837 727268	28th
<b>Methodist Chapel / Wesley Centre</b>				
Sun	2pm	Sunday Service	Letting Manager 07931 511652	1st, 8th, 15th
Sun	4pm	Hour of Prayer	Letting Manager 07931 511652	1st

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Sun	10.30am	Family Lego Church	Letting Manager 07931 511652	8th
Sun	2pm	Café Church	Letting Manager 07931 511652	22nd
Mon	10-2pm	Warm Spaces	Letting Manager 07931 511652	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd
Mon	2pm	Welcome Mat	Letting Manager 07931 511652	2nd, 16th
Tue	9.30-11am	Hellitots	Letting Manager 07931 511652	Term time only
Wed	2-4pm	Mothers' Union AGM	President 01729 850458	change of venue 4th Feb
Wed	6-7&7-8pm	Kettlebells	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
Thu	12 noon	Drop-in Lunch	Joy Phillips 01729 850340	5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
<b>Hellifield House Social Club</b>				
Sun	6.30pm	Bingo	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866	1st, 15th
Tue	2-4pm	Tea/Coffee/Chat	Margaret Foster	24th
Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
Thu	7.15pm	WI Open Meeting Carol Weston Moore	07855 191927	19th (not in the Village hall)
Sat	7pm	Family Disco	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866	14th
<b>St Aidan's Church</b>				
Sun	9.30am	Candlemas Celebration	Rev. James Rodley 01729 851709	1st

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Sun	9.30am	Church Service	Rev. James Rodley 01729 851709	8th, 15th, 22nd
Sun	10.45am	Messy Church	James Atkinson 078496 73214	15th
Tue	8.45am	Informal Prayer	Rev. James Rodley 01729 851709	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
Wed	7pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Rev. James Rodley 01729 851709	18th

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### Other events

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Sun	10.00am	Helliwalkers - Village Car Park	Rebecca Gooch 07443 493169	15th
Thu	11.45am	Mobile Library	Village Car Park	19th

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John Cuthbert - Editor

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