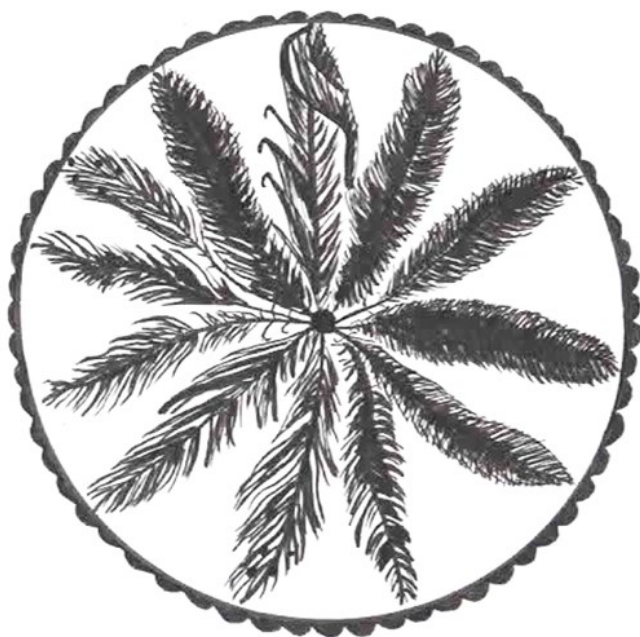

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June 2024

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The deadline for contributions to the July edition
is the 8th of June

Editorial

I am glad that I am writing the editorial for June this time because June is my favourite month. It is the month which has the most daylight and contains the longest day. Summer has arrived but has not yet had time to show signs of fading. Swallows and swifts dart about and perch on the telephone wires in Haw Grove and we can hear birdsong and see bright colours everywhere.

There is a general feeling of lightness as we shed layers of winter clothes and sit outside instead of huddling round the fire.



The beginning of June heralds the start of the festival season. Villages in the area organise numerous festivals featuring an amazing variety of themes and styles.

Our magazine features two festivals to look forward to in Hellifield, the Beer Festival and Stanfest. These sociable events showcase our village talent, provide great entertainment, and raise money for a number of local charities.

However we do not have to wait for festivals to enjoy ourselves in Hellifield. On most days and/or evenings in any week we can stroll down to the Village and find an event or activity to take part in.

We can keep fit with table tennis, badminton, indoor bowls and line dancing. We can exercise our brains at HelliReaders, Quizgo or the Games

afternoon or be creative at HelliArts and HelliCrafts or join other groups too numerous to mention!

There is the opportunity to hear interesting talks and demonstrations at the WI, Mothers' Union or the Flower Club. The Flower Club article this month takes the form of a quiz so have a go at matching the flower arrangements to their titles.

If we just want to relax, chat to friends and meet new people there are coffee mornings and Drop-ins at the Village Hall and Wesley Centre.

You can find information about all these activities, and many more, on the Events pages at the back of the magazine.

Is there a regular activity which you enjoy going to? Or perhaps you have recently tried something new. Why not write a short article about it and send it to the magazine?

To finish off I would like to thank all the people who volunteer to organise and support these activities. Without the work of these people there would be no activities nor would there be suitable venues for them to take place.

Audrey Edwards
Assistant Editor



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Mothers' Union Meeting May 1st 2024

Sheila opened the meeting by lighting a candle for absent friends and led us in prayer. She then welcomed local boy, Ken Leak to our May meeting. He brought a selection of slides from Rose Lambert, who used to run a shop in the village with her late husband, Brian. He also showed some photos of the first Hellifield Gala from Sheila, our President.

We were all enthralled, seeing aspects of the village from a bygone era we perhaps hadn't seen before. Hellifield born and bred members added snippets of information for those of us who grew up elsewhere. The time flew by and we ended with a delicious array of biscuits and welcome cups of tea. Sheila Swinbank and Joy Orwell

Picture below is taken from Ken Leak's talk



Apologies to the Mothers' Union – their May event was listed as 8th of May not 1st, so hope you didn't turn up on the wrong afternoon!

Carol – Calendar organiser.

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Flower Club

Our guest demonstrator in April was Judy Watker with a demonstration entitled 'Just Because' As with other demonstrators, Judy entitled her arrangements to reflect what image she was trying to create.



See if you can match the arrangement to the title.



The titles are:

- Hollywood.
- Marmite (because you like it or you don't).
- Windmills of Your Mind.
- Africa.
- CD Rack.



Answers on Page 9

Hellifield Hike: April's Village Walk

April's walk saw 11 Helliwalkers stay local - heading up Haw Lane, across the fairly boggy ground to Langber Lane before taking a little-known footpath over fields to the east, giving wonderful long-range views not normally seen from up there. We then walked back to Langber Lane – our picnic spot.



It should have been an easy walk back from there (ha ha) – but we took the slightly more difficult route due to chit chatting so we did a little bit of scrambling down the hill and jumping over the beck. Well, a walk is no fun unless you go wrong is it!?

We meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month, 10am in the village car park outside Aherne's where we share lifts to the start of the walk.

The next walks are 19th May (from Settle), 16th June and 21st July.

If you would like to join us, please email **rebgooch@gmail.com**

or text / call Rebecca on 07443 493169.

I will send out more information about each walk a week or so in advance.



Flower Club: answers to the quiz on p.7

A is Marmite. It uses a tall black vase with red midollino sticks made into spirals at the base. There are bold strelitzia, yellow spray carnations, leucadendron and craspedia (yellow pom poms that can be dried)

B is Africa, and uses dried aspidistra leaves, photinia leaves that have the red new growth, kangaroo paw, tangerine carnations, leucadendron, pink orchid woven palm leaves and pink spray carnations.

C is CD rack as an old CD rack with oasis blocks attached at the top and bottom, has been used as the frame. The main flowers are blue delphiniums, blue gentians, memory lane roses, purple tulips, lilac freesia, purple iris and purple clematis

D is Windmills of your Mind and uses a mantle vase which has a metal ring covered in white yarn making the 'Windmill'. Flowers used are white anthuriums, white lilies, white Ranunculus and green carnations placed inside the circle.

E is Hollywood using silver sprayed palm leaves, white Anthuriums, white gerbera, red carnations and white ostrich feathers. It reminded me of Marilyn Monroe in the famous scene of the white dress and bright red lipstick.



It always amazes me how the demonstrators use the flowers to create an image, which is why, I suppose, it is called 'Floral Art'. They must spend a considerable time making their 'mechanics' and accessories to bring their ideas alive.

Liz Palmer



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Body found in Thorndale Street

This is the third instalment of the fictional story being written by four members of the Hellifield Writers' Group. It is set in Hellifield in the year 2044, 20 years from now. In the first episode, John Cuthbert was found dead outside his house in Thorndale Street. In the second episode, plans were put in place for the villagers to investigate. This third episode has been written by Audrey Edwards.

Sarah walked through the streets of Hellifield. It was 16 years since her last visit and it was almost unrecognisable. She was hoping that her friend Thelma still lived at the same address. Thorndale street was empty except for two women and a man standing outside a house. There was something strange about their demeanour which made her think they were not just chatting.

At she drew nearer to them she recognised Thelma who was holding a key in her hand and looking worried. The three looked up furtively as Sarah approached. Thelma seemed to be raking round in her brain then at last her eyes lit up and she exclaimed

'Sarah! What are you doing here?'

'A nice greeting after 16 years,' said Sarah, smiling. 'I set out for Carlisle this morning but the National Rail Department had other plans for me. The train was unable to recharge because of a power cut at the station so I thought I would pay you a visit, thinking that at least I might get a brew.'

Thelma quickly introduced Sarah to her friends, Jean and Joe, and added pointedly

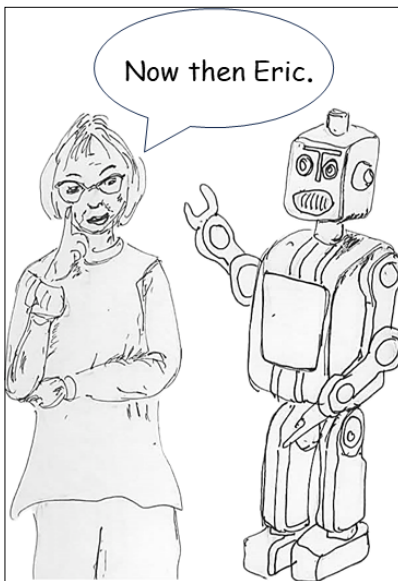
.'She works for the police in Leeds.'

'Not any more' said Sarah 'I have retired.'

'Perfect' said Thelma. 'Come on in.'

'This isn't your house is it?' said Sarah 'What are you up to?'

'I don't suppose you get the Hellifield news up in Leeds.....' Thelma began.



'Has this got something to do with the suspicious death I read about on the way here?'

'Sharp as ever I see. Well we don't think the police have done enough to investigate it so we are doing their job for them.'

'I might have known! What have you got so far.'

Together the three friends filled Sarah in on what they already knew.

'We have come in here to look for clues' said Joe 'And we thought we would start with his robotic assistant.'

The house had a sad empty feel, although it was clean and tidy. It had not been designated as a crime scene so friends and relatives had been able to come in and remove perishable food.

Eric, John's PRA (Personal Robotic Assistant), stood in his usual corner. He was programmed to respond to Thelma's voice as well as John's and so he sprang into life at her friendly greeting of

'Now then Eric'.

She thought for a moment and then said;

'Who was here on Tuesday 6th June?'

'Tuesday 6th June' repeated Eric then, after a pause 'Male human, previously unknown, spoke in unfriendly tones. Did not leave when asked by John. Asked for data from 30 years ago.'

'What data?' asked Thelma

There were some noises from Eric and a pause before he said

'No files found. No data available on this device for year specified.'

'In other words, it's before his time' said Thelma. 'Young people are always saying that but I didn't think I would hear it from a robot.'

'We had better look for his laptop' said Joe

'What about the password?' asked Sarah

'I did some repairs on it last week, it's a really old machine' said Joe.
'I remember the password – that is if he hasn't changed it since then'

Thelma located it hidden under tea towels in a drawer. Joe placed it on a small table, opened it up and typed in the password. The screen slowly lit up. They gathered round to see the screen. Jean leaned against the sideboard and they heard a clatter. A vase of nearly dead flowers had fallen down and water spilled across the wooden floor.

'I'll get a cloth' said Jean and headed towards the kitchen.

Thelma and Sarah watched the screen while Joe opened file after file, quickly browsing through the documents. They were so absorbed that they jumped when Jean shouted

'Look what I've found!'

They turned to see her holding a biscuit box in one hand and its lid in the other. She put the box on the table and they gathered round. It was full of documents. She pulled out a birth certificate. The name on it was John Carrington, year of birth 1956.

She pulled more documents out and discovered a passport in the same name. Its maroon cover identified it as a pre – Brexit issue. It had expired in 1993. The picture showed a much younger version of John. They looked at each other wondering what this could mean.

'This is definitely a photo of John Cuthbert' said Thelma 'but why is the name different?'

'There could be many possible reasons for a name change,' said Sarah 'one of them could be that he was in witness protection. If this is true why was he keeping evidence of his former identity in a place where it was so easy to find?'

'It was in a little hole between the bottom of the cupboard and the floor,' said Jean 'There was another box in there as well but I couldn't get it out.'

They all went through to the kitchen and Jean showed them the hole in the bottom of the cupboard. They could see the corner of a box. Sarah removed a panel at the front which was covering the space under the cupboard and they used a fish slice to slide the box along the floor and out.

They opened the box. There was a hard object wrapped in an oiled cloth. It had an acrid smell. They looked at each other.

Suddenly there was a knock at the door and a shout from outside.

'Police! Open the door!'

They froze. After a pause they heard someone shout

'Stand back from the door we are coming in!'

Part 4 will be published in the July Hellifield Herald

Anyone who would like to join the Writers' Group is most welcome. We meet at the Institute every third Wednesday of the month, from 2 until 4pm.

Gargrave Art Exhibition 2024

After another successful show, we are again delighted to welcome artists and visitors to the Gargrave Art Exhibition. We look forward to showcasing all the fabulous artwork from local artists, both amateur and professional. With at last sixty artists exhibiting and hundreds of artworks to savour, we welcome a thousand or so visitors. With our thanks to Ken Leak, a much respected and widely published illustrator and supporter of the show.



Ken writes:
“Born in Colne but resident from three years old in Hellifield, my earliest memories of art and drawing were sitting on the carpet copying popular cartoon characters. Aged about 12, I read a book written and illustrated by D.J. Watkins-Pitchford. Called Brendon Chase, it concerned the story of 3 young lads who run away from home and live by hunting and fishing in a large forest. It was the pictures drawn using ‘scraperboard’ technique that truly captivated me and is an interest that has never left me. The method involved scraping or etching away the black chalk covering on the scraperboard to

reveal the white surface below. Different sizes of nib would produce different effects. The resulting drawing was a very atmospheric illustration which emphasised the effects of light and shade.

After leaving school and deciding not to pursue art at college, I spent 4 happy years at Skipton Tax Office where my skills at cartoons and amusing illustrations were employed to good effect for birthday gifts, leaving presents etc. I joined the RAF in 1980 and throughout my military career, my artwork was used in MOD publications, often reflecting the humorous side of service life.

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St Aidan's Church

June 2024

Our relaxed, traditional worship continues every Sunday at 9.30am- please join us as we pray for the needs of our village, our country and the world. Our readings and reflections in the summer will be based on Mark's gospel, written down not long after the events it describes, which asks- "just who is this man Jesus? And why is he so important?"

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Gargrave Art Scrapbook by Ken Leak

(Continued from p.14)

Serving in The Falklands and Bosnia, I produced cartoons and illustrations showing the different aspects of service in these troubled regions.

All this time I illustrated a series of 'Classic Walks' by Orchard Publishing which are still on sale today. On leaving the RAF in 1996 and settling in Hellifield once more, I wrote two books on the history of Hellifield and included illustrations within the text.

Though retired I continue at my leisure to produce pictures on request - and for the 'Hellifield Herald' magazine. Just to keep my hand in so to speak!"

Although Ken does not enter, the scraperboard technique is often displayed at the exhibition.

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Summer Festivals 2024

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The refurbishment of the Yorke Room has allowed us to try a new location within the Institute and so the bar will now be in the main hall giving it a fresh feel and adding some variety as the festival now enters its 5th year at this venue.



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All the funds raised from the festival

are used to support local organisations and groups. Let one of the Committee know if you would like your organisation to be considered as a beneficiary. We also have several raffles throughout the weekend and so any donations of raffle prizes would be very much appreciated (on the day or to a committee member).

If you have never been before, come along and have some fun; we are a friendly bunch and you will really enjoy it. If you have been before – we can't wait to see you again.

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Hellifield Beer Festival 2024.

Hi everyone, we hope you've had a good year. For those who are not familiar with Stanfest, it is an outdoor musical event usually held at the Black Horse in memory of Stan Gray (also known as the singing Postman) who raised countless thousands for local charities.

With the Black Horse currently closed we have a new venue, so on Saturday 24th of August we will hold the event at the local Village Hall (Institute). There will be side stalls and music from 2pm, there is usually around fifteen live acts and hopefully our resident DJ Dale Cardus assisted by dad Mik.

Stanfest August 24th



To cover the costs of the hire of the Village Hall, we are hoping to charge adults £1.00 and children will be free. We are hoping that the Beer

Festival boys will provide a bar for the day.

Please keep your eyes peeled for posters and information online nearer the time. The event has raised over £4,500.00 over the last three years for charities. Funds raised this year will be split between Motor Neuron research, Brain Tumour research and The Miscarriage Association.

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- Wellbeing Cafe at 10.30am on 12th
- Hour of Prayer 4pm Sunday 2nd
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Whether you are looking for friendship, community involvement, or just to try something new, we would love to see you (old members and new).

Contact Aileen or Carol for more information:

Aileen Alexander - 01729 851318

Carol Weston-Moore - 01729 851660

We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Village Hall (Institute) at 7.15pm

Guests are welcome to come and try before you join. Unfortunately, we can only allow 2 guest visits per person before asking for membership (a WI rule not Hellifield's).

We would love to see you there.



The picture shows some of Hellifield WI members attending the WI Spring Rally for 2024 hosted this year by Long Preston branch. The speaker (Joan Murray) was amazing, showing us all her designs and some examples of her work. Also the food was exceptional – a good time was had by all.



WI Article for June

We were very happy to welcome Katie from The Fleece Works, Settle to our May meeting. Katie gave a demonstration of felting, and all members got a chance to cover a lovely lanolin soap with felted wool – a very therapeutic activity and we got to take them home, so we will all have lovely hands for the next few weeks. Many thanks go to Katie for giving up her valuable time, especially with young lambs on the farm at present. Everyone really enjoyed the evening which was both entertaining and instructive.

We were also presented with our 75-year anniversary certificate from our WI Adviser Sue Earl-Armstrong, and Aileen had baked a lovely cake, which we all enjoyed very much. Thanks go to Aileen for this delicious treat.

June brings our Summer Bash when we celebrate a special event. This year our theme is the Paris Olympics and we have planned a French style party, with appropriate food and drink (provided from WI funds) but members are asked to bring along a dessert of their choice to share. There will be games and a quiz based on Paris and previous Olympics to have a go at, and a prize for the best fancy dress – so French themed or Olympic themed – your choice. Unfortunately, I can't attend as I will be in the real "France" but will miss joining in your celebrations and will raise a glass on the night and be thinking about you all.

In July we will welcome Helen Bower and a talk on working with stained glass. Helen should have given her talk back in January, but the meeting had to be cancelled due to bad weather conditions. Let's hope there are no problems for July!

We have now finished putting together the programme for the rest of the year and hope you will find our speaker choices interesting. As always, guests are very welcome for a small charge of £4 and new members are also very welcome to join us – remember we are not all about Jam and Jerusalem, but about having fun and providing interesting events.

Carol – Joint Secretary



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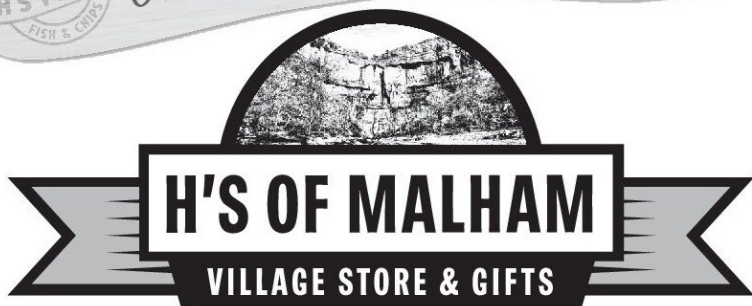
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Saturday - to Settle:

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

Train times in Hellifield

Train times may change during June. Best to double check before travelling - see www.northernrail.co.uk, or phone 0344 811 5111 (and also to make sure nobody's gone on strike).

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To Skipton, Sunday: **1113; 1202; 1412; 1440; 1648; 1709; 1742; 1848; 1912; 2100; 2115**

To Settle, Monday to Saturday: **0615; 0840; 1012; 1141; 1411; 1613; 1741; 1910; 2042**

To Settle, Sunday: **1011; 1204; 1323; 1517; 1713; 1945**

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Exciting plans at Chipmonks Day Nursery Hellifield.

At Chipmonks we are always busy improving things for our children, families, and the community around us. We are supporting more local charities, and are welcoming more visitors into the setting. We are also investing a lot in our outdoor provision, we have approved plans for a new slide and climbing frame to be installed this spring and one of our lovely ladies, Katie, is due to complete her forest school training this summer.

We can't wait to embed the forest school ethos into our outdoor provision, and we hope to be running forest school themed sessions by the end of the year.

We are hosting a community open morning on 22nd June. There will be stalls, games and refreshments, as well as opportunities to come and have a look round our lovely, ever developing nursery. We are so proud of the staff and provision here and can't wait to

show it off.

We are hoping to use the community open morning as a fundraising event for the local swimming pool in an effort to ensure that services continue for our children, helping them to lead healthy active lives and learn about how to stay safe near the water. We post all our updates and successes on our Facebook page, so please follow us there to see all our upcoming plans and events.



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Working on the "Lanky" line in the 1950s

My mother and father both worked on the old Lancashire and Yorkshire railway line that linked Hellifield to Blackburn during the 1950s. My father was a member of the permanent way gang that maintained the trackwork and my mother worked on the stations at both Gisburn and Newsholme. These are some photographs from the family collection.

John Percy



1. My Mother and co-worker outside the station house at Gisburn, the house was faced with glazed bricks arranged in ornate patterns. The house still stands today and has been extended in recent years.



2. The "Lanky" gang, pictured where the line passes close by Hellifield Peel.

L to R - Jerry Gibson, John Percy, Bob Aitchison and Joe Syers.

3. At Gisburn, Stationmaster Mr. Bentley (resplendent in bow tie), Mrs. Bentley, Porter Tommy Evans and station clerk Derek Simpson.



4. Permanent way and Station staff on Gisburn platform. Note the name "Gisburn" etched into the station's windows.



5. A Lancashire and Yorkshire railway brass whistle and paycheck, these were issued to my father in 1948, some 26 years after the LYR company had ceased to exist !



Update on the school children of Sumbawanga Tanzania

Since my last update, a lot of exciting things have been happening in Sumbawanga. Work is progressing well on the New House that we are completing, in order for our working youngsters to live independently there. Some of them are learning vocational skills and helping with the plumbing and plastering. One of our boys, Bahati, is now an electrician, and so he is helping install the cables and wiring. We are also planning to use some solar power



We have started a photography business for one of our youngsters, Richard, and bought a maize milling machine and two rooms to operate that business from with another, Pascal. Our restaurant has started well and the previous owner, Mary, is leaving shortly, so that we can take it forward into a new era.



An American Evangelist, Don, who does Crusades in the Sumbawanga area, invites our boys to tell how their lives have been transformed by the power of Jesus.

He has bought us a water drilling rig so that villages without clean water can have their own well.

One of our youngsters, Michel, has learned how to operate this and keep it serviced.

We are amazed and so thankful for all your support and all that they are doing.

Asante Sana (Thank you)

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Settle Library – Extracts from Spring Newsletter 2024

Welcome to the first Library newsletter of 2024. As always it has been an interesting and eventful start to the year. Any of our friendly volunteers would tell you that no two Library sessions are ever the same, there is always something new to learn from the varied clients who come through our doors and different ways to help them. All the very welcome donations we receive help towards funding our many activities.

Review

In December a very well attended and successful coffee morning in aid of Settle Library was held at Hellifield Village Hall. Grateful thanks to Bob and Carol Moore (Library volunteers) for all their efforts in organising this event and ensuring its success. Every table was full and there was a brisk trade in teas/coffees and tempting sweet treats. It was a lovely, friendly and buzzing event. Bob and Carol are arranging another fund raising coffee morning there in the autumn.

School visits have continued to be popular with both children and teachers. Our volunteers have also enjoyed these visits. It's wonderful to see so many children taking pleasure from reading. The usual Friday Lego Club continues to be in demand and there was also a Science event run by North Yorkshire Council which was fun.

Windy Weather Crafts was held in the Library on 15th February with free morning and afternoon drop in sessions during half term where children learnt how to make a pinwheel, wind chimes and spinners. Sounds like it was very enjoyable.

During a fundraising Knit and Natter coffee morning on Thursday 21st March a successful Knit Sale was held where yarn and knitted items could be bought. Cakes and refreshments were

on offer together with a Tombola.

Thanks to the regular group for their valued help towards funding our popular activities.

A quiet Lego session was held on a Thursday morning in early April for children who have alternative schooling to mainstream. This was a great success with 8 mums and their children who enjoyed the first of these events. Thanks to Janet Donnelly for organising this and arranging the next one on Tuesday 30th April between 10.30 and 12.00pm.

Also on 30th April a 'Meet the Author' event took place where Dale's author Susan Parry and local illustrator Hester Cox launched the 'Tracks in the Dark' novel which is the first in a new crime series.

The following activities continue to be held during term times:

- **Stay and Play on Fridays from 11am**
- **Lego Club also on Fridays from 3.30pm - 5pm**
- **Knit and Natter 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings 10.30 - 12pm**
- **The Asthma and Lung UK support group meet once a month on the 2nd Wednesday afternoon**

“VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE” June 2024

Some of our readers will know that, for the month of April, and into May, I've been helping Mrs Rodley in her recovery from a hip replacement operation. As I write this on the early May bank holiday, all has gone as well as could be expected, although those of you who've had this procedure will know that you really mustn't rush things, or attempt to do stuff too soon. Being both impatient and clumsy, and not able to bend down very easily (i.e. I struggle to do the household tasks that Nicky, by the nature of her surgery, can't do right now, and normally does so effortlessly), I'm not exactly an ideal companion to have around the home in these circumstances!

And with the need to keep our son Aidan fed, safe and entertained as well, it's seemed at times that I could do with a few more waking hours in the day. But we're getting there, and I'm grateful to those who've offered practical help for us, and our church officers who've put up with me being, shall we say, a bit distracted!

But for all my challenges in the weeks after Easter, they pale into insignificance compared to the caring burdens borne by a huge number of people in modern Britain – probably many more than official statistics recognise, and certainly a subject which politicians of all persuasions are very quiet about. After all, just think what it would cost the state if folk didn't look after their elderly parents or disabled children in the kindly, loving way that so many people just get on with. And for all the unpleasant stories about people in the care of their relatives being exploited and abused, they remain a rare exception. For example, for all that some folk love to complain about the apparently relaxed, well-off lifestyle of the “retired”, the reality is often rather different. I had a “retired” clergy colleague in Bournemouth in her mid-70s who was a full-time carer for her 98-year-old father. Mercifully for both of them, she had the reserves of skills and patience that I sadly lack!

So please remember those with big burdens of care: hold them in your prayers if that's something you do. I don't think they'll get much attention in the election campaign that will be upon us later in the year, and too many of our opinion-formers in the media are apt to forget that we all have the Christian church (learning from the ancient Jewish faith) to thank for the notion that in Britain, we care for those who need it, and call to account those who fail in their responsibilities to do so. For that matter, we have over 1,400 years of the Christian church in Britain to thank for the whole “schools and hospitals” agenda too, but that's something for another day.....And please don't forget that many carers don't like to ask for help, and certainly won't own up to the struggles that caring for the sick and vulnerable usually brings.

There was a nasty headline (one of many, I'm afraid) last year that Russian security services had a plan to round up several million homeless, elderly, vulnerable and even disabled people to make them go off to the front line in Ukraine. I thank God daily that, for all our society's faults, in modern Britain we care for people like this, and expect them to be cared for.

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Events in June

Date	Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact Details
1st	Sat	10-11.30am	Village Hall Coffee Morning	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
2nd	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 851709
2nd	Sun	2pm	Sunday Service	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
2nd	Sun	4pm	Prayer Hour	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
3rd	Mon	6.30-8pm	Panto Rehearsal	Village Hall Yorke Road	Audrey Edwards 850351
3rd	Mon	2.30pm	Welcome Mat	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager
3rd	Mon	7-9pm	Slimming World	Hellifield House Social	Daiva Martinkiene 07591067861
3rd	Mon	7.15 -9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree
4th	Tue	2pm	Helliarts	Village Hall	Audrey Edwards
4th	Tue	6-7 & 7-9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 07976215646
5th	Wed	9-12.30pm	Messy Monkeys	Village Hall	Amanda Belt 07398284126
5th	Wed	2pm	Mothers' Union	Village Hall	Sheila Swinbank 850458
5th	Wed	2-4pm	Games After-noon	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
5th	Wed	6-7 & 7.30-8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Josephine Elsmore 07813
5th	Wed	6.30-8pm	Panto Rehearsal	Village Hall Yorke Road	Audrey Edwards 850351
5th	Wed	7pm	Chess	Contact Ian for	Ian Ludlam-Brown
5th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House Social	Cheryl Mitton 850866
6th	Thu	10-12noon	Police Drop-in Surgery	Village Hall Yorke Room	Ken Leak 07837727268

Events in June

Date	Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact Details
6th	Thu	10-12 noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Maralyne 01729 851272
6th	Thu	1-4pm	Hellicrafts	Village Hall	Aileen Alexander
6th	Thu	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340
7th	Fri	9.45-11am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 554149
7th	Fri	1-3pm	Line Dancing	Village Hall	Jane Gray
7th	Fri	2-3pm	Community Pantry	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
8th	Sat	10-11.30am	Church Coffee Morning	Village Hall	Rev. James Rodley 851709
9th	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 851709
9th	Sun	10.30pm	Lego Church	Methodists -	Letting Manager
9th	Sun	2pm	Sunday Service	Methodists -	Letting Manager
9th	Sun	6.30pm	Bingo	Hellifield House Social	Cheryl Mitton 850866
10th	Mon	3.30pm	Strong & Steady	Methodists -	Letting Manager
10th	Mon	7-9pm	Slimming World	Hellifield House Social	Daiva Martinkiene 07591067861
10th	Mon	6.30-8pm	Panto	Village Hall	Audrey Edwards
10th	Mon	7.15 -9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree
11th	Tue	6-7 & 7-	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore
12th	Wed	9-	Messy Monkeys	Village Hall	Amanda Belt
12th	Wed	10.30am	Wellbeing Café	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652

Events in June

Date	Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact Details
12th	Wed	2-4pm	Games After-noon	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
12th	Wed	6-7 & 7.30-8.30pm	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191
12th	Wed	6.30-8pm	Panto Rehearsal	Village Hall	Audrey Edwards 850351
12th	Wed	7pm	Chess	Contact Ian for venue	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760190222
12th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866
13th	Thu	10-12 noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Maralyne 01729 851272
13th	Thu	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340
13th	Thu	7.30-9pm	HelliReaders - live session	Village Hall	Audrey Edwards 850351
14th	Fri	12 noon - 11pm	Beer Festival	Village Hall	Beer Feestival Committee
14th	Fri	2-3pm	Community Pantry	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
15th	Sat	12noon - 11pm	Beer Festival	Village Hall	Beer Feestival Committee
16th	Sun	9.30am	Church Service	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 851709
16th	Sun	2pm	Sunday Service	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
17th	Mon	2.30pm	Welcome Mat	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
17th	Mon	6.30-8pm	Panto Rehearsal	Village Hall	Audrey Edwards 850351
17th	Mon	7-9pm	Slimming World	Hellifield House Social Club	Daiva Martinkiene 07591067861
17th	Mon	7.15-9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree 851806

Events in June

Date	Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact Details
18th	Tue	6-7&7-	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore
19th	Wed	9-	Messy Monkeys	Village Hall	Amanda Belt
19th	Wed	2-4pm	Helliscribes	Village Hall	Yvonne Crabtree
19th	Wed	2-4pm	Games after-	Village Hall	Ken Leak
19th	Wed	6-7 & 7.30-	Kettlebells exercise class	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Josephine Elsmore 07813
19th	Wed	6.30pm	Panto	Village Hall	Audrey Edwards
19th	Wed	7pm	Chess	Contact Ian for venue	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760190222
19th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House Social	Cheryl Mitton 850866
20th	Thu	10-	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Maralyne 01729
20th	Thu	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340
20th	Thu	7.15pm	WI Summer Party - French	Village Hall	Aileen Alexander 851318
21st	Fri	9.34-11am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 554149
21st	Fri	1-3pm	Line Dancing	Village Hall	Jane Gray
21st	Fri	2-3pm	Community	Wesley Centre	Letting Manager
22nd	Sat	10-	Coffee morning	Village Hall	Ken Leak
23rd	Sun	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 851709
23rd	Sun	10.45 for 11am	Messy Church	St Aidan's Church	James Atkinson 078496732 jamesatkinson72@outl

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Date	Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact Details
23rd	Sun	2.00pm	Family Café Church	Methodists - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
23rd	Sun	6.30pm	Bingo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866
24th	Mon	3.30pm	Strong & Steady	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
24th	Mon	6.30-8pm	Panto Rehearsal	Village Hall	Audrey Edwards 850351
24th	Mon	7-9pm	Slimming World	Hellifield House Social Club	Daiva Martinkiene 07591067861
24th	Mon	7.15-9pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall	Andy Crabtree 851806
25th	Tue	2-4pm	Tea, Coffee, Chat	Hellifield House Social Club	Margaret Foster
25th	Tue	6-7 & 7-9pm	Badminton	Village Hall	Bob Moore 07976215646
26th	Wed	9-12.30pm	Messy Monkeys	Village Hall	Amanda Belt 07398284126
26th	Wed	1-4pm	Games Afternoon	Village Hall	Ken Leak 07837727268
26th	Wed	6.30-8pm	Panto Rehearsal	Village Hall	Audrey Edwards 850351
26th	Wed	7pm	Chess	Contact Ian for venue	Ian Ludlam-Brown 07760190222
26th	Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Hellifield House Social Club	Cheryl Mitton 850866
27th	Thu	10-12 noon	Indoor Bowls	Village Hall	Maralyne 01729 851272
27th	Thu	12 noon	Drop-in lunch	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Joy - 01729 850340
28th	Fri	9.34-11am	Hellisingers	Village Hall	Sue Alderson 554149
28th	Fri	2-3pm	Line Dancing	Village Hall	Jane Gray 07971656461

Events in June

Date	Day	Time	Event	Venue	Contact Details
28th	Fri	2-3pm	Community Pantry	Wesley Centre - Haw Grove	Letting Manager 07931 511652
29th	Sat	10-	Coffee morning	Village Hall	Ken Leak
30th	Sun	9.30am	Holy Commun- ion	St Aidan's Church	Rev. James Rodley 851709
30th	Sun	2.00pm	Sunday Service	Methodists -	Letting Manager

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