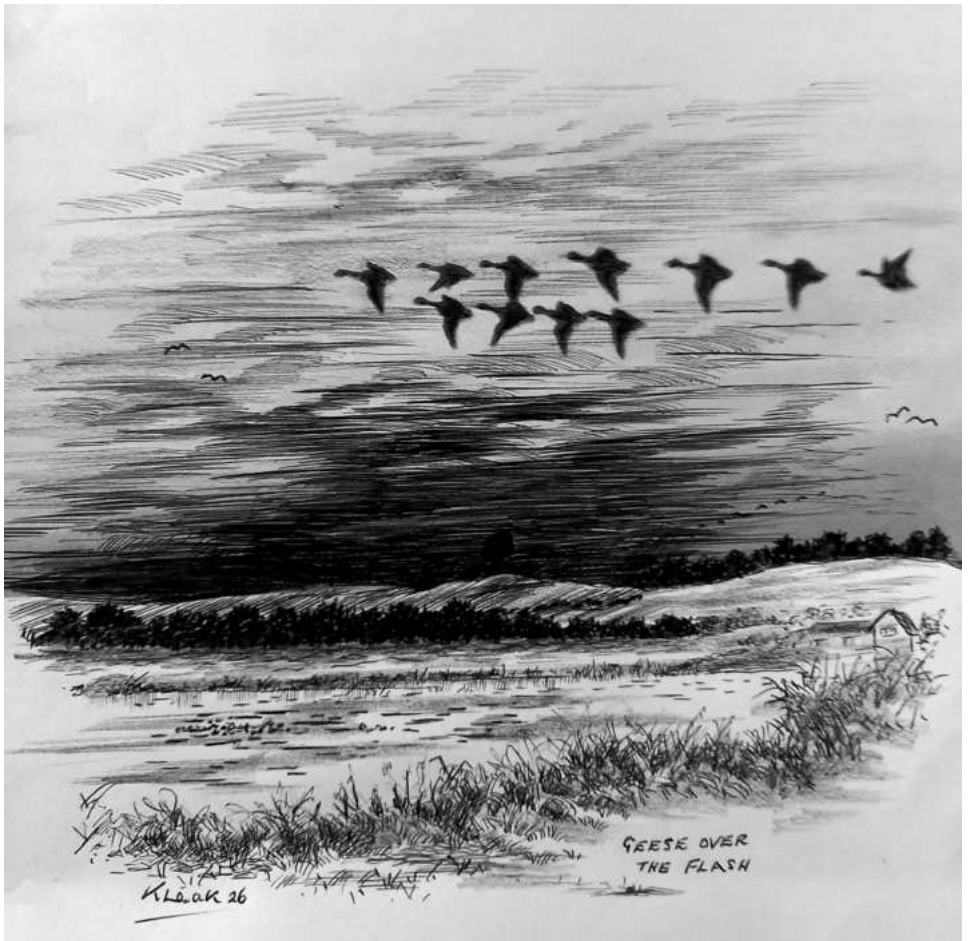

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The deadline for contributions to the April edition is
the 8th of March

Editorial

The 7th Anniversary of the Hellifield Herald is approaching. I think it was in Autumn 2018 when it was announced that the St Aidan's church magazine was to cease publication. This caused some dismay, for many thought that a village magazine served a much needed purpose.

In January 2019 a group of villagers met and the outcome was an agreement to try to launch a monthly magazine.

A flyer was distributed throughout the village inviting volunteers to help with this. The flyer was well received and a team enlisted ready to support the publishing of the first edition in June 2019.

The key aim would be to produce and distribute to all households a free village magazine giving information of local activities and organizations. It would include articles of interest and advertisements commissioned by local businesses and individuals. 10 editions per year would be published and the not for profit magazine would be required at least to break even.

The magazine needed an editor, writers, proof-readers, distributors, together with advertising, finance and admin officers. Enough volunteers came forward to fill these roles. We have also had many people writing articles and filing reports on the various activities. Thus, we now have a



vibrant and much appreciated magazine.

To cover the costs we were fortunate to have the support of the Parish Council and, initially, Craven District Council. Many individuals have donated and most have become a 'Friend of Hellifield Herald'. We have a splendid group of advertisers - please use them. We have had Saturday Coffee Mornings at the Institute, and a grant from the Beer Festival Committee.

Our total income last financial year was nearly £3,800 and our total expenses only slightly more than that but covered by reserves. Wish us well for the years ahead.

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THE 12th HELLIFIELD BEER FESTIVAL

19th and 20th June 2026

Hopefully you will all be pleased to know that planning for the 12th Hellifield Beer Festival is now under way.

The event will once again be held in the Village Hall (Institute), following the same layout as adopted 2 years ago as a result of the Yorke Room refurbishment – the bar now being in the main hall. This has proved to be very successful.

Since its inception in 2013, the festival has raised over £44,000 which has been ploughed back into Hellifield village and close surrounding areas to support local organisations, groups and events.

Over the years we have helped over 40 organisations with many benefitting multiple times. Last year, our 11th festival was the most successful ever, enabling over £6000 to be distributed AND the purchase of a further 2 gazebos to (hopefully) provide some shade from the sun, or (more likely) afford protection from the rain! We also have some money in reserve for necessary repairs/renewals.

The festival is a great annual event for the village, creating a fun weekend where you can meet up with friends old and new, whilst sampling the many and varied beers and ciders on offer – almost 50 in total from a wide range of local and national brewers; each year sees a new mixture. The new supplier of beers & ciders we used last year worked really well for us and we will be using them again this year.

All this would not be possible without the generosity of our sponsors – without their support there would be no festival and our

grateful thanks go to all past, present and future sponsors, supporters and helpers. For continued success, we need to secure a glass sponsor, venue sponsor, ideally a programme sponsor and gazebo sponsors, but at the core of the event - barrel sponsors for each beer and cider. Barrel sponsors are a mix of both businesses and private individuals – all of whom just want to support a great annual, ever - improving event which also raises money for local good causes.

If you can offer sponsorship, please let one of the committee members know, or email us at hellifieldbeerfestival@outlook.com

The price of barrel sponsorship remains the same as last year; £55 for half a barrel and £100 for a full barrel.

The benefits of barrel sponsorship are shown on the website along with lots of festival info (just Google Hellifield Beer Festival).

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The event runs from lunchtime until 11pm on both Friday and Saturday where you will find an informal atmosphere. The committee is very grateful to all who come along to support this event – both new faces and seasoned regulars alike.

There are no advance tickets, just turn up on the day; the entrance fee includes a programme, commemorative glass and your first 2 drinks tokens. Once you have paid, you can come and go as often

as you like over the 2 days as long as you retain your glass. Additional drinks are then purchased via a token system. We accept both cash and card payments.

If you have never been before, come along and have some fun; you will be made to feel welcome and hopefully you will enjoy it. If you are a regular we can't wait to see you again.

Hellifield Beer Festival committee.

Hellifield Hotshots - New Season Incoming

Hellifield Hotshots is your local ladies' rounders team and we are always very happy to welcome new players. We are looking forward to the start of the 2026 season and will be starting pre-season training sessions in March on the Thorndale Street sports field, Hellifield. So, if you're tempted to give rounders a go, this would be a great opportunity.

We're a really friendly bunch, with the only requirements being that you need to be a minimum age of 16 years and willing to both have a go and have a laugh.

We play once (occasionally twice) a week between April and August, usually on Tuesdays or Thursdays, with home matches being played on the sports field and away matches being at various local villages. All matches are followed by a 'de-brief' in a local hostelry, including a light supper.



There's no commitment to playing every week so, if you are interested in coming along and giving rounders a try, please contact us on

07989 249877.

Julie Walton



If you are interested in joining us, or coming to one of our meetings as a guest, for more information, please contact:

**Aileen (President) on 01729 851318 or
Carol (Joint Secretary) on 07855 191927**

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.

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WI Article –March

Thank you to everyone who attended our meeting in February held at Hellifield Social Club and thank you to the Club for allowing us to use their back room. Sarah Lister was brilliant as always, and we hope you enjoyed the event.

By now members will have been asked to vote on the continuation of Hellifield WI for another year. I personally have decided to leave this year due to the amount of work involved in getting speakers and attending regular committee meetings to make sure that events run smoothly. I have enjoyed my time with Hellifield WI, but it is time for new personal horizons. As

mentioned in previous articles, unfortunately our numbers are very low, and it is difficult to motivate speakers to come along to such small audiences.

I am writing this before we have the results regarding closure, so if the organisation can carry on, I hope Hellifield WI starts to prosper again and becomes the vibrant organisation it used to be.

A personal thank you to those who have supported me and the rest of the committee in the past few years and good luck for the future.

Best wishes, Carol Weston-Moore
(Retiring Joint Secretary)

Settle Orchestra and Langcliffe Singers Reunite for Beethoven's *Mass in C*

Settle Orchestra is pleased to announce its Spring 2026 concert, bringing together orchestra and choir in a significant collaboration with the Langcliffe Singers for a performance of Beethoven's *Mass in C*. The programme also features Beethoven's dramatic *Egmont Overture* and Mendelssohn's chorale cantata *O Haupt voll Blut und Wunden*.

This concert continues a long-standing musical partnership between Settle Orchestra and the Langcliffe Singers, whose previous collaborations — including a much-praised performance of Brahms' *Requiem* — have become highlights of the local classical music calendar.

Settle Orchestra presents inspiring orchestral concerts in Settle and Skipton, working in close partnership with the Royal Northern College of Music to nurture the next generation of

professional conductors and to bring high-quality classical music to the Yorkshire Dales. This collaboration is made possible with the support of Northern Rail covering the conductor's weekly train transport from Manchester to Settle.

Langcliffe Singers is a community choir founded in 1984 and based in Settle. Its members are drawn from across the northwestern Yorkshire Dales and nearby Lancashire. No audition is required to join and they welcome all who love or would like to try choral singing. They present three concerts each year, often working with professional soloists, and their repertoire ranges from large choral works such as *The Messiah*, *Elijah* or *The Creation* to modern classical works, opera and show songs.

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woodland will provide many benefits to the local community and the environment, including natural flood management, as well as habitat improvement and connectivity.'

Liz and Stan Kilburn along with Bob and Carol Moore were some of the volunteers helping with the above project. Some volunteers had travelled from as far away as Preston.

James Birtwistle

On behalf of everyone at Ribble Rivers Trust, we would like to thank all the volunteers who braved the conditions to help us plant and guard 485 trees at our site on Pan Beck in Hellfield. This project, which will see a total of 1,620 native saplings planted, will enhance around one kilometre of the watercourse, stretching from Hellfield to the River Ribble. The new riparian



Long Preston and Hellfield Guides



Long Preston and Hellfield Guides, with help from Mags and Barbara, made Hedgehog bags for Craven Rescue to use to care for injured and recovering Hedgehogs.

This work was also part of the girls' stitchery badge.

Helen Cressey



North Craven Flower Club January Meeting

Our Guest demonstrator at our January meeting was a welcome re-visit by Jill Perrins from Catkins flower shop in Settle. We always enjoy our sessions with Jill as she is always passing on tips and shows us arrangements that we might have a go at ourselves.



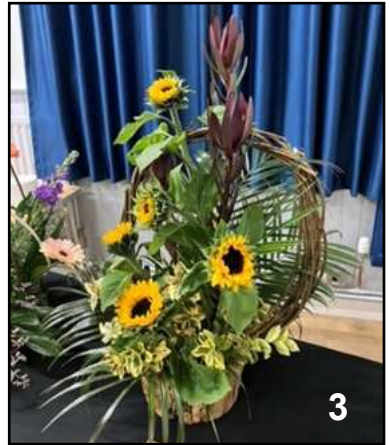
1. This was a hand tied arrangement which was then slotted into a pottery vase and, because it was hand tied, it kept its shape when placed in the vase. It included lots of greenery from her garden and flowers were in the colours of yellow, pink and pale purple.



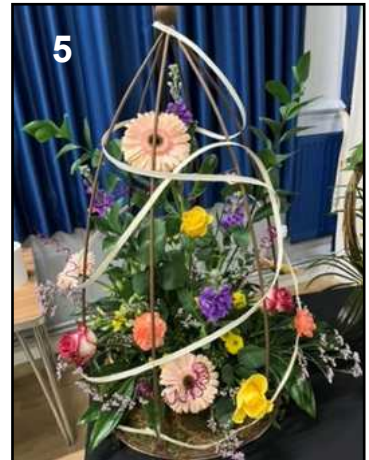
2. This arrangement was positioned on a wooden platform using an oasis tray and one block of floral foam.

The tall cream-coloured flowers were Chincherinchee or Ornithogalum. They are long lasting and stay upright in floral foam. Also included were white eryngium either individually or inserted as a spray. The foam block was covered by ivy on the top and moss round the sides.

3.This arrangement used a wreath made from willow which added structure to the arrangement. The sunflowers added a splash of yellow which was echoed in the colour of the gold edged variegated euonymus. A good staple piece of foliage that is easy to grow in our gardens. Provides a continuous supply of short stems that provide colour all the year round. Also available in a white edged version.



4.Very impressive DIY skills in this mechanics with just three small branches crossed and tied at the top which enabled a piece of oasis to be lodged in the top. A round of wood positioned in the bottom provided the platform for a second arrangement.



5.Finally, she put together this arrangement with peach-coloured gerberas, deep pink edged roses and yellow spray roses.

All these arrangements done in an hour!

Our February meeting was held in Gargrave Village Hall.

The title of the practical session was Spring Chicken with members doing an arrangement of their own choice.

Our demonstrator for March is Rachel Kirkwood with a demonstration called 'A Floral Wonderland'. We will be back at Hellifield starting at 2pm with tea and cake afterwards on Thursday 12th of March.

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Hellifield Institute (Village Hall) News

Toilet Renovation

At the time of writing, the renovation work on the toilets is still taking place, but good progress is being made so I feel quietly confident that by the time you are reading this, the work will be complete, with possibly some decorating still outstanding. You will have to let us know if you find the toilet layout an improvement, especially those who require disabled access and/or baby change. I have my fingers well and truly crossed.

HelliSingers' Spring Concert

This is taking place in the village hall in March and we hope lots of you will be able to come along – and perhaps check out the new toilets!! The concert promises to be epic with songs from the show 'Salad Days'. I am advised from a good source, the event is going to be fun, magical, nostalgic and an occasion of frivolity and pure joy. Definitely not to be missed. There will be a matinee during the afternoon of Thursday 26th March starting at 2.30 pm (doors open at 2.00 pm). The evening performances are on Friday 27th and Saturday 28th March both starting at 7.30 pm (doors open at 7.00 pm). Tickets are £10 each, available from myself and it will be a 'bring your own drinks and nibbles' event. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Due to production preparation, it does mean there will be no badminton or roll mat bowls between Saturday 14th and Saturday 28th March. There will be no line dancing on Friday 27th March and no coffee morning on Saturday 28th March. All other regular activities will continue as normal but with reduced space in the main hall. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

New Website

Thanks to the work of one of our trustees, Andy Leng, we now have a new website up and running. Visit it on hellifieldvillagehall.org and hopefully you will find it easier to navigate. This is a work in progress and we will be making improvements as we go along so do let us know what you think and where you feel further changes are required.

Badminton

Our badminton sessions have been running for several years and are thoroughly enjoyed by our regular attendees, at just £3 per person, per session. Quite a while ago now we decided to open up these sessions to those who have never played before or who have not played in a long time. If you fall into this category why not give it a try and who knows, you may find this a fun, enjoyable exercise. So that no one feels intimidated by those more 'expert' players, we open up at 6.00 pm every Tuesday to give a full hour for the less initiated to 'have a go' and gain confidence in a warm and friendly environment. Badminton rackets and shuttlecocks are available. (cont'd on p.17)



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Several people have done this and now feel confident to attend the regular session which starts at 7.00 pm until 9.00 pm. You may already be a good badminton player, in which case come along to the main session. We have players at all different levels of ability and everyone joins in and helps each other along. Contact me if you would like further information.

Repair Workshop/Men's Shed

It has been suggested to me that a repair workshop and/or a men's shed may be good enterprises to have in Hellifield.

There are many groups that are primarily attended by women, but not many that are quite as appealing for men, so a specific 'men's shed' could be for you. Men's sheds are similar to garden sheds – a place to pursue practical interests at leisure. The difference being, garden sheds are often solitary in nature while men's sheds are about social connections and friendship building, sharing skills, knowledge and hopefully, laughter. I am aware that such men's sheds have proved extremely successful elsewhere helping with social interaction, mental health and wellbeing, as well as being extremely enjoyable.

Repairing broken items can be done by both men and women so could be a separate endeavour. I am sure many of us have belongings or pieces of equipment that have broken and could work really well if only they knew someone who had that magic touch to

repair them. No doubt there are loads of men and women out there who have the skills and abilities to help out in this way. An opportunity to enjoy an afternoon/evening at regular intervals and help with repairs or use the occasion to have a social get together with similar minded people.

If you think either or both of the above suggestions are a good idea then get in touch with me so we can look at how this could work. It would need someone with a certain level of skill to lead it up, but this could fill a gap that we currently have in Hellifield.

David Green – Saturday 25th April

It is a little while off yet, but I am flagging up that David Green, an Acoustic Blues and Rock Singer/Songwriter, will be performing his music and entertaining us on Saturday 25th April at 8.00 pm (doors open at 7.30 pm). Put the date in your diary. Tickets will be £10 each obtainable from myself. If you would like a preview of the kind of music he will be performing, check out his album 'Bad Man' on Spotify, or his Facebook page.

Music Nights

We are continuing with Music Nights through 2026 with the first one on Saturday 16th May. Put this date in your diary with further information to come.

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“Kiss me!” A short story

“Aunty Dorothy, do I have to?” Bertie squirmed awkwardly, trapped in the small space between his aunt and her younger sister.

“Yes, Bertie, you do,” his mother said firmly.

Bertie closed his eyes, puckered up his lips and unwillingly planted a kiss on his aunt’s proffered cheek.

“There, you see, that didn’t hurt a bit, did it?” His aunt and his mother laughed uproariously but Bertie couldn’t see the joke.

“Now, look in my shopping bag for your birthday present,” Aunt Dorothy told him. “I’m sure you’ll approve of what I’ve brought you. You liked last year’s present, didn’t you?”

“I did.” Bertie’s eyes shone with remembered delight, as he thought about the wonderful cowboy outfit that she’d given him for his eighth birthday. “Is it another cowboy outfit?” he asked, hardly daring to hope.

“Bertie!” Mum was aghast that he should ask outright. “Haven’t I brought you up to mind your manners better than that?”

“What’s wrong with last year’s cowboy suit, then?” asked Dorothy.

“Gone out of fashion, has it?” Again, the hoots of laughter.

“No,” Bertie replied, feeling warm and embarrassed, “it’s just that I’ve grown such a lot and the trousers are halfway up my legs, now.” He thought for a moment. “The guns and holsters are O.K., though and the Stetson was a bit big last year, so that fits just right, now.”

“Well, Bertie, you have a good rummage around in my bag and

see what your favourite auntie’s brought.”

“And,” put in his mum, “if it comes up to your high expectations, young man, you might even have to give your auntie another kiss.”

Bertie swallowed and put his hand out for the shopping basket.

“Let’s hope it really is worth it, then!” he muttered under his breath.

“What did you say, Bertie?” Mum’s eyes glittered dangerously.

“Nothing, Mum.” All sweetness and light, Bertie dived into the bag and retrieved the large, bulky parcel, hardly missing a beat as he ripped off the brightly coloured paper.

His eyes sparkled as he held his cheek up to his aunt and commanded, “Kiss me!”

Yvonne Crabtree

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He was devastated and heartbroken as his marriage hit the skids.

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Of course, over time his health disappeared just like his kids and wife,

He kept getting acute, then chronic pancreatitis that brought extra pain into his life.

But when his daughter was old enough, she came running back

But a body builder she no longer found, for her Pa's clothes hung like a sack.

She decided she would look after him, she did the best she could,

But she also had to stick up for her Ma when he dragged her Ma's name through the mud.

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Alison Jayne Taylor

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Ukraine support locally

The 4th anniversary of the full-scale invasion of Ukraine by Russia was on 24th February. As many will know, this war first began in 2014 when Russia invaded Crimea. The east of the country in particular suffered a great deal in the years following. Many left Ukraine in 2022 and we had around 100 Ukrainian people settle here in Craven.

Some have moved on after being hosted initially for 6 months by generous hearted local people. There are 4 households remaining in

Settle and a number in Skipton. We had a couple here in Hellifield who are now living in Kendal, after being given a good start by Lizzie and Frank Birkett. To start with, many of the smaller villages were hosting mostly women and children. As they have settled, many have gone on to rent in the private sector. Their visas are still uncertain and not knowing what the future holds must be especially difficult. There are support groups in both Settle and Skipton who are collecting donations to send to Ukraine on a regular basis. Those who knit or

crochet make squares for blankets or produce beautiful baby clothes, hats and scarves. Churches and individuals have donated used candles which are melted down to make into trench candles used for both warmth and light.

Dates are given for people to bring donations, either to Settle swimming pool car park or to Robertshaw's overflow car park in Skipton, at a specific time. This saves having to store donations. Sometimes volunteers can collect if people find it hard to come on the day or have a reason why they can't transport items.

Can you help?

As well as the ongoing need for:
Clothing, Shoes, Toiletries, Baby Products, Duvets, Blankets, Towels, Generators, Sanitary Items, Tinned Food (12 month life)...

We are also collecting for:

"Soldier Appeal"
Razors, Packet Soups, Wet Wipes, Socks, Soap, Heat Pads, Thermal Underwear, Sleeping Bags, Boiled Sweets, Plasters.

"Children Appeal"
Colouring Books, Pens, Crayons, Sweets, Small Toys.

"Medical Appeal"
Bandages, Plasters, Paracetamol, Ibuprofen, Joint Supports, Supplement Drinks, First Aid Kits, Crutches, Spectacles.

"On Yer Bike for Ukraine"
Any Bicycle of any condition or parts, including tyre pumps.

"Candles for Ukraine"
Candles & candle wax (including scraps) and also matches.

Once the donations are collected together, volunteers fill a vehicle and drive across to Chorley in Lancashire where there is a storage unit. Volunteers there amalgamate the donations by types such as medical supplies, candle wax or children's clothing for example, and then pack boxes, fully labelled, for onwards delivery to Ukraine. Items transported across Europe must all now be itemised, hence the labelling of

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everything donated is really important to save valuable volunteer time.

We all hope this dreadful war will end soon. In the meantime, we do what we can to support the Ukrainians who are now suffering a hard winter, often without power so no heat or light or cooking facilities. One of the Skipton group is part of FAST, based in Grassington, and he is travelling to

Ukraine shortly to take supplies of generators, power banks and inverters which are desperately needed. If you would like to donate towards the costs for this, please look at:

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Yorkshire Air Ambulance

The Yorkshire Air Ambulance are once again holding a coffee morning at the village hall on Saturday 14th March.

Please come along to support this amazing and lifesaving service. There will be a raffle, a tombola and a cake stall. The usual team who run the kitchen are not able to help this time, so I am particularly looking for people to help in the kitchen, don't worry you won't be running the kitchen alone. One person has so far volunteered but at least one other person is needed.

If you can help by providing home baking (much needed) or raffle prizes then YAA will be delighted to receive them. To keep all the ambulances maintained and, in the air, in excess of £20,000 a day is needed! Scary isn't it?

YAA would be grateful to hear from anyone who can help on the day either at the door, in the kitchen and/or serving drinks. This would be a



tremendous boost as YAA volunteers are thin on the ground in this area. Please contact me on 07511 170916 or email annebrennand@outlook.com if you can help.

If you would like to become a registered volunteer, then the website address is www.yaa.org.uk or you can contact the office on 01422 237900.

Many thanks also to all those who supported our previous coffee mornings last year.

Anne Brennand

YAA registered North West volunteer

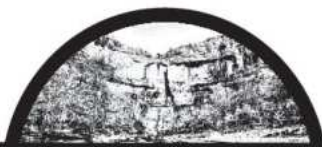


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Community Litter Pick

Hellifield Parish Council are taking part in the annual national Great British Spring Clean, which is organised by Keep Britain Tidy. This event takes place between 13th and 29th March 2026. To mark this we are organising a Community Litter Pick on three separate occasions - Friday 13th March 10.00 am to 12.00 noon; Tuesday 17th March 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm and on Sunday 22nd March 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

We are inviting villagers to join in, young or old, on one or more of these dates so we can come together as a community to help collect rubbish that is littering our village.

On each occasion we will gather at the village hall and be divided into small groups. Children must be accompanied by an adult. We ask that you wear suitable protective gloves and clothing. We will supply relevant equipment such

as litter pickers and high-visibility vests and then we will all go to designated locations to collect as much rubbish as we can in the time allotted. The bags of rubbish will then be brought back to the village hall where collection will be arranged.

No doubt, like me, you want to be proud of our village. Sadly, not everyone makes the effort to use the public litter bins or take their rubbish home. Lots of litter louts are about. There are plenty of groups and organisations in Hellifield such as the football and rounders teams, church, badminton, table tennis, roll mat bowls, arts, crafts and lots more, so why not get a few of your group together and come and join us. Everyone is welcome. Just turn up. Together, we can hopefully make a difference – even if for a short time!

Councillor Karen Dunwoodie

On behalf of Hellifield Parish Council

Mothers' Union Meeting February 2026

Sheila, our President, welcomed members and visitors to our February meeting held in the Wesley Centre, as the Institute is closed for refurbishment of the toilets. We prayed for those who were unable to be with us because of health issues.

Joy led our prayers and, as it was the AGM Sheila then gave her report of all our activities and meetings during 2025. We enjoyed a wide variety of speakers and topics.

Sue, our Treasurer gave an account of our finances and we were delighted to know that even though we are small in

numbers, we have been able to send donations to several Mothers' Union causes. We also welcomed 4 new members during the year, which is very encouraging. We celebrated 2 birthdays, Elaine and Cath's and the Diamond wedding of Rod and Sheila Metcalfe this month. Refreshments were provided by Sue and Jen and we shared a special chocolate cake and cuppa to help the celebrations.

Our thanks to the Methodists who opened up the Centre for us. Next month we hope to be back at the Institute on 4th March at 2pm with a presentation about Antarctica. You are welcome to come and join us.

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HelliReaders News

The February meeting of HelliReaders was different from usual in two ways.

Firstly, because, instead of the Village Hall, we were enjoying Pauline's wonderful hospitality at her house.

Secondly, it was different because we were unanimous in our response to the book. We had read 'By Your Side' by Ruth Jones and we had all enjoyed it! You might think that this meant that we had little to discuss but that was not the case at all.

At HelliReaders our discussions are wide ranging. We talk about likes and dislikes but a lot more besides. We read a variety of books, some historical and some contemporary, and look at the ways in which authors bring these settings to life through the experiences of their characters.

We read 'proper' books in hard or paperback form, Kindle and / or audio books. All have advantages and disadvantages and it is a matter of preference and availability.

We discuss film or TV adaptations of books, looking at how successfully the essential features of the stories are captured.

Sometimes we each choose a book from an agreed genre and discuss their respective merits.

HelliReaders meetings are on the Second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. The next meeting is on 12th March and the book is 'Seven Sisters' by Lucinda Riley.

Everyone is welcome.

Audrey Edwards

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SPECIALS (Trial)

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.

HelliArts Outing

On a very cold and windy day in early February six members of our group headed to Bradford to see the Turner Prize Exhibition at the Cartwright Hall Gallery.

The 2025 Turner Prize coincided with the 250th anniversary of J.M.W. Turner's birth, and was part of the Bradford 2025 UK City of Culture program.

The exhibition showcases contemporary British art reflecting, personal, cultural and social narratives.

The winner, Nnena Kalu creates large scale drawings and colourful cocoon - like hanging structures, which were



Work by winner Nnena Kalu

extremely colourful using materials such as repurposed fabric, tape, cling film, and VHS tape.

Rene Matic's work covers photography, sculpture, sound, textiles and installation reflecting identity, community and belonging.

Mohammed Sami is known for haunting, large-scale paintings that explore memory, trauma and displacement.

Zadie Xa creates immersive installations combining painting, sculpture, textiles and sound. Had we been the judges we would have chosen Zadie Xa as winner. We found her creations mind blowing, but they were all very good. A quick visit to the gallery shop, then lunch in the cafe, and home. Thank you to Audrey for organising such an interesting and inspiring outing.

Alison Hoyle, Member of HelliArts



Zadie Xa Paintings and Installations over a mirrored floor

Messy Church goes outdoors



Please join us at 9:30 in St Aidan's church on

March 29th

Palm Sunday

This will be our family service with a presentation of the Bible readings by the Messy Church team.

St Aidan's Church- March 2026

Regular Sunday worship every Sunday at 9.30am.

Everyone is welcome as we pray for our community and the wider world.

Advance notices of what's happening at St Aidan's for Easter:

Sunday 29th March (9.30am)- Family Communion for Palm Sunday, with a dramatic Passion reading by the Messy Church team.

Monday 30th March (7pm)- Holy Communion

Thursday 2nd April (7pm)- Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday, with the traditional ceremony of foot-washing, as we remember what Jesus did with his disciples on the night before he died.

Friday 3rd April (1pm)- Good Friday Walk of Witness, starting at Hellifield Primary School, followed by: 2pm- Service of Prayer and Reflection for Good Friday

Sunday 5th April (7am)- Easter Day Dawn Service on Long Preston Moor, followed by: 9.30am- Holy Communion for Easter Day

Before Easter comes, we'll also have a Family Service on Sunday 1st March (9.30am), and we'll be celebrating Mothering Sunday on 15th March (also 9.30am)

Any queries? Please contact Revd. James Rodley on 01729-851709, or jwerodley@yahoo.co.uk

View From The Vicarage

There's been much spoken and written about A.I. ("Artificial Intelligence") recently. And I have to admit, first up, that I'm perhaps the least likely person to be passing comment on it: I'm not so much a 'techno-phobe' as a 'techno-fool' for whom any piece of equipment or apparatus will tend to fail or break if I even come near it, let alone touch it. Even my serious and (as it seemed at the time) unforgiving chemistry teacher admitted to my Dad years later, when they became teaching colleagues in Surrey, that "if anything was going to go wrong in the lab, it would happen to James!", and for test tubes and Bunsen burners 45 years ago, now read cars and computers.

But A.I. is undoubtedly both exciting and worrying people in equal measure right now. It's exciting to those who see its potential to make major advances in medicine and technology for the benefit of humankind and worrying others who sense its potential not only to put millions out of work, but to threaten human existence itself. For my part, I'm thinking back to previous great changes in human society powered by technology and reflecting that the same division of opinion was present then; with the iron and steel Industrial Revolution that brought us railways and consumer goods, but created huge cities in which people struggled for livelihood and dignity. Of the "second industrial revolution" in the early 20th century that brought us cars, planes and modern medicine, but also brought industrialised warfare and weapons powerful enough to destroy the planet. And then the more recent digital revolution, bringing information and entertainment to our fingertips that was the stuff of sci-fi when I was young (think "The Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy!") but has left so many folk isolated and seemingly dependent on their screens for everything. Perhaps A.I. will prove the same, with the real challenge, as before, being whether we have the wisdom to use it well. But fears of A.I. somehow threatening our human existence need, I think, to be put in context. Yes, there's the

danger of automated warfare getting out of control, but human flourishing can never, say Christians, be replaced by something mechanical. Christians, together with some from other faiths, believe that humans were made in God's image and that the world is a fundamentally good place. For all that our patterns of work and our relationships with each other might be changed by technology, we remain 'God's children' in a fundamental way, and God continues to call for us to work together for the flourishing of all: as Jesus said, in words even Christians too often forget, "I have come in order that you might have life - life in all its fullness." (John 10.10)

We're now in the time of Lent, a time of preparation for Easter. Christians are called in Lent to examine themselves seriously before God, own up to the things we've messed up, and try to do God's will (in the knowledge of God's forgiveness). But maybe, as we fret-understandably- about A.I. and so much that's unfamiliar and disturbing in our world right now, we can all take some strength and comfort from this Christian belief: that our humanity is not lost or found by what we've created, but is rooted in the Creator himself, who cares for us still, however foolish we end up being with our inventions. Please contact Revd James Rodley on 01729-851709 or jwerodley@yahoo.co.uk

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The term 'salad days' has generally become to refer to the days of our youthful inexperience and light-hearted innocence (just the stuff for us!).

A simple plot is based around a magic piano which makes everyone want to dance in quite an undignified way, therefore causing chaos around the place.

Jane and Timothy are the young couple who meet up after graduation from university and agree to get married. Timothy's parents urge him to see his various influential uncles to help him find a job whilst Jane's mother wants her to find a 'suitable' husband.

Tim and Jane, however, decide to take the first job that he is offered which

happens to be from a tramp who offers them £7 a week to look after a mobile piano for a month. As everyone who hears the piano is forced to dance and enjoy themselves, a hat is passed around to provide an income,

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This is just the pick-me-up we all need after a long, wet winter as we all look forward to the summer!

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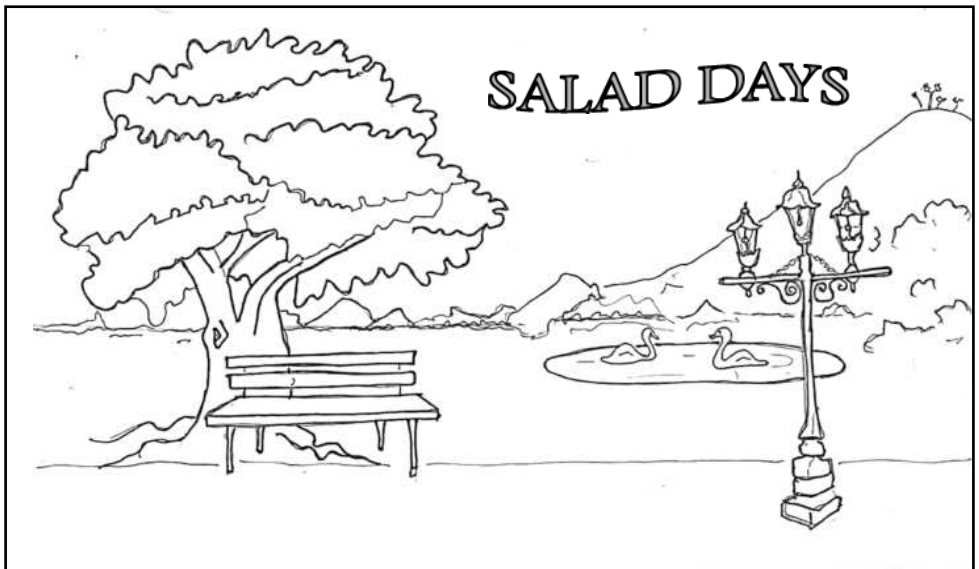
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Wesley Centre

Lettings Manager 850802

Women's Institute

Aileen Alexander 01729 851318

Bus and train times

No. 580 bus

Bus times may change during March. Best to double check before travelling - see klch.co.uk/bus-services, or phone 01524 733831.

Monday to Friday - to Skipton:

0810; 0900; 0945; 1045; 1145; 1245; 1345; 1445; 1545; 1800

Note: there isn't a bus to Skipton at 1645 - Ed.

Saturday - to Skipton:

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

Monday to Friday - to Settle:

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

Note: there isn't a bus to Settle at 1810 Monday to Friday - Ed.

Saturday - to Settle:

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

Train times in Hellifield

Train times may change during March. Best to double check before travelling see

www.northernrail.co.uk or phone 0344 811 5111.

To Skipton, Monday to Saturday: **0736; 0745; 1010; 1039; 1142; 1244; 1342; 1513; 1543; 1639; 1807; 1842; 2011; 2126; 2208; 2228**

To Skipton, Sunday: **1113; 1200; 1412; 1440; 1648; 1709; 1742; 1848; 1912; 2100; 2115**

To Settle, Monday to Saturday: **0615; 0840; 1012; 1141; 1411; 1612; 1741; 1910; 2042**

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

To Lancaster, Monday to Saturday: **0537; 0740; 0910; 1111; 1312; 1513; 1824; 2014**

To Lancaster, Sunday: **0931; 1124; 1420; 1623; 1822**

Events in March

Day	Time	Event	Contact	Dates
Village Hall				
Mon	7.15-9pm	Table Tennis	Andy Crabtree 01729 851806	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
Tue	2-4pm	Helliarts	Audrey Edwards 01729 850351	3rd
Tue	6-7&7-9pm	Badminton	Rebecca Gooch 07443 493169	3rd, 10th, 31st
Tue	9-12 noon	Baby Massage 07398 284126	aman-da@tinyhandsbigadventures.co.uk	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
Wed	2-4pm	Mothers' Union	Sheila Swinbank 01729 850458	4th
Wed	2-4pm	Helligames	Karen Dunwoodie 07756 862086	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
Wed	2-4pm	Helliscribes	Yvonne Crabtree 01729 851806	18th
Wed	7-9pm	Parish Council Meeting	hellifieldpc@gmail.com	11th
Thu	10-12 noon	Bowling	Maralyne 01729 851272	5th, 12th
Thu	2-4pm	Flower Club	Liz Palmer 01729 840331	12th
Thu	2-3.30pm	Dancercise	Wendy Robinson 07970 734523	5th, 19th
Thu	7.30pm	Hellireaders	Audrey Edwards 01729 850351	12th
Thu	11-12noon	Police Surgery	Ken Leak 07837 727268	19th
Thu	1-4pm	Hellicrafts	Val Bedford 01729 850260	5th
Thu	2 for 2.30pm	Salad Days Matinee	Karen Dunwoodie 07756 862086	26th
Thu	7.15-9pm	WI AGM Meeting	Carol Weston-Moore 07855 191927	19th
Fri	9.45-11.15am	Hellisingers	Sue Alderson 01729 554149	6th, 13th, 20th
Fri	1-3pm	Helli-Line dancing	Jane Gray 07971 656461	6th, 13th, 20th

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Fri	7 for 7.30pm	Salad Days Concert	Karen Dunwoodie 07756 862086	27th
Sat	10- 11.30am	Village Hall Coffee Morning	Ken Leak 07837 727268	7th
Sat	10- 11.30am	Air Ambulance Cof- fee Morn.	Anne Brennand 07511 170916	14th
Sat	10- 11.30am	Bentham Pet Res- cue	Ken Leak 07837 727268	21st
Sat	7 for 7.30pm	Salad Days Concert	Karen Dunwoodie 07756 862086	28th

Methodist Chapel / Wesley Centre

Sun	2pm	Sunday Service	Letting Manager 07931 511652	1st, 8th, 15th
Sun	4pm	Hour of Prayer	Letting Manager 07931 511652	1st
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, 30th
Mon	2.30-4pm	Welcome Mat	Letting Manager 07931 511652	2nd, 16th
Tue	9.30- 11am	Hellitots	Mike Chuey 07856 276966	Term Time only
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
Fri	12-1pm	Strong and Steady	Letting Manager 07931 511652	6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Hellifield House Social Club

Tue	2-4pm	Tea/Coffee/Chat	Margaret Foster	31st
Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th,

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Sat	7.00pm	Karaoke Night	Cheryl Mitton 01729	21st
Sun	3-5pm	Children's Easter	Cheryl Mitton 01729	29th
Sun	6.30pm	Bingo	Cheryl Mitton 01729	1st, 15th, 29th

St Aidan's Church

Mon	7pm	Holy Communion	Rev. James Rodley	30th
Tue	8.45am	Informal Prayer	Rev. James Rodley 01729 851709	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
Fri	6.30pm	Informal Prayer	Rev. James Rodley	6th, 13th,
Sun	9.30am	Church Service	Rev. James Rodley	1st, 8th, 22nd
Sun	9.30am	Mothering Sun-	Rev. James Rodley	15th
Sun	9.30am	Palm Sunday	Rev. James Rodley	29th
Sun	9.30am	Messy Church incorporated with above	James Atkinson 07849673214	29th

Please check St Aidan's advert for services happening early in April

Other Events

Sun	10.30am	Helliwalkers	V. Walk meet at Hellifield Car Park contact Rebecca Gooch 07443 49316	15th
Tue	2-4pm	Community Litter	Meet at the Village Hall	17th
Fri	10-12am	Community Litter	Meet at the Village Hall	13th
Sun	2-4pm	Community Litter	Meet at the Village Hall	29th

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