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July's village walk: atmospheric ancient woodland & limestone screes

We began July's village walk in Settle: along Watery Lane, then climbed upwards, with views over the Ribble wetlands to Cleatop Woods, taking an easy path through the fern-filled ancient woodland where I had the chance to test my wildflower knowledge (with Robert's help) – including starwort and tormentil in amongst the grasses.



Walking upwards from there we then turned onto Lambert Lane, leaving the Pennine bridleway behind where I learned something new from John – we walked over an underbridge which runs between fields – so sheep can pass between them without being moved on the lane itself. And a 'cripple hole' is a small opening built into the base of a dry-stone wall – again, designed to allow sheep to pass through.

From there, we took Stockdale Lane, then around Sugar Loaf Hill and headed towards the limestone screes

and scars of Attermire – a place I love – rugged and dramatic.

A wonderful walk from start to finish, with only a couple of passing showers to remind us it was July in Yorkshire.

The next village walk is 19th October (the 3rd Sunday of the month). If you would like to join us, email rebgooch@gmail.com or text / call Rebecca on 07443 493169, then I will send out more information about each walk a week or so in advance.

Rebecca Gooch

Pets' corner

Christal Moore is not a resident of Hellifield, she is our granddaughter who lives in Hampshire. However, Christal had written this for her local newsletter and thought it might be of interest to anyone here who has a guinea pig or is thinking of getting one.



a source of food and used in religious and cultural ceremonies. Despite their name, guinea pigs are not pigs and have no relation to Guinea. The origin of their name remains a mystery, but it's thought that traders who brought

The Tale of the Three Little (Guinea) Pigs

Since 2023 I have rescued three guinea pigs whose first owners couldn't manage to care for them (Margo, Edith and Cookie). I love their cute appearance and fascinating behaviour. My hobby has even led me into setting up a business caring for other people's pets in my own Guinea Pig Hotel in our village back garden.

Guinea pigs, also known as cavies, are small, social rodents native to South America where they were first domesticated over 3,000 years ago as

them back to Europe mislabelled them.

The painting above is from 1580 and is the earliest known one of a guinea pig and shows three Elizabethan children with their pet.

Guinea pigs are extremely social animals and thrive in the company of others. They make lots of sounds, including squeaks known as "wheeking", purrs and chirps, which they use to communicate with their owners and other guinea pigs.

With proper care, guinea pigs can live between 5 to 8 years. Over the past

two years, I've learnt a lot about what they need to be healthy and happy. Unlike most animals, guinea pigs cannot produce their own vitamin C, so as well as dry food, they need a diet rich in fresh vegetables like peppers and kale. Timothy hay or similar is essential for their digestive health and to keep their constantly growing teeth in check – but must be dust-free to protect their eyes and lungs.

Happy piggies can be seen performing a behaviour known as "popcorning," where they jump into the air several times in rapid succession - like popcorn kernels popping! We call our pigs the "fridge alarm" because they are guaranteed to start excitedly wheeking when we go to get their

fresh veg out. It's lovely to hear them chut-chutting which is a soft, continuous sound they make when exploring or feeling comfortable.

We hope this information is interesting and helpful if you have or are thinking of buying a guinea pig as a pet.

Christal Moore and her grandparents,
Bob & Carol – purr, chirp etc!!

P.S. Don't forget to send us your articles about Hellifield pets. Please include a photo and send to: magazinehellifield@gmail.com



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HelliSingers sing again

By the time you read this we will have performed at Stanfest on 30th August. We will also have held our coffee morning on 13th September, so thank you to those who supported that event.

We're very sorry to say 'Goodbye' to Dave Clements, who has been with us from the start but is moving to Lincolnshire. He has been an invaluable member of the choir and we will miss him but wish him and Ann all the best in their next adventure!

The choir now numbers 23 members and we are very excited about our forthcoming programme. We will be performing a mixture of Christmas music on Friday 12th December in the church at 7.30pm. Last year's concert proved to be a hit. Admission will be free with donations going towards the upkeep of the church. We're hoping the heating doesn't break down this year but bring blankets and cushions just in case!

On 17th December we will be singing at Gallaber Park, and at Limestone View on a date still to be arranged.

Our next big event will be our show at the end of March 2026 (26th / 27th / 28th). This will include some well-known and not-so-well known songs which we think you will really enjoy.

If any of you are thinking of joining the choir, please come now as we are starting new stuff. Just a love of singing will get you in! No musical background is required. We are a super-friendly and welcoming group. We meet on Friday mornings at 9.45am in the Village Hall and finish at 11am.

I would like to pay a tribute to my lovely band of merry singers for their willingness and bravery to have a go at whatever is asked of them! Sing On!

Sue Alderson

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Nothing to declare

For the last 19 years I have been recording my garden moths, with occasional trips into “wilder” parts to find non-garden moths. It is very much an amateur interest and nothing like those “mothers” who travel far and wide to find rarities, equivalent to the twitchers of the birding world. The recording largely relies on various types of light trap, sometimes pheromone lures and of course eyesight. Generally, I try to trap on alternate nights so those caught have a free night to escape and do mothy things, and also when no rain is forecast. This contrasts with some trappers who will run a trap nearly every evening.

Recording of moths has grown, aided by some very good identification books, with drawings and photos in lifelike positions. This contrasts with the older techniques and books where moths were often killed and displayed “pinned out”. Modern traps also allow for good catches with humane catch and release. Something I strongly believe in.

My first ten years of trapping were in a village in Hertfordshire, Walkern, about the size of Hellifield, but where I had a large garden on the edge of the village, near open countryside.. This meant I could run the best and brightest light trap with a 125 W mercury vapour bulb, without upsetting the neighbours. In all over 12,000 records were made with 475 species. Now, in Hellifield, I run a 2 x 30 W actinic light trap, a bit less efficient, but kinder to my near neighbours as it avoids the impression of Blackpool illuminations. So far, I have over 3000 records with 262 species. A very recent trap this year on July 30th left me astounded with a conservative estimate of 325 individuals of Large Yellow Underwing



'Elephant Hawk-moth'. On the wing from May to early August, caterpillar often found on willowherbs (photo Maria Carter)

(LYU), found covering all the nooks and crannies on the egg boxes. Egg boxes are commonly used inside the trap so the moths can settle, and they increase the resting area. LYU is a species that is widespread in the county, and tops the list for frequency, but it still left me amazed. So far, no real rarities have cropped up, but quite



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a few low on the abundance list as locally common, and even the splendid day-flying moth, the Hummingbird Hawkmoth. This is a migrant that comes from the Mediterranean region. It is aptly named and if you have been lucky enough to see one it lives up to its name, energetically hovering in front of flowers using its long proboscis to get nectar.



The aptly named 'Spectacle', note the goggle-like surround to the eyes and subtle patterning (should show even in black and white)

I have spoken to quite a few people, who for reasons I don't quite understand, are afraid of moths. Of course there is the association with night flying, which may be one reason. No moths bite or sting. I do remember as a kid, the smell of camphor from moth balls usually pervaded the bedroom wardrobes and drawers. The House, or Clothes moths, lay eggs on anything woollen and the resultant caterpillars then eat the cloth. Nowadays, with the fall in wool use and rise in cotton and synthetic materials, the clothes moth has very much declined. When you ask people

who don't like moths what do they think of butterflies, the result is very often reversed. This is interesting as moths and butterflies are the same, members of the Lepidoptera. For convenience the scientists have artificially split the Lepidoptera into micro-moths (about 1600 species in the UK); butterflies (about 70 species in the UK); and macro-moths (about 900 species).

It is also quite a common fallacy that moths only fly at night, quite a few, over 100 species, can be day-flying, such as the Hummingbird Hawkmoth, and the cinnabar moth (I wrote about this in an earlier copy of the Herald). Another, often common misconception, is that moths are brown-coloured boring things. Nothing could be further from the truth. There is a huge range of colours, sizes and types of moth, and the often subtle variations in hue is remarkable. Often designed to camouflage or to warn off predators; yellow and red features a lot in moth patterns. Even the brown moths are delicately shaded with grey/white and other delicately subdued colours. That their bodies are covered in thousands of scales (hence Lepidoptera, or scale wing) allows for a myriad of colour patterns. They are also often overlooked as important plant pollinators. A few wild and garden plants only release scent in the evening or night to specifically attract moth pollinators. Plants such as Hawthorn, Honeysuckle, Hop and the aptly named Evening Primrose. So let's hear it for the moths.

John Pearson

Hellifield Methodist Chapel and Wesley Centre October 2025

Worship Services on Sundays at 2pm, 5th/12th/19th October
Prayer for our Community Sunday at 4pm, 5th October
Family Lego church at 10.30am, 12th October
Family Café Church Sunday at 2pm, 26th October
Welcome Mat Mondays 2.30 – 4pm, 6th and 20th October

What a wonderful summer it turned out to be, cloudless blue skies and an abundance of sunshine. We thanked The Lord for all of that at our Harvest Festival. We were blessed by the much-needed rain which has helped the harvest, along with our gardens. We have so much to be thankful for, so much to appreciate.

Don't dwell in darkness – step into the Light, and the Goodness of God. Everyone is extended a warm welcome to all our Church Services and Activities

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St Aidan's Church October 2025

Our regular Sunday worship continues **every Sunday at 9.30am**. And, as previously mentioned, we're now into a new, more regular series of "family services"- for young, old, those of us in between and (perhaps most importantly) those for whom churchgoing hasn't perhaps been their thing.

These will be on the first Sunday of every month at 9.30am, with our **Harvest Festival** next up, on **Sunday 5th October**. After that, something different again; we're planning a café-style church in the Institute at **11am on Sunday 2nd November**, held jointly with Hellifield Methodist Church. Watch out for further details.

And also- **every Tuesday at 8.45am**, members of the parish meet for quiet, informal prayers.

Do get in touch if you'd like to know more.

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

The Red Arrows fly past

Following a pleasant evening walk to Hellifield Moor, on August 10th, our efforts were rewarded by the sight of The Royal Air Force aerobatic team The Red Arrows. The nine display aircraft were followed by 'Red 10' trailing white smoke, which we would like to believe was in response to the enthusiastic waves from the members of our small group – but probably not!



The team had taken part in a number of displays and fly-pasts on August 8, 9 and 10 including RAF Valley and Rhyl in Wales, The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo and Blackpool Air Show.

We viewed them en-route from Blackpool, to their base at RAF Waddington in Lincolnshire, no doubt

for some well deserved tea and biscuits.

Further information about the Red Arrows can be found at:

<https://military-airshows.co.uk> and
<https://www.raf.mod.uk>

Stan Kilburn

Hellifield walking group

The August walk started from Austwick Bridge where 14 of us gathered in the morning sunshine. We initially walked west along Wood Lane in the direction of Feizor with views towards Oxenber Wood. After only 45 minutes of gentle walking we arrived at Elaine's Tearoom. It seemed rude to just walk past, so morning drinks were taken with the hot sun actually driving us indoors.

We then headed north around the back of Wharfe wood where the limestone scenery started to come into

its own, giving us distant views of both Pen y Ghent and Ingleborough. Dropping down towards the road we

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crossed fields to reach Wharfe and then headed gently uphill along The Dales High Way to reach our lunch spot at the old sheep wash dub by the ford on Austwick Beck. Here, in the glorious August sunshine, one of the party, to our bemusement and to the consternation of other walkers, decided to strip off to his underpants and go for a dip in the beck. Photos were taken but are deemed not suitable for publication in this magazine for fear of upsetting the village population.

Suitably refreshed we continued up the track giving lovely views into Crummockdale before turning back

down Crummock Lane towards Austwick, with further views up to the Norber erratics. After a quick debate about tackling a field of cows or staying on the lane we shortly arrived in Austwick where a further conversation diverted us to the Game Cock for a refreshing post walk beverage, only spoilt by a wasp diving into someone's half consumed drink.

A lovely walk in the sunshine with a tea stop, a pub stop and great company. What more can be asked for?

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'I would never be able to do that!'

There it was lying on the coffee table, waiting for her. She looked at it warily. Its case had been folded into a triangular stand and the vital part was uncovered and ready for use. She looked at the digital clock on her cooker. 1400. There were two hours to go. Plenty of time to get on with some jobs.

She assembled the ingredients for a casserole, prepared the meal and put it into the oven, setting the timer with start and finish times.

She saw that the floor needed some attention, extricated the vacuum cleaner from its cupboard, plugged it in, pressed the 'on' switch and began to use it. It wasn't working efficiently. Something was causing a blockage. After unplugging it she dismantled it, removed a bundle of hair, wiped the components, reassembled them and finished cleaning the floor.

After emptying and putting it away she discovered that she had enough time for some sewing and set up her machine. Needing more light, she switched on a lamp. Nothing happened. She checked the plug and switches, decided that the bulb was defunct, found a new one and replaced it.

She had already measured and cut out material for her cushion cover and embellished it with a complex appliqué pattern involving circles and triangles.

'A good thing I didn't throw that school geometry set away' she thought.

She threaded the sewing machine, adjusted the settings to the correct stitch type and length and began to try out the stitches on a piece of scrap

fabric. After a few seconds the machine stopped. Calmly she identified the problem, which was tangled bottom thread, cleared it and was able to finish sewing the seams of the cushion cover.

When she had put her sewing away, she found she still had some time left so she decided to read. She used the coffee machine to make herself a cappuccino, sat down, picked up her Kindle and began to enjoy reading her current novel.

All too soon zero hour arrived. She reluctantly switched off her Kindle and turned towards the dreaded object on the table. It began to play a tune and the screen lit up. Her reaction was to panic but she noticed a green circle on the square of glass and warily touched it. Her daughter's smiling face appeared on the screen.

'Hello mum' said the face, 'So you managed it after all!'

'Yes, surprisingly,' she said 'I didn't think it would work for me. You know how hopeless I am with machines and technology'.

Audrey Edwards

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Thank you from the Gargrave Art Exhibition committee

Thank you to everyone from Hellifield and the surrounding area who supported the exhibition either as an artist or visitor. Over 1000 visitors came to see 300 artworks created by 133 artists of all ages.

Shelley Sheridan from Winterburn won the People's Favourite with her incredible oil and acrylic painting: 'Break Free' (pictured below). Shelley began drawing and then painting during the pandemic and portrays her great love of animals and the local landscape in her work. We look forward to welcoming back Shelley

with an extended portfolio of artwork next year. As you can see below, the dates for next year are already booked in and we look forward to seeing everyone there too.

Gargrave Art Exhibition 2026
Thursday 9 - Sunday 12 July





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).

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.

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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A well-crafted Christmas blanket



It's Linda Dykes hiding behind this beautiful blanket, something she made at the Hellifield crafting group. Ed.

Report from the Mothers' Union meeting

Reverend James welcomed members and visitors to our September meeting in the church for our annual service. He opened in prayer and we offered the Christian names of those we wanted to remember. Ellen accompanied the chosen hymns on the piano and Sue read one of the Gospel readings.

The theme of the service was Join up and Join in. Be a beacon of Light in your community and point others to God. An inspiring and uplifting theme. We celebrated two birthdays this month and enjoyed tea, cakes and biscuits together. Our next meeting will be at the Institute when Helen Bower

will talk about her work with stained glass. We will be welcoming members from Bradford, our link group at St. Barnabas church and share Afternoon Tea together. You are very welcome to join us on Wednesday 1st October at 2pm in the Main Hall at the Institute.

Sheila Swinbank and Joy Orwell



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The Women's Institute

Unlike some organisations, Hellifield WI carry on throughout the summer and in August we welcomed Vanessa Card, who is an artist and puppeteer from Long Preston. Vanessa told us about her early career as an illustrator and then working for theatres designing props and costumes. Vanessa has always been interested in craft and art and often takes her puppeteering skills abroad. Following her introduction at the August meeting, Vanessa gave a demonstration on decorating boxes using different mediums such as paint or pencil. Members were given a box each to work on and then take home (see picture below),

In September we welcomed Andy Swinscoe from the Courtyard Dairy. This was an open meeting where other local WIs and villagers were invited along to hear Andy talk about his successful business selling cheese and running cheese making courses. Andy's cheese shop, based just outside Settle, has become famous both locally and wider afield. Everyone enjoyed the evening, and our thanks go to Andy for giving up his valuable

time to come and talk to us. We hope that non-WI members who attended enjoyed it as much as we did.

Also in September, Hellifield WI were involved in helping at Stanfest and the Hellifield Hotshots rounders team family fun day event, held on the football field. We are always happy to get involved in local activities, so if you need help, why not ask us to come along and support. You can contact us via our President Aileen on 01729

851318 or myself (joint secretary) on 07855 191927.

In October we hope to welcome Cody Beaghan from the River Trust, so please come along and support us then. As always, visitors are welcome for a small charge of £4 which includes refreshments. Our October meeting starts at 7.15pm on the 16th in Hellifield Village Hall, so why not give us a try. Men and ladies both welcome.

Carol Weston-Moore – Joint Secretary



Finished boxes decorated by WI members

Stanfest 2025

The event took place on Saturday 30th August. The weather was initially kind, which allowed us to have a couple of performances alfresco. Unfortunately, the rain set in but didn't dampen our spirits as we moved indoors to complete the remaining entertainment.



HelliLinedancers strutting their stuff

We would like to thank all the amazing acts and performers who gave their time for free. Attendance was a little lower than last year, but this could have been due to the weather and other events which were taking place on the same day. This didn't stop us from having another fantastic day for Stanfest 25. We would sincerely like to thank the following, as without their help, assistance and generosity we would have struggled to make the event work, and in no particular order, we would like to thank:

- All the kind donations prior to the event.
- All the acts and performers.
- A huge thank you to the ladies of the WI for all their hard work.
- The Trustees of Hellifield Institute, especially Karen Dunwoodie who never stopped working all weekend.
- The amazing Dale's Disco and his equally amazing dad, Mik.
- The Beer Festival team for keeping us hydrated.
- Michelle and family from Sip and Savour for keeping us fed.
- All who baked the beautiful cakes.
- Gemma for her Sparkle Station.
- Liz and Wendy for doing another amazing job with the Tombola.
- Those who donated raffle prizes and Zoe Sharp for selling the raffle tickets.



The Carlton Men's Shed Choir performing at Stanfest 2025

- And last but not least – a huge Thank you to everyone who attended and supported Stanfest.

We will let you know the total raised at a later date, as donations are still coming in.

On behalf of the charities who benefit, a **HUGE THANK YOU!**

The Gray Family in Stan's memory.

Hellifield Institute (Village Hall) news

Well the last two months have been fun-packed in the village hall with the beer festival at the end of June; an 80's style afternoon run by the Dales Ladies; the Motown Years Disco; An Afternoon Tea/Dance (it was much better than at The Ritz); Stanfest; some amazing coffee mornings; culminating in Fake Thackray on 20th September.

So, what's coming next, I hear you ask. We are pleased to be continuing with our series of Music Nights, which will also run through next year as well.

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Tickets are £5 (cash or cheque) obtained from me or from H's Emporium. It will be a 'bring your own' drinks and nibbles event.

We are very grateful to Frank for agreeing to help us out with voluntary DIY jobs, but in order to spread the workload, if there is anyone else out there who feel they can use their skills to do the odd repair job in the village hall then do please get in touch. The trustees do an enormous job but we would not be able to see the hall utilised as much as it is, without the help of all our volunteers, especially those who assist us with coffee mornings. Thank you one and all.

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Yvonne Crabtree

Stray eyebrows

One, two, three, four -
Five, six - still there's more!
Seven, eight - but nine's a fighter
I'm determined to get the little blighter!

I found a lady -
Her name was Sadie
Hair removal was her thing
She worked very hard
But the whole thing was marred
'Cos electrolysis - boy did it sting!

She worked outside to in -
Never got to my chin
Nor did she do my top lip.
It seemed a great job,
Though it's cost a few bob
And there is just one little blip.

So smooth are my cheeks -
They've lasted for weeks
But then she went and retired
And now she's left me
With a natty goatee
I jolly well wish she'd expired!

Yvonne Crabtree

Joe Coates - Hellifield entrepreneur

Sylvia Coates has been a resident of Hellifield for many years and has some very interesting tales to tell of life in the village in bygone years. Of particular note is Sylvia's grandfather Joseph, known to all as Joe, who according to a list of householders and businessmen in 1900, resided in Hellifield and carried out his business of Butter Factor (eggs and butter production) from a premises located in a barn which stood on the site of Close House. Close House stands on the cobbles opposite Ahernes on Gisburn Road.



Close House. Early 20th Century. The site of Joseph Coates Butter Factor site.

At the time of the 1901 census Joe resided at No 1 Peel Terrace on Kendal Road. A widower, he had four sons listed as John William age 5.

Fred age 3. Major age 2 and Joseph age 1. He also had a daughter- Belle age 5.

Joe was not a man to let the grass grow under his feet. In 1900 he built the Central Mews in Hellifield. This was located opposite the Beck Field Bridge and was adjacent to Brook Street. The building, or buildings have now been turned into dwellings. At the beginning of the 20th century Joe operated as Goods Carrier Horse & Carriage Hire and Coal Merchant from the Central Mews location. The building comprised stabling and a loading dock for goods, plus interior storage and a small mill for grinding corn.

The 1901 census also lists one Sarah Agnes Lee age 28 who also resided at No 1 Peel Terrace. She was listed as House Keeper and Domestic.

Sarah was to become Joe's second wife and further children were born. Joe was assisted in his business by Mr John Hoar who ran the grocery and corn dealership from premises on Kendal Road and from within Central Mews. The whole affair was overseen by Mr David Mason.

Joe Coates was an enterprising man, and his initial Horse Carriage and Carting Company was developed to include Coal Carting. This element was very successful and Joe became the leading supplier of coal around the village and its surrounds. Hellifield was a bustling railway village at this time and coal was certainly not thin on the ground.



Joseph Coates holding the reins outside his premises on Central Mews. The houses to his left are known as East View and the view of the terrace is relatively unchanged. Photo circa 1905.

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This photo was taken in 1916 and shows a parade of the West Riding Cadet Battalion en-route from the station to Hellifield Peel for an inspection by their Honorary Colonel Sir William Nicholson.

(Information courtesy of John Percy).

In the photo above, Joe Coates leans nonchalantly against the wall watching the parade. I am indebted to Mrs Mary Faulkner of Norfolk who indicated Joe in the picture and informed me she was the granddaughter of Joe and stated that her mother was brought up at Central Mews along with five brothers and sisters. Despite the horrific casualties during the 1st World War Mrs Faulkner also added that three of Joseph's sons who took part in the conflict all came home safely. Sylvia Coates of Thorndale Street contributed the excellent photo of her

grandfather at the reins of his horse and carriage and also remembers her days at Central Mews. Her father was Major Coates who was one of Joe's sons. The other son, who was also called Joseph, was the landlord of the Station Inn at Ribbleshead for many years.

Many remember Central Mews when it was a Burlers and Menders in the 1950's and 60's and especially the years following, when it was Bobby Riseley's Saleroom up until its development into housing at the beginning of this, the 21st Century.



Central Mews being developed into housing circa 2003.

Ken Leak.



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New season, new management, same desire

Hellifield Sports FC enters a new season, with a new management team, looking to build on the solid foundation previously laid down.

As we look forward to our new season of local football we must first look back to the seasons already passed. We would like to give our thanks to outgoing manager Paul Dawson for his tireless work over the previous 5 years. Paul gave up many an hour to ensure that, at the time, a large group of 16-year-old 'boys' (helped by some ageing older ones) got the opportunity to play competitive football in the village. Over the years that followed, those boys began to grow into a group of fantastic young men both on, and more importantly, off the field. We shared many great memories as a club, and we will continue very much in the same way with a few tweaks here and there no doubt.



Taking over the reins for the upcoming season is local lad Dale Denham. Dale has been a formidable player and servant for the club in his playing days (which are still not behind him, if

called upon). He has scored countless goals for both Hellifield and Settle (which we don't like to talk too much about) during his playing days. As time has begun to creep up on Dale, he decided the time was right to take his first steps into management and use his knowledge and passion for the game to lead the lads throughout a busy season.

Joining Dale on the coaching side of things is David Way and Michael Richards. David has been involved with the coaching beside Paul previously and brings a wealth of tactical knowledge and provides the lads with fantastic training sessions to make sure they're sharp for match-days.

Michael, aka Micky, has been brought in to make sure the lads are in peak physical condition, both in pre-season and long into the depths of winter. Micky draws on his knowledge of fitness from his time spent playing rugby locally. Together the trio complement each other very well and we are excited to see where it can take us.

Once again, we have been massively supported by local businesses and individuals this season in the form of sponsorship. We rely heavily on this, as costs for running the club are into the thousands per year. So, we give our thanks to them.

The best way to keep up to date is to follow us on social media (if possible).

Search for Hellifield Sports Football
Club on Facebook or Instagram.
Failing that, pop into Hellifield House
(who kindly look after us post-match),
ask someone and they'll point you in

the right direction.
Up the Tangies!
Adam Procter

When I was six

If anyone was ever to ask,
Which age I liked being best,
Would it be when I met my lad,
Bought a house, and left the paternal nest?

No, is the answer
My best times are mixed,
But the age I liked best
Was definitely being six.

I was in Miss Smith's class then,
We were allowed to work and play,
Timetables, spelling and then plasticine
Were the order of the day.

We had to learn to mingle,
We had to learn to share,
We girls even had to sit next to boys
And sometimes work as a pair.

It was also the very first time
The class had to put on a play,
In front of all of the pupils, parents as well,
"But which one?" was all we could say.

In the end Miss Smith decided
Which one the play would be.
It was the Wizard of Oz she chose,
The film that was always on during
Christmas Day Tea.

Now hopefully you have seen it,
And know the gist of the plot,
Dorothy meets Scarecrow, Tinman and Lion,
And also a wicked witch that scares them all a lot.

Dorothy wants to get back home,
The Scarecrow wants a brain,
The Tin Man would love a heart,
The Lion wants courage to be brave and not so tame.

Now only one person can grant them their wish,
So off they go following the yellow brick road.
But really Dorothy's had a fever which made her dream a load.

So who would play each character?
Again, it was for Miss Smith to decide,
The characters were chosen, just Dorothy left.
"I'd love to do it" I lied.

So up the girls got to audition,
Until it was finally two,
Kimberley and I were left,
Now what would we have to do?

Miss Smith had thought as the hall was large,
Dorothy would need a voice that was loud,
So a shouting match between Kim and me begun, which I won,
Boy was I proud!

When I went home and told my mum
There was great surprise on her face
As I sometimes had trouble pronouncing my words,
So, she thought Miss Smith has chosen in haste.

Soon the great day of the play dawned
And I can say that my mum and dad were proud,
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View from the vicarage

I'm very much a Child of the 70s. I can never remember which "Gen" this puts me in (X? Z? please let me know) but my life, and my outlook on the world, are just as much shaped by that tumultuous decade in world affairs as those fifteen or so years older than me were shaped by the so-called "Swinging Sixties." In fact, serious social historians point out that, unless you were in a few select parts of Central London, there was, in fact, precious little "swinging" to be had for ordinary folk in Britain, but old TV and film cliches live on.

But although I have my 70s memories of Slade (definitely Slade, for me, not T-Rex!), Abba, long hair and that extraordinary summer of 1976, whose drought put our more recent water shortages into context, I really remember the 1970s for the economic woe and social turmoil that seemed never-ending. Wars and oppression across the world, with brutal terrorist acts by the IRA a constant threat in our own land; protests- often violent, especially in London- against immigration and its effects; public life crippled by strikes, seemingly impotent politicians of all parties and soundbites that echoed the general sense of hopelessness. "Crisis? What crisis?", as Prime Minister James Callaghan didn't actually say, but certainly implied, early in 1979.

And if you're sensing that I'm making a comparison between those memories of my middle-childhood and the state of the world right now, then you'd be quite right. This isn't just about a rather bleak form of nostalgia, though; many commentators (again, across the political spectrum) are comparing Britain in 2025 to the Britain of fifty years ago, and

wondering how we get out of our current problems.

But that act of comparison, in itself, points I think to a sense of hope that Christians - and indeed others - could and should have, despite all that's going on. Because, despite real fears at the time, Britain didn't collapse into anarchy and revolution in the 1970's, neither did Britain find herself taken over by seriously extreme political parties. Some may point, in explanation, to changing political and economic circumstances in the years that followed, but I prefer to highlight the fundamental goodness of so many ordinary folk that didn't let challenging circumstances get them completely down. A desire to keep our neighbourhoods peaceful, even if they weren't any longer prosperous; a continuing commitment to helping the genuinely poor and needy and a deeply inbuilt resistance to violence as a political action. These, I think, were the qualities that made the difference. And, of course, they're qualities deeply rooted in our Christian heritage, even if most of those who practised them weren't traditional churchgoers. Can we call on the same



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things once more in 2025?

And, finishing with another note of hopefulness- the 1976 drought eventually ended rapidly in September with thunderstorms and a very damp autumn. As good old Slade sang in their best known song (written to try

and cheer up Britain in a miserable winter 3 years earlier): "Look to the future now - It's only just begun!"

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

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Settle Orchestra: 2025-26 season

Settle Orchestra are looking forward to another enjoyable season, including a further collaboration with Langcliffe Singers after our very successful performance of Brahms' Requiem in 2023. The conductor for this season will be Andre Chan, another graduate student of the Masters course at Manchester's Royal Northern College of Music. A native of Hong Kong, Andre has already assisted various world-class orchestras like the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic and the BBC Philharmonic, and also conducted the Hallé, Manchester Camerata, and MAV Symphony (Budapest) in masterclasses. He is excited to be bringing music close to his heart to audiences in the Yorkshire Dales.

For the joint concert Andre has chosen Beethoven's Mass in C, a wonderfully tender and personal interpretation of the Latin mass which is not performed nearly as often as it should be. Other highlights for the year include Dvorak's lyrical and nostalgic cello concerto, with the orchestra's own Bob Buller as soloist, and a French-inspired concert with music by Debussy, Ravel, Poulenc – and Mozart. (OK, so Mozart wasn't French but he had a happy association with Paris and we are playing his Paris Symphony!)

We always welcome applications to join the orchestra, especially from younger players and from string and brass players. We would also be very interested to hear from any composers who would like to write music for the orchestra.

We give two concerts each term, one in Settle and one in Skipton; this year the dates are 22 and 29 November 2025 and 21 and 29 March and 20

and 27 June 2026. Full details are on our website:

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Eyes on the skies

Yorkshire Dales environmental campaigning charity, Friends of the Dales, will launch its next major campaign on 21 October with an online event featuring talks and a panel



discussion. The Eyes on the Skies campaign speaks up about the continued illegal killing of birds of prey in the Yorkshire Dales - one of the UK's black spots for this criminal activity.

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- Find out the ways in which you can speak up for birds of prey and support the campaign.



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landscape of the Dales and the wellbeing of local communities. We continue to actively campaign and lobby for sustainable transport since setting up Dalebus (run by our social enterprise company Dales & Bowland CIC) in 2007. Other notable campaigns have included raising awareness nationally and locally of the toxic legacy of planting trees with plastic guards and the importance of adapting cutting regimes on rural verges to allow wildflowers to proliferate.

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Tue	6-7 & 7-9pm	Badminton	Rebecca Gooch 07443 493169	7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
Wed	9-12.30am	Messy Monkeys	Amanda Belt 07398 284126	1st, 8th, 15th
Wed	2-4pm	Mothers' Union	Sheila Swinbank 01729 850458	1st
Wed	2-4pm	Helligames	Karen Dunwoodie 07756 862086	1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
Wed	2-4pm	Helliscribes	Yvonne Crabtree 01729 851806	15th
Wed	7pm	Helliplayers	Audrey Edwards 01729 850351	1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
Thu	10-12 noon	Bowling	Maralyne 01729 851272	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
Thu	1-4pm	Hellicrafts	Val Bedford 01729 850260	2nd
Thu	2-4pm	Flower Club	Liz Palmer 01729 840331	9th
Thu	7.30pm	Hellireaders	Audrey Edwards 01729 850351	9th
Thu	11-12noon	Police Surgery	Ken Leak 07837 727268	16th
Thu	7.15-9pm	WI	Carol Weston-Moore 07855 191927	16th

Events in October

Day	Time	Event	Contact	Dates
Village Hall				
Fri	9.45-11.15am	Hellisingers	Sue Alderson 01729 554149	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
Fri	1-3pm	Helli-Line dancing	Jane Gray 07971 656461	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
Sat	10-11.30am	Village Hall Coffee Morning Ken Leak 07837 727268		4th
Sat	10-11.30am	School Coffee Morning Ken Leak 07837 727268		11th
Sat	10-11.30pm	WI Coffee Morning Carol Weston-Moore 07855 191927		18th
Sat	10-11.30am	Children's Society Coffee Morning Ken Leak 07837 727268		25th

Methodist Chapel / Wesley Centre

Sun	2pm	Sunday Service	Letting Manager 07931 511652	5th, 12th, 19th
Sun	4pm	Hour of Prayer	Letting Manager 07931 511652	5th
Sun	10.30am	Family Lego Church	Letting Manager 07931 511652	12th
Sun	2pm	Family Café Church	Letting Manager 07931 511652	26th
Mon	2.30pm	Welcome Mat	Letting Manager 07931 511652	6th, 20th
Wed	6-7&7-8pm	Kettlebells	Josephine Elsmore 07813 792191	1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th
Thu	12 noon	Drop-in Lunch	Joy Phillips 01729 850340	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

Events in October

Day	Time	Event	Contact	Dates
Hellifield House Social Club				
Sun	6.30pm	Bingo	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866	13th & 26th
Tue	2-4pm	Tea/Coffee/ Chat	Margaret Foster	28th
Wed	8.15pm	Quizgo	Cheryl Mitton 01729 850866	1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

St Aidan's Church

Sun	9.30am	Harvest Festival Service	Rev. James Rodley 018729 851709	5th
Sun	9.30am	Church Service	Rev. James Rodley 018729 851709	12th, 19th, 26th
Sun	10.45 for 11am	Messy Church	James Atkinson 07849 673214	19th
Tues	8.45am	Informal Prayer	Rev. James Rodley 018729 851709	7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

Other events

Sun	10am	Helliwalkers	Rebecca Gooch 07443 493169 Village Car Park	19th
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Public transport update

The Campaign for better transport have had success and this ties in with the local transport plan.

I have written to the Mayor, David Skaith, to see if there have been any developments with the passenger consultation and passenger charter. Haven't heard anything yet. I did explain that in order to get as many people as possible to be involved in this consultation it would be helpful if I can get information in a timely manner to enable me to put in the village magazine as not everyone has Facebook etc.

In the meantime, I read in the Craven Herald on September 11th about the new Democracy forum held in Skipton. I was unaware of this great initiative. I have emailed the contact person to ask for more information and that it

sounds the right place to take the views of residents of Long Preston and Hellifield.

Hopefully by the next edition in November things will have advanced.

If you have any changes you would like to see please contact me

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