

April 2026 Issue



Hellaby Newsletter



Be extraordinary - become a Parish Councillor

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We want the best for Hellaby

Are you passionate about our local area?

Do you want to make a difference in the local community?

Hellaby Parish Council is seeking a
NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

for more information please contact the Clerk

For more details:

email: clerk@hellabyparishcouncil.gov.uk

telephone: 07307 448451



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HELLABY COMMUNITY CENTRE
COFFEE · CAKES · CRAFT STALLS · TABLE TOP SALE!

7th JUNE
12PM - 3PM
ALL WELCOME!

Charge of £5.00 per table
Contact Kath Thomas on

PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

Please note the **website** for the Parish Council is hellabyparishcouncil.gov.uk

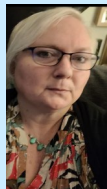
General contact details for the Parish Council
Clerk@hellabyparishcouncil.gov.uk

For any enquiries about community hall bookings please send an email to Clerk@hellabyparishcouncil.gov.uk Or phone Kate Butler - (Interim Parish Clerk) on: 07307448451

Or complete the booking form on the website (details below)

For information regarding the Community Group, Facebook Community page or Hellaby Watch

Phone: Kath Thomas
Chair Person,
on 07711839522



Parish Council website

Although the new Parish Council website is now up and running it is still very much a work in progress and we are still in the process of migrating a lot of information across from the old website and updating the site with new information, so please bear with us while this is in progress.

You can find the website at hellabyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Easter event for children

- Thursday 2nd April from 1-3 pm
- At Hellaby Centenary Hall

This is a free event, run jointly by Hellaby Community Group and Parish Council and kindly joined by Claire Moseley, the Neighbourhood Coordinator for Hellaby, and Flux Rotherham, who will both be providing Easter activities.

Although a free event, this will be a ticketed event to ensure there is enough space.

Please contact Kath Thomas on **07711839522** for tickets. There are only a few spaces left.

Activities will include Easter bonnet making, egg decorating, Easter games, an egg hunt, making Easter decorations and biscuit decorating.

Tea coffee, squash and biscuits will be on sale.



Congratulations to Maryanne and Dan Symms and their lovely little family who live on Barrie Grove on the birth of a beautiful little girl, Lagertha Lillith Symms.

Lagertha was born at 3:40 am on Friday 27th February weighing a healthy 9lb 4 oz, just a day too late for the March issue of the newsletter!



Could we please make another plea for extra people to be **on standby** just in case any of our current lovely delivery people are unable to deliver the quota which they very kindly volunteer for.

Thanks, David and Maggie Latimer.



Quiz answers
Whats App
over Easter
bank holiday

Yoga at Centenary Hall.

Sundays 10-11 am

Cost: £8.00 per session

Starting date : Sunday April 12th

We have arranged for Yoga Instructor Phil Scott, who some of you may remember from a few years ago, to deliver yoga sessions at Hellaby. Although we have a list of interested people already please get in touch with Maggie Latimer if you might be interested. (07760224662)

Bring your own yoga mat if you already have one and a small towel.



Chocolate Easter Nests

Ingredients

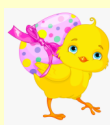
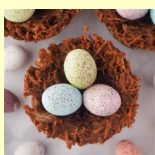
200 grams of milk chocolate broken into pieces
85 grams of shredded wheat crushed 2x 100 grams of mini eggs
Cup cake cases

Step 1

Melt the chocolate in a small bowl placed over a pan of barely simmering water. Pour the chocolate over the shredded wheat and mix well.

Step 2

Spoon the chocolate wheat into 12 cupcake cases and press the back of a teaspoon in the centre of the mixture to create a nest shape, Place 3 mini eggs on top of each nest. Chill the nests in the fridge until set.



Parish Council Meeting Dates 2026

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| Monday April 13th | 7pm |
| Tuesday May 5th | |
| Annual Parish meeting | 6 pm |
| Full council meeting | 7pm |
| Monday June 1st | 7p |
| Monday July 6th | 7pm |
| Monday August 3rd | 7pm |
| Monday September 7th | 7pm |
| Monday October 5th | 7pm |

Please note that although it is unlikely that these dates will change, there is a possibility that they could, subject to unforeseen circumstances.

Councillor's Corner

Happy Spring and Happy Easter to all of our community residents.

You will notice that on the front page and on the Hellaby noticeboards there are posters advertising the vacancy for a Parish Councillor, which has become available due to the recent retirement of Maggie Peart from the role. Please get in touch with Kate Butler, our interim parish Clerk should you be interested in the role, or speak to the current Parish councillors if you would like some information..

You may be aware from council tax information that the Hellaby Precept has increased by 29.5% for 2026-7. We just wanted to reassure you that this income will go to Hellaby and Hellaby alone.

It does not belong to any other area and no one has a right to it but Hellaby. The reason for this increase is mainly because Hellaby has only had (by choice) very low precept raises in previous years and the precept has therefore not been raised in line with other similar small parish councils. This has meant that Hellaby funding has been quite low in comparison, which means that we have never had the funding to do much more than keep the Parish hall going and cover the things which are statutory to a Parish Council. The 29.5% increase actually equates to a £1.02 increase per house hold per month for the majority of Hellaby residents, who actually fall into the band B category.

This does not change the fact that we are still a very small council so our funding will never be anywhere near in line with much larger parish councils such as Maltby, Bramley or Wickersley for instance and we will never be able to afford things on the same scale as them, but we are working hard to try and improve things in whatever ways we can for the Hellaby community given the resources we have.

The reason for the resident survey in Autumn 2025 was to try and find out what people would like for our village. The planter on the grass at the junction from the main road to Greenhill Avenue will be erected in a few weeks with summer plants and after this we have plans to do more things to improve the community, making use of the results from the survey, but we are more than willing to listen to further ideas from residents.

You're always welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings as a visitor, ask questions or put ideas forward. The dates are included in the newsletters.

You will hopefully have noticed the adverts for the Easter event, table top sale and Yoga sessions. We are also hoping to have sessions of 'Seated Aerobics' in the near future and also a scarecrow competition around the village during the summer, which will be judged by residents who wish to take part. We hope this will be popular and a lot of residents will join in the fun! Further activities we are hoping to organise are guided walks for the family around the area, so watch out for further information.

Hope you have a Happy Easter.

Maggie Latimer



The link for any issues with inconsiderate parking:

<https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/xfp/form/222>

The link to our local police team contacts:

<https://www.southyorks.police.uk/find-out/your-neighbourhood-policing-team/rotherham-south/>

Jake Richards—MP for Rother Valley contact details:

Email: jake.richards.mp@parliament.uk

Phone: 01909 384605

Address : 39 Loughton Road, Dinnington, S25 2PN

Ward Councillor contacts:

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Your Local Parish

Councillors are:



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Vacancy

Easter quiz:



How many Easter eggs are sold in the UK every year?

Which country started the tradition of the Easter bunny?

What colour were the first easter eggs dyed?

What is the tradition behind the hot cross bun?

Who is Easter named after?





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How to make an Easter egg hunt easier to organise.

A colour-coded Easter egg hunt ensures every child gets an equal chance to collect eggs while keeping the excitement high!

HOW IT WORKS:

- **Assign Colours** – Each child is given a specific egg colour to collect.
- **Even Distribution** – Hide an equal number of eggs per colour to ensure fairness.
- **Golden egg bonus**—Hide special golden eggs that anyone can find for extra prizes!





HELLABY CENTENARY HALL

Bateman Road, Hellaby



HALL FOR HIRE

Birthdays • Groups • Meetings
Get Togethers
Outdoor space available

For more information contact the Clerk on:
clerk@hellabyparishcouncil.gov.uk

- Join the -


MONDAY CLUB

at Hellaby Centenary Hall
1-3pm

Come & Enjoy

A Chat,
Crafts/Activities,
Discussions

Light Refreshments Available!



For further information contact:
Maggie Peart on
07555 574720

Dates For Your Diary



All Events are held at Hellaby Centenary Hall unless stated otherwise:

Please Note all bookings are on an hourly rate.

- Craft Club-Monday 1pm
- Dog Training-Monday 6pm (Except 1st Monday of the month)
- Scout Group-Tuesday 8pm—9:30 pm
- Burlesque-Wednesday 6:30pm—7:30pm
- Burlesque-Sunday- 5pm-6pm
- Music Bugs-Thursday 10 am -1100 am
- Music Bugs-Thursday 11am -1200
- Karate-Thursday 6pm-7pm (Juniors)
- Karate-Thursday 7pm-9pm (Seniors)
- Radio Club - Friday 7pm-9pm
- Yoga—Sundays from 12th April 10-11

Coffee Mornings:

- Tuesdays April 14th
- Tuesday April 28th

Next Community Group Meeting:

Tuesday 14th April 7 pm 2026

Next Parish Council meeting :

Monday April 13th 7 pm 2026

(Ward Councillors aim to be available 6—7 pm)

Litter Pick:

Any offers of help would be very much appreciated. Due to increasing age and lack of mobility, the group of volunteers has greatly declined and we are sadly relying on one or two people to keep the whole of Hellaby litter free.

Please ... help us to make Hellaby Newsletter more interesting!

Does anyone else have any interesting stories of Hellaby's past or any other interesting information? Such as:

Hellaby news, photos of Hellaby, significant birthdays or celebrations, recipes, short stories, adverts or poems?

Please send to hellabynewsletter@live.co.uk