

May and June 2026 Issue



Hellaby Newsletter



Thank you to Bob

You may have noticed from Hellaby social media or on the local notice boards that there is another vacancy for a Parish Councillor.

This is because Bob Thomson, our lovely Bob, has decided to call it a day and leave an opening for someone new.

Bob is such a totally delightful man who cares very much about the community and the people within it. We are very sad to be losing Bob and we will miss him very much at Parish Council meetings. He has been a supportive fellow Parish Councillor who has always been there when the need arose. In fact it seems like it's another end of an era for the Parish Council. He is also a good friend and a very genuine, kind person.

Bob will thankfully continue his role as part of Hellaby Community Group, so it's not like he'll be disappearing out of sight and we know he will always be there to lend the same friendly ear that he always has!

Thank you Bob, we, and we're sure all the Hellaby people who know you, very much appreciate all you have done for Hellaby in being part of the Parish Council since autumn 2019. We are grateful for the strong support and friendship you have given to us all.



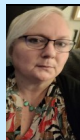
In addition to the information on the above poster, there will be a raffle, for which we would be grateful of any donations.

Home made crafts, crotchet and bric a brac will be on sale and a special stall selling handmade Chocolate.

There are still some tables available if you have things to sell.

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

Phone: Kath Thomas
Chair Person,
on 07711839522



It is with great sadness that we announce the sad passing of **Peter Gilliver**, who lived on Kevin Grove with his wife, Pauline, for many years, after moving here from South Derbyshire and Burton on Trent.

Peter passed away on 3rd April and is greatly missed by his close knit family and friends to whom we send condolences.

Peter was a very much loved quiet and reflective person, who would help anyone if he could, he was also an active sports person. His funeral was on held on 22nd April.



We are unable to produce the Hellaby newsletter for next month, which would go out in early June, so please hang onto this one for information.

We intend to get the July newsletter out before the start of July to keep you up to date as early as possible.

David & Maggie.

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 above](#))

No Mow May

Several years ago I decided not to mow the bottom 1/3 of my garden in the Spring. As the stream runs through the bottom it is quite a boggy area. The first year I had a few early purple orchids which have multiplied and bee orchids and spotted orchids are coming through. This year I have several little clumps of wild primroses and a couple of clumps of marsh marigolds. None of these have been planted. It is just nature taking its course.

I am lucky to have the stream to encourage these plants, but I wonder how many years these little flowers have been mowed down before I realised they were there?

When they have gone to seed the garden will be mowed again.

Maggie Peart

Thank you to Maggie for supplying this article



Yoga is now on at Centenary Hall, Hellaby.

Sundays 10-11 am

Cost: £8.00 per session

Run by qualified Yoga Instructor Phil Scott, who some of you may remember from a few years ago.

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



A few places are still available.



Answers to Easter quiz:

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

Which country started the tradition of the Easter bunny?
Germany

What colour were the first easter eggs dyed?
Red

What is the tradition behind the hot cross bun?
The bun represents the cross on which Jesus died

Who is Easter named after?
The Saxon goddess Eostre



Thanks to Debbie's of Maltby for donating this wonderful Easter bunny balloon, which was first prize in the Easter bonnet competition.



Thanks also to Julia, who donated some Easter eggs on behalf of Tesco, Maltby for the very popular and well attended Easter event.

Parish Council Meeting Dates 2026

Tuesday May 5th	
Parish meeting	6:15pm
Annual meeting	7:00pm

Monday June 1st	7pm
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

We can't believe it's already May. We don't know about you, but 2026 seems to be rushing ahead with even greater speed than most years, but maybe that's just an age thing!

We are very sad to be losing Bob Thomson from the Parish Council and will miss him very much, as a fellow Parish Councillor. It really says it all in the article on the front page.

Thankfully Hellaby's first planter is scheduled to appear at Hellaby's Greenhill Avenue entrance so keep an eye open for the arrival of this Three-tiered colourful planter.

Hellaby events:

The Easter event was extremely popular and very well attended, with a wide variety of fun activities to take part in. We would like to thank Claire Mosely the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator for Maltby East and Hellaby and Maltby West areas and Alison from Flux Rotherham, who brought and organised activities using natural materials with the children, making Easter flower tubs and decorations.

We are still awaiting details of the armchair aerobics sessions which we are in the process of organising. Hopefully, this will be starting up soon. Details to follow!

We are also still looking into the possibility of organising a walking festival but this is in its early stage and is taking a bit of time to sort out.

You will see details of the Community group table top sale on page 1, which is scheduled for 7th June.

In July, ready for the school summer holidays, the Parish Council will be holding a scarecrow competition, which is open to all residents and should be a good opportunity to have fun and socialise with your neighbourhood. If you would like to take part in this fun event the competition runs between 27th July to 9th August. (See further information on the back page.)

Hope you are enjoying the sunny weather we are having at the moment.

Best wishes David and Maggie Latimer.

Your Local Parish

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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 Laughton Road, Dinnington, S25 2PN

Ward Councillor contacts:

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Lynda.Stables@rotherham.gov.uk

Be extraordinary - become a Parish Councillor



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





HELLABY SUMMER SCARECROW COMPETITION
Get creative • Have fun • Bring Hellaby to life!

Let's make Hellaby blooming brilliant this summer! ♥

MAKE YOUR SCARECROW!
Display it in your front garden

Celebrate our community and enjoy a lovely summer stroll around Hellaby!

The Parish Council are organising a scarecrow competition around the streets of Hellaby to coincide with this year's school Summer Holidays. We are hoping that lots of residents in our lovely village will put on their creative heads to come up with some amazing ideas. Application forms to enter a scarecrow into the competition will be made available for competitors to complete and submit from Monday 6th July to Sunday 26th July at the latest. These will be made available in paper form or by using an online QR code. The competition will then run from Monday 27th July to Monday 10th August. The judging will be done by Hellaby residents who walk around to enjoy the trail, they can join in the judging whether they have entered their own scarecrow or not ... but no voting for your own scarecrow!!!

A prize will be given to the winning scarecrow and there will be two runners up.

Dates **For Your Diary**



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

Please Note all bookings are on an hourly rate.

Monday Club-Monday 1pm
Dog Training-Monday 6pm (Except 1st Monday of the month)
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 10am 11am

Coffee Morning:
Tuesday May 12th

Next Community Group Meeting:
Tuesday 12th May 7 pm 2026

Next Parish Council meeting :
Parish Tuesday 5th May 6:15pm
Annual Tuesday May 5th 7pm
(Ward Councillors aim to be available 6—7 pm)

Litter Pick:



Any offers of help would be very much appreciated.

Thank you to our recent new volunteers, Robert and Tracy for their kind offer of help. And thank you to Chris, who has been tirelessly volunteering for some years now.

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

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