

Heptonstall News

Spring 2026

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WELCOME to this newsletter which includes information from within the Civil Parish of Heptonstall including:

- ◆ Parish Council Update
- ◆ Community News
- ◆ Local Events



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Hello all it's finally Spring!

The Parish Council has been just as busy as always over the last few months!



General Parish Council Business:

- Over the past few months, both the Clerk and Parish Councillors have represented the Parish Council in various networks including the YLCA Branch Meeting, the Town & Parish Council Liaison Group, Safer Cleaner Greener and the Ward Forum.
- The Parish Council has considered three planning applications over the three months since December.
- We have also discussed various issues including the 596 bus service, crime and speeding prevention throughout the village (in conjunction with West Yorkshire Police), and the possible installation of outdoor exercise equipment on the village park.
- In December, the Clerk passed her CiLCA qualification. The Parish Council adopted the General Power of Competence as a result.

Grit Bins:

The Parish Council has been made aware of the lack of grit bins throughout the village over the winter season. The Parish Council has requested further gritting provision from CMBC.

Budget:

In February, the Parish Council set their annual budget for 2026/27 at £27,447.50. Unfortunately, due to rising operating costs, the Parish Council is having to raise the precept slightly to £26,315. This is the equivalent of a £5.95 increase per Band D household per year.



Calderdale Wind Farm: This issue hasn't gone away!

The Parish Council's Windfarm Survey was distributed in December. Over 300 responses were received, many thanks to all who took the time to fill this out and inform us of your views. **The results of the survey are shared on the next page.**

Calderdale Energy Park is currently in the pre-application stage with the formal application anticipated to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in 2026. As and when the application has been submitted, the Parish Council welcomes residents' comments regarding this application. Heptonstall Parish Council continues to work alongside neighbouring Parish Councils to monitor any changes and developments. Calderdale Energy Park will be conducting a letter drop to 36,000 properties regarding the windfarm proposals.

More information on the wind farm proposals and the consultations can be found on the Calderdale Energy Park website (www.calderdaleenergypark.co.uk).

Community Opinion:

We're considering creating an outdoor exercise area for residents - a simple, accessible space with equipment designed to support fitness, wellbeing, and outdoor activity. Before any decisions are made, we'd like your input.

Please take a moment to answer a few quick questions.

Your feedback will help us understand and take further steps to deliver:

- Whether residents feel an outdoor exercise area would be beneficial?
- How often it might be used?
- What features or equipment would be most valuable?

Your views will directly shape what happens next.

Thank you for taking part!

Please send your feedback to Cllr.Holt@Heptonstallpc.co.uk

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As always, Heptonstall Parish Council welcomes residents' comments and involvement in all matters. Other key contacts include the Ward Councillors:

Councillor Courtney – councillor.SCourtney@calderdale.gov.uk

Councillor Timbers – councillor.jtimbers@calderdale.gov.uk

Councillor Ahmed – councillor.iahmed@calderdale.gov.uk

Hannah Sherriff-Jackson
Clerk – Heptonstall Parish Council
Email: clerk@heptonstallpc.co.uk Mob: 07301042083

Heptonstall Parish Council Wind Farm Survey Results

Heptonstall Parish Council conducted a survey of its parishioners for the following objectives: -

- To make parishioners aware of the wind farm project
- To obtain their views on the specific Calderdale Energy Park project in order that their views can be represented by the council at the appropriate time and opportunity.

The Parish Council is legally obliged not to take a view of any project until a formal application has been submitted. We actively monitor and attend every consultation meeting and have raised concerns and requested additional information from the wind farm proposers.

The next round of consultation is expected in April 2026. We encourage members of the community to register their interests and review any updates as appropriate at <https://www.calderdaleenergypark.co.uk/have-your-say/>. This is your opportunity to get directly involved.

Of the **377** surveys returned, the results are self-explanatory, with overwhelming rejection of the proposal.

Completed	-	53%
Awareness	-	99.5%
Support	-	6.1%
Against	-	93.9%

There is a spreadsheet summary detailing the objections. It is extensive, amounting to some 80 pages and so will be available separately on the Heptonstall Parish Council website <https://heptonstall.org/parish-council/> along with other relevant, detailed documents.

Council Summary

The Parish Council recognises that residents across the community engaged thoughtfully and conscientiously with the survey. The results demonstrate overwhelming opposition to the proposed Walshaw Moor wind farm, with consistent themes emerging from both tick box responses and written comments.

The concerns most frequently raised relate to:

Ecological harm to a landscape with designations which include the South Pennine Moors Special Area of Conservation (SAC), Special Protection Area (SPA) for birds, and Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), protecting blanket bog.

At the same time, the Council acknowledges that some residents expressed support for renewable energy investment more generally, though often not at this location given the environmental sensitivities involved.

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone for their contribution to the survey. This has enormously helped with understanding people's views and thus representing them appropriately.

HEPTONSTALL MOVEABLE FEAST

Saturday 25th April 2026

Heptonstall has a great Spring tradition that some may not be aware of where village residents and friends visit one another's' houses across the village, and feed guests in their own homes; Then participants gather for a party at the end!



It's a great way to meet new people and to see old friends and acquaintances in a different way. No money changes hands and all are welcome to take part, new and old to the village alike.

To explain the process, everyone in pairs, cooks one agreed course (in your own or a cooking partners home) for up to 6 (or possibly more) people. You supply the food for your course and provide one bottle each of red and white wine. There will be a choice of foods to meet people's different dietary needs. The other 2 courses are eaten in other participants homes, with you and your partner then going separate ways to then meeting up again at the end of the event party.

If you are without a partner for the evening, we will endeavour to put to together with someone. If your home is too small, we will partner you up with someone else or find you another home for you to host in. If you have a friend or family member who would like to take part too, we will try to accommodate this.

This is an advanced notice for you to put the date in your diaries and to notify me if you'd like to take part. I have taken over the organisation of this event this year from Mandy Paramor, who has done an excellent job in past years.

Please contact me if you'd like further details or to get involved in this great fun community event.

Sydney Roper : sydneyroper@hotmail.co.uk

Phone: 07789207846

FRIENDS of HEPTONSTALL GRAVEYARD

Storm Amy and a Saturday of torrential rain put paid to two of our volunteer days in autumn. However we did start a month early in February 2026, primarily to begin the extension of the Memorial Area and we made good progress.



As the majority of the Friends Group are older it was great to have the vigour and enthusiasm of Mark, who volunteered to turn the compost and transfer it to the adjoining bay. BRAVO MARK! Better than a workout!

You will recall that in autumn we planted spring flowering bulbs which are now just beginning to appear around the meadow and the edges of the graveyard. Quite a number of crocus were planted by the top gate, but they have not produced the show we aimed for, so we shall be looking at that again next autumn. When we get some more spring-like weather why not take a stroll around the graveyard and see how many clusters of daffodils you can spot? A good game for young and old alike.



The highlight of 2026 has been to learn that **Heptonstall Parish Council** generously granted us £2500 from April 2026-27 for which we are **VERY GRATEFUL**.

This means that we can achieve some of the things we had planned which make the graveyard a welcoming place for all,

The most costly will be the installation of an Information Board which will depict the layout and the means of finding graves; Also the flora planted in the meadow and wildlife that is present.

There will also be a reference to the **two poets** who were laid to rest in our graveyard, along with changing current information.

Another much needed task is to **replace the bins** with some that are more effective as well as being environmentally friendly.

Fortunately we shall now be able to **buy some tools and basic equipment** to use on our Saturday Volunteering Days.

'In addition to the Parish Council Grant, we are very appreciative of the generous donations made by **residents and visitors using the QR code** in the graveyard. This along with the continued generous support of **Caroline and Mark at Towngate Tearooms** has enabled us to keep things ticking over. **Individual donations** have also been made and a recent one was from a person in appreciation of the work of the group, as the donor, after years of maintaining their family grave, sadly was no longer able to do so and this was a way they could help. What a generous and thoughtful gesture! '

VOLUNTEERING DAYS

For those who are able to do their bit, our next volunteering Saturdays are:

- **March 7th and 28th,**
- **May 9th 10.00am to 12.30.**

(There will be no group on the first Saturday in April because of Easter)

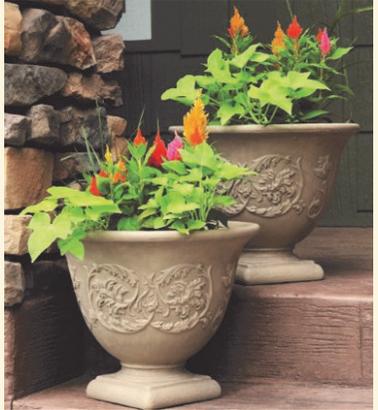
Do come along. We shall be tidying the winter debris, clearing the paths of brambles and weeds and generally getting it to look its best, to show off those gorgeous daffodils!

On behalf of the group may we thank all who assisted in whatever way and wish everyone a very Happy Easter!



HEPTONSTALL LIGHTS & PLANTING (HeLP)

This is a quiet time of year for the HeLP group so with spring on the way, just a reminder that in the summer we'll be judging the best Front of House display. This could be a garden, pots and planters or hanging baskets. There is no need to enter and the winner will receive a £25 voucher for Gordon Riggs. There will also be a prize and certificate awarded to the business with the best floral display. Happy planting!



Eleanor Worley (HeLP)

Contact: help100@myyahoo.com



HEPTONSTALL FELL RACE

Sunday 22nd March 2026

Heptonstall is looking forward again this year to welcoming runners to its annual fell race. Increasingly a popular events it sees in excess of 150 runners start up through the village cobbles to navigate the 15 mile - 3300 ascent course across the beautiful countryside.

Tea and flapjacks await at the finish line, with a Thai curry back at the pub (all included in the £15 entry fee). Entries close 20th March.

https://www.sientries.co.uk/event.php?Elid=Y&event_id=15923

For further information contact Steve Grimley on 07710015560 or Email: heptonstallfellrace@gmail.com

Website: <https://heptonstallfellrace.wordpress.com>



FRIENDS OF COLDEN CLOUGH



Do you enjoy being outdoors and want to make a real difference in your local area? Friends of Colden Clough is a friendly volunteer group bringing people together to care for and restore the ancient woodlands of Colden Clough.

Our aim is to educate and take practical action to improve biodiversity throughout the Clough. We carry out hands-on conservation work including removing invasive plants, planting native trees and shrubs, and selectively thinning trees to allow more light to reach the woodland floor. Our work also helps reduce flooding and includes creating deadwood habitats and dead hedges that provide shelter and food for wildlife. These activities help restore natural woodland processes and support a wider range of plants, insects, birds and mammals.

Alongside practical tasks, we occasionally run guided walks exploring the wildlife, ecology and history of the Clough.

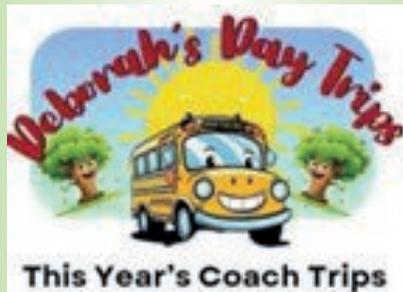
The group is a welcoming mix of people of all ages and backgrounds, from foresters/ecologists, environmentalists, and artists to enthusiastic beginners. No experience is needed. We meet on the first Sunday of each month from 10am to 12–12:30pm at Eaves Playground (HX7 6DJ), with a second mid-month session starting soon.

We are working with the council on future plans and are grateful for funding from Heptonstall Parish Council and the Rotary Club.

To get involved or find out more, contact us via Facebook (QR code attached) or email at:

friendscoldenclough@gmail.com





Friday April 24th	Harrogate Spring Flower Show (Includes entrance)	£45
Thursday May 21st	Burghley House & Stamford (Includes entrance)	£43
Wednesday June 24th	Conway	£24
Tuesday July 28th	Staithes and Saltburn	£27
Tuesday August 25th	Keswick	£27
Thursday September 24th	Buxton and Bakewell	£24
Tuesday October 27th	Blackpool (Includes Fish and Chips lunch)	£35
Wednesday November 25th	Newcastle Christmas Market	£30
Tuesday December 15th	Castle Howard at Christmas (Includes admission)	£45

Local pick up points: Heptonstall, Hebden Bridge, Mytholmroyd and Halifax.

For more information and to book: Contact Deborah on 07517325776

All trips must be paid in full 14 days before departure date.

A £10 non refundable deposit secures your seat.

PENNINE SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL

The annual Pennine Spring Music Festival will again rehearse and stage three classical music concerts in St Thomas' this Spring Bank Holiday on Tuesday 26th, Thursday 28th and Saturday 30th May.

A voluntary committee organises the Festival, using money from participants' fees, ticket sales, donations and a grant from the Parish Council. It all goes towards a week of music-making by amateur players and singers from Calderdale and further afield. The musicians all relish the welcome residents give them and the village's setting.

We still have spaces for singers, particularly tenor and bass singers, and in the orchestra for violinists. So, if you are a competent singer or orchestral player please have a look at Come sing, play - or both! and get in touch.

Even if you don't want to sing or play, you could still get involved with the Festival by helping at concerts with tickets, programmes, and refreshments or with stage management. If you fancy this experience and free entry to all of the concerts – email to find out more: penninespringmusic@gmail.com.

Meanwhile, this year's Festival offers an even more varied programme than usual. It ranges from Benjamin's Britten's choral Rejoice in the Lamb to Robert Schumann's symphony no. 4, from Restless Oceans by contemporary composer Anna Clyne to Bolero by Maurice Ravel, as well as his Habanera for saxophone and piano. Some movements from Sergei Rachmaninov's Vespers will keep the Pennine Spring Choir on their toes, and Milhaud's Scaramouche for saxophone will do the same for the Pennine Spring Orchestra. You will find full details of the programme at Pennine Spring Music 2026.

Roll on Spring Bank Holiday!





HEPTONSTALL REPAIR CAFÉ

Save your cash and the planet too,
Repair everything – don't buy new!

On the second Saturday of the month, kindred spirits gather on a collective mission to repair whatever possible – be they our fabulously talented repairers looking forward to seeing what they can take apart and put back together again or our lovely visitors bringing objects with a story looking for a new lease of life or permission to throw away something that has been lurking in the corner for months, not quite broken enough to throw away.

Last month we had a Rajasthani doll, a favourite of one of our Guides when she was a toddler. These dolls turn upside down to reveal the other character and one of the heads was falling off and the strings had come unattached. One of the volunteer repairers put one of the faces back on so the puppet reverses once again to the delight of the now teenage daughter.



More functional was an older laptop that wasn't turning on – fortunately it was a solvable issue with the power cable. The owner was much relieved as short term memory loss means they struggle to learn new operating systems.

Other items come with a story – a pan that had cooked up many a feast had an unfixable tiny hole in the bottom of it. It continues life as a flowerpot.

A golden monkey once again lights up childhood memories. A wire heart-shaped egg basket was taken back to solder the handle back on. A pocket clock given to someone by their grandfather has been taken home to see if it can be wound up again (unfortunately the owners have over-wound it). And there are the never-ending trousers that have made a number of visits to the Repair Café over the years.....

Medicine balls from Northern Powerhouse Boxing Academy came with a story of hard work!



We have wonderful tea, coffee and an array of delicious cakes served by the Guides. And a chatty, friendly atmosphere. You can pop by to have a look if you just want a visit. We look forward to seeing you and sharing stories like these.

Spring is round the corner, so it is time to get your secateurs out and get them service and sharpened at the café.

Please make sure your items for repair are CLEAN, especially clothing.

We suggest a voluntary donation towards our rent and insurance.



Upcoming events 2026:

Heptonstall School, from 10am – 1pm please arrive by 12.30pm.

- ◆ Saturday 14th March
- ◆ Saturday 9th May
- ◆ Saturday 13th June
- ◆ Saturday 11th July
- ◆ Saturday 12th September
- ◆ Saturday 10th October
- ◆ Saturday 14th November



NB. No dogs (apart from Guide Dogs). Dogs can be secured outside in the top playground.

Heptonstall's best kept secret!

We look forward to welcoming you. If you'd like to volunteer your skills as a repairer or receptionist or helper then please contact us on @Heptonstall Repair Café on Facebook or leave a note in the Post Office for Louise, email us on: heptonstallrepaircafe@gmail.com

1st HEPTONSTALL GUIDES and RANGERS



Guides and Rangers News — Spring

Since January Guides have visited Hebden Bridge Library - thank you to the staff for keeping the library open late for us and to Fran Rushworth for organising the visit. Guides learned what the library can offer, took part in a quiz and borrowed some books to read at home.

We've celebrated the Lunar New Year and cooked a special meal in St Thomas's Church, back at the school they have build models from cardboard, played games (of course) and learnt magic tricks.

Our parents who help us with community events and fundraising put on a Ceilidh for family and friends of all the Guide groups in Heptonstall, a fabulous offer of dancing, fun and lots of cake. Thank you Muir and Kate.

Guiding is organised into Division Level (this is the Calder Valley locally) and above that, at County Level, this is West Yorkshire West - WYW County held their annual 'Thanks and Recognition' Event in Mytholmroyd in January, Leaders from across the area came together to honour Leaders gaining long service awards and other notable achievements. Leaders from Heptonstall were given awards in recognition



of the work they do for their units, which was a lovely and unexpected bonus. Our former Ranger, Matilda Francis also received the accolade of a Crown Award, which can be given to girls who have been outstanding in their contribution and participation in Guiding.

Rangers have mostly been setting their own activities this term, we have been doing either Interest badges or Skill Builders - both of which are part of the formal programme set by Girlguiding.

Rangers have chosen ones they have not yet done and have spent 3 weeks working through the required elements. We've also found some time to go to an island utopia, and co-ordinate a full group activity that required keeping pace and following a special pattern (jumping to a pattern to a beat).



1st Heptonstall Rainbows

Rainbows
Girls play, learn and have tons of fun for ages 4 to 7

At Rainbows, we welcome all girls to play, learn and have fun in a creative, safe space for all abilities.

Heptonstall School
Mondays 5:30-6:30pm (Term time only)
Sign up here: www.girlguiding.org.uk/

Plans are in hand for Guides first residential of the year in March and Rangers are hiking and hostelling in the Lake District in April.

Brownies has started again which is great news and if that wasn't enough, we now have a brand new unit for girls aged 4-7 - 1st Heptonstall Rainbows. There are spaces in both units at the moment and you can express an interest through the Girlguiding website.

If you want to see what we're up to, both Guides and Rangers have Instagram accounts. Lots of photos of the cool stuff they do!

<https://www.instagram.com/1stheptonstallguides/>

https://www.instagram.com/1stheptonstall_rangers/

Know a girl who would love to do this kind of thing? Register interest on the Girlguiding website, we sometimes have spaces in all age groups. You can register interest as an adult volunteer on the website too. Rainbows meets on Mondays and is for 4-7 year olds, Brownies meets on Thursday and is for 7-10 year olds and Guides meets on Tuesdays and is for girls aged 10-14 and Rangers is for 14-18 year olds and also meets on Thursdays. <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/>. There are units in Hebden Bridge, Todmorden, Halifax and Sowerby Bridge too.

Jayne Mackintosh
Leader, 1st Heptonstall Guides and Rangers

SPRING

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 FLOWERS
 GARDEN
 GRASS
 GREEN

LADYBUGS
 PASTEL
 PICNIC
 RABBIT
 RAINBOW

RAINY
 SEEDS
 SUNSHINE
 TULIPS
 WARM

HEPTONSTALL PLAYGROUP

Every Monday 10:00 - 11:30

(During Calderdale School Term Time)

£2.50 per child (additional siblings 50p)

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and despite what seems relentless fog and grey days, are now looking forward to Spring and warmer days?

Playgroup continues to welcome pre-school children and their parents/carers each Monday morning from 10am. Our volunteers continue to give their time to ensure they enjoy their experience with us, whether that's through creative play, storytelling, song or the ever popular snack-time. We're always on the look out for more volunteers to help run the group; So whether this is helping set up equipment, providing/preparing snacks or tidying up then please approach one of the current volunteers or contact Andrea at:

bandrea789@aol.com or on mobile **07727338300**



We are grateful once more to the Parish Council who have kindly supported us again this year with a grant, to ensure we can continue to provide weekly term time playgroup sessions at the Bowling Club.

As Spring and Easter approaches we are exploring how we can make playgroup increasingly welcoming and interesting for our attendees. We also hope to hold a 'good as new' children's clothes/toy sale in the coming months, providing homemade cakes, teas and coffees, but if you have any other ideas then feel free to let us know. Keep a look out on our Facebook page for more information about this and other activities.

If you'd like to come and see what we're about feel free to come along, a warm welcome always awaits.

For further information we can be found and contacted on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/977804118928253/?>



FRIENDS OF & HEPTONSTALL CHAPEL SUNDAY SCHOOL

2025 was a huge year for the Octagonal Chapel.
2026 promises to be even better!



Many thanks if you came along to any of the eight events we held last year. We had great audiences who were royally entertained by some real talent. The year was rounded off by a really memorable performance by Under the Bridge Choir on 19 December, ably supported by the very entertaining 'Behind the Fridge Trio' (thanks Lloyd, Lizzie & Hutch).

& there's a lot more good stuff coming up for 2026

Dates to save for 2026

11th April - Shanties with Eight Sides - see over

10th May - Folk with Eight Sides

6th June - Resonance

4th July - Spoken Word Festival - our 3rd year!

19th September - Percussion with Eight Sides

14th November - Darkher returns for a 2nd year

5th December - Tom McConville & Michael Biggins - both BBC Musicians of the Year - see over



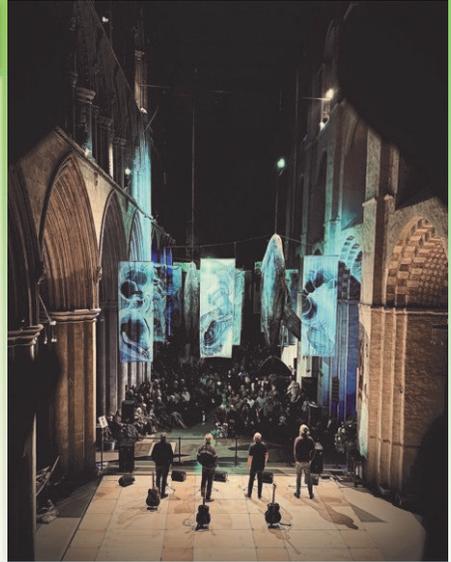
more dates to follow for June – August & October. There is also a **BIG** plan brewing up *very nicely*!!

Contact hepfriends1764@gmail.com for any details.

A taste of what's to come in 2026...

11th April—Shanties with Eight Sides

Performed by Kimber's Men - the UK's finest Sea Shanty Group have been captivating audiences with their powerful harmonies, rousing sea shanties and humour since 2001. They have performed at folk and shanty festivals across the country Europe and Scandinavia and in 2019 were even chosen to headline Australia's first shanty festival. They have appeared on Channel 4's Sunday Brunch and featured on BBC Two and BBC Four's Sea Songs with Gareth Malone, bringing traditional shanties to a wider audience. (Photo from St Albans Cathedral)



Tom McConville & Michael Biggins

BBC Musicians of the Year in both Scotland and England

Tom and Michael are virtuoso musicians who play piano and fiddle, accompanied by great singing. They are amongst the very best traditional musicians around today. They play and sing with great skill and passion and have a rare sense of on stage connection. Their sell out concerts are highly entertaining and always a great event. They love their audience!



5th December — Tom McConville & Michael Biggins combine their considerable talents to perform music including Irish, Scottish, Bluegrass and Jazz. Tom 's fiddle and Michael's piano and Accordion playing is amongst the finest there is, powerful and exciting with a range of songs performed in great style and with a great sense of style, verve and humour!

Thanks to everyone for your support. Hopefully soon we will have news about the future of the two important historic heritage buildings on Northgate.

Meantime please send any queries by email to HepFriends1764@gmail.com

HEPTONSTALL POST OFFICE & VILLAGE SHOP

VOLUNTEERS

Without them we could not continue to keep this vital community-owned service going, and we are extremely grateful for everything they do.

We have quite a wide range of volunteer tasks to suit the talents and interests of the diverse range of individuals on our team, and we hope they all agree that working at the post office can be very rewarding ... and lots of fun.

We realise that not everyone wants to commit to a set number of hours at regular times, so we are working on devising tasks which can be done 'as and when' and which only take half an hour or so. We'll be letting people know about these soon. We are also looking at the viability of a delivery service, but this would depend on there being enough volunteers to do deliveries.

To find out more about volunteering, or to register your interest, call into the shop and speak to Tim, or email volunteer@heptonstall.community

OTHER WAYS TO HELP

Even if you do not volunteer, there are some easy ways to help Heptonstall Post Office:

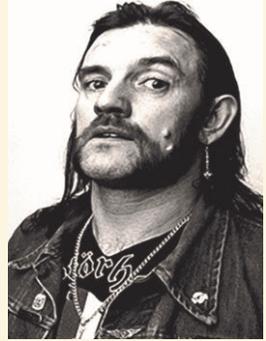
- ◆ Use our banking services - free cash withdrawals, deposits, balance enquiries and cheque deposits for most banks. We get a payment from the banks for every transaction.
- ◆ Going on holiday? Get your foreign currency here. We have euros on demand, and we can get most other currencies for next day. If you need travel insurance, please consider arranging it through us.
- ◆ Follow us on social media: Facebook, Instagram etc.
- ◆ Give us an online review: find us on Google and click on the 'Reviews' button - or scan the QR code here (picture).



In future newsletters we will tell some 'volunteer stories' to give you an insight into their lives; But as a taste of what's to come, see if you can guess who these people are:

- ◆ The lady who went to a race meeting while pregnant and whose waters broke while she was cheering her horse on - so she had to be treated by the course doctor in the jockeys' room.

- ◆ The person who used to live in a shared 'hippy house' in North London, where Lemmy from Motorhead was a regular visitor.
- ◆ The one whose job is listening to debates in the House of Lords and taking down every word for the official Parliamentary record, Hansard.
- ◆ The man who played keyboard for a post-punk / New Wave band in the early 1980s.



EASTER

Easter is a busy time for us - especially Good Friday (3rd April), when the Pace Egg brings thousands of visitors to Heptonstall. We will be open all day for the event, and we will also be open with shorter hours on Easter Sunday (5th April) and Easter Monday.

COMPETITION

You might know that crossword puzzles are a bit of an obsession for Tim and some of the volunteers ... so below is a cryptic clue for you to solve. Bring your answers to the PO. First correct entry out of the hat will win a bottle of wine. Closing date: 10th April.

S Plath and Capone get leg broken in village tradition (11,4,3)

COMING UP...

Don't forget to post your cards for Mothering Sunday (15th March), and Fathers' Day (21st June)

OUR REGULAR OPENING HOURS

Monday to Friday: 9am-1pm & 2pm-5pm
 Saturday: 9am-5pm (PO counter closed 1pm-2pm)
 Sunday: 9am-noon (shop only; PO counter closed)



LATEST COLLECTION TIME FOR MAIL

Monday to Friday: 4.40pm
 Saturdays: 11.35am
 No collections on Sundays



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Find 8 Differences in the pictures below.



SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Medium Level

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BOWLING NEWS

- Our bowling green will be open from mid-March!
- Monday Evenings: our bowling team will be playing in the Hebden Royd league. Come along and support your local team (dates and venues to be confirmed).
- Wednesdays, Social Bowling: enjoy a session with friends or meet new people. Bar open from 6pm.
- Friday Evenings: the development league for new players. Our Friday team won the Hebden Royd League in 2025. If you are interested in joining this league next season (2027) now is a good time to get started. (League dates and venues to be confirmed).
- Saturday Mornings: Looking for something to do with the children on a Saturday morning? We will be running Bowls Buddies sessions from 10-12am
- If you are looking for an activity for your club or society we can offer Crown Green Bowling sessions and Bowls Buddies sessions. Just get in touch. Contact Drew Marsh, heptonstallclub@live.co.uk



FUTURE EVENTS:

- **Saturday 28th March 7:30pm: OPEN MIC NIGHT.** A Heptonstall Festival Fundraiser. £5 entry, free for performers. Pie and pea supper available.
- **Saturday 11th April 7:30pm: ORBIT:** Live band music covering the 60s, 70s, 80s and R&B Rock. FREE entry but donations welcome!
- **Saturday 23rd May 7:30pm: TOP SHOULDER DJ'S REUNION.** Featuring Astro, Tumblecloud, and Timetunnel; playing 60s, 70s and 80s classics. A fundraiser for Leeds Hospitals Charity Cancer Appeal, in memory of Bob Dean. £5 on the door. All donations welcome!



Membership: Still only £10 (adult 18+) and £5 (child 12-17).

For enquiries relating to: private functions/meetings/camper van accommodation, contact heptonstallclub@live.co.uk or telephone Jean on 07517394389.

If you would like to contribute to the content of this Parish Council Newsletter through sharing local community group/organisational news, events, village promotions and local activities then please get in touch.

Closing dates for submitting content to future editions are:

- ◆ **Monday 1st June 2026 (Summer)**
- ◆ **Tuesday 1st September 2026 (Autumn)**
- ◆ **Tuesday 1st December 2026 (Winter)**
- ◆ **Monday 1st March 2027 (Spring)**



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