



THE MELLING CHRONICLE

December/January 2023/24

Movie Night - The Duke
Cooking Corner...Viennese Whirl Mince Pies
A Concert of Carols and Readings

The Melling Chronicle

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1 Dec	Pub Night - Melling Village Hall	7.30pm
3 Dec	Morning Service -St Wilfrid's Church	9.30am
3 Dec	Advent Procession -St Wilfrid's Church	6.30pm
4 Dec	Lunesdale Probus Club - Dec meeting	10.15am
6 Dec	Parish Council Meeting - Melling Village Hall	6pm
9 Dec	Dominoes Evening - Hornby Institute	7pm
10 Dec	Concert of Carols and Readings -St Wilfrid's Church	3pm
12 Dec	Hornby Pensioners Christmas Party Lunch - Hornby Institute	12.30pm
13 Dec	Tunstall WI Meeting - Tunstall Village Hall	7.30pm
13 Dec	Nativity -St Wilfrid CE Primary School	2pm
14 Dec	Christingle Service - St Wilfrid's Church	4pm
17 Dec	Holy Communion -St Wilfrid's Church	9.30am
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24 Dec	First Communion of Christmas -St Wilfrid's Church	9pm
5 Jan	Melling Village Hall AGM - Melling Village Hall	6.30pm
5 Jan	Pub Night - Melling Village Hall	7.30pm
6 Jan	Dominoes Evening - Hornby Institute	7pm
7 Jan	Morning Service -St Wilfrid's Church	9.30am
13 Jan	Pensioners Coffee Morning - Hornby Institute	10am
14 Jan	Messy Church -St Wilfrid's Church	4pm
15 Jan	Lunesdale Probus Club - Jan meeting	10.15am
20 Jan	Dominoes Evening - Hornby Institute	7pm
21 Jan	Holy Communion -St Wilfrid's Church	11.15am
26 Jan	Movie Night - Melling Village Hall	7pm

MELLING CHRONICLE

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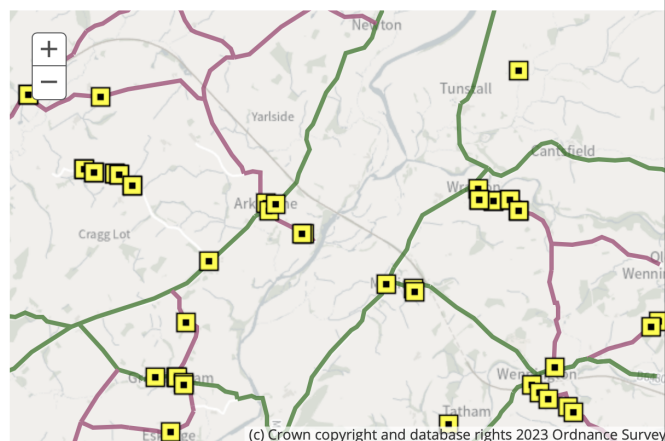
Nothing official, but comments on social media suggest that the cameras on the A683 went live 3+ weeks ago. LCC said they would announce this officially, but they haven't so far. But, apparently they have caught people driving while using their phones as well as several speeding. **Be careful everyone and keep to the speed limit.**



Gritting map

See where we grit across the county and where grit bins are located.

☒ Primary Gritting Routes ☒ Secondary Gritting Routes ☒ Grit Bins



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The Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 6th December**, starting at **6.30pm**. It will be preceded by the usual parish forum which will start at **6pm**.
Come along, have your say.



THE SCRIMSHANKERS

Fantastic entertainment at our last pub night from local a capella singing group **THE SCRIMSHANKERS** who gave a full Melling Village Hall a full range of sea shanties and similar songs. Wonderful harmonies! The group will be back in the new year - see the Melling Chronicle and local Facebook groups for details.



BUILDING WORK AT MELLING VILLAGE HALL

Thanks to a grant from the *Lancashire Environmental Fund* we are now able to make extensive improvements to our kitchen and bar areas. This will involve a bigger and better equipped kitchen and the relocation of the bar. Work will begin in January 2024 and take approximately two months.

We are hoping that there will be minimal disruption to the use of the hall particularly in the evening. The building area will be sealed off and refreshment and kitchen facilities run from the existing bar area. You will see we have a full programme of Pub nights and our very successful Film nights. During the day some events may be affected and the committee will liaise directly with each group regarding the work.

We have arranged for a container to be located in the corner of the car park to store the contents of the kitchen and some of the hall furniture while the work is being carried out.

Please contact Robert, Sandra, Mary, Kate or Margaret if you need further information.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2023

Jim and Kay Harrison would like to thank the residents of Melling for their donations this year which raised
£262.24

Thank you also to Wennington residents donating
£139.71

Jenny Herd (PAO for Hornby and district)

News From Melling And Wrayton



MELLING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

The AGM will take place on Friday January 5th at 6.30pm it will be followed by the first pub night of the year.

We still need some extra committee members.

Why not contact: Mary 07970705496 or Sandra 07713883632 for more info.



MELLING VILLAGE HALL PUB NIGHT

Friday 1st December, bar opens 7.30pm

Friday 5th January, bar opens 7.30pm

Why not come along, meet up with friends and have a great start to the weekend.



MOVIE NIGHT

Making use of our audio-visual equipment:

THE DUKE (12)

26th January 2024, doors open at 7.00pm and the film starts at 7.30pm.

Book with Mary 07970705496.

In 1961, Kempton Bunton, a 60-year-old taxi driver, stole Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London. It was the first (and remains the only) theft in the Gallery's history.

Kempton sent ransom notes saying that he would return the painting on condition that

the government invested more in care for the elderly - he had long campaigned for pensioners to receive free television.

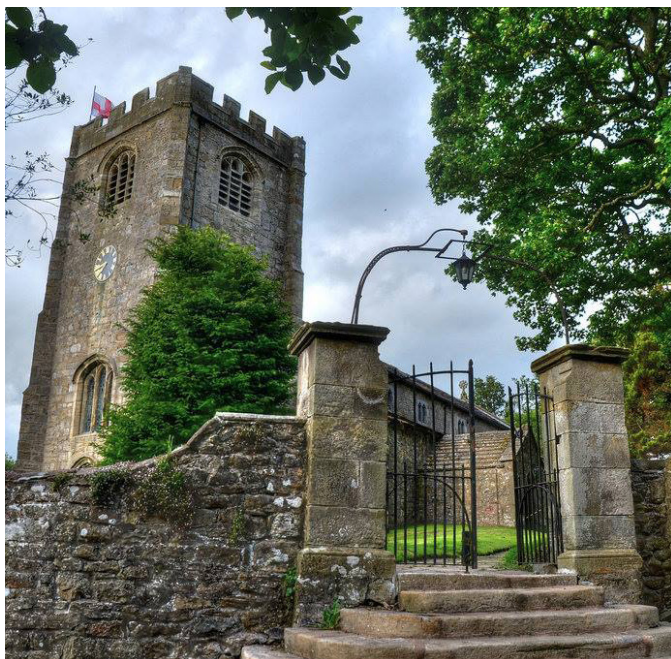
What happened next became the stuff of legend. Only 50 years later did the full story emerge - Kempton had spun a web of lies. The only truth was that he was a good man, determined to change the world and save his marriage - how and why he used the Duke to achieve that is a wonderfully uplifting tale.

Please NOTE no cinema in Dec - next film in January!

LOOKING AHEAD.....IN MELLING VILLAGE HALL

	Pub Night	1 Dec 2023	Friday 7.30pm
	AGM	5 Jan 2024	Friday 6.30pm
	Pub Night	5 Jan 2024	Friday 7.30pm
	Film Night	26 Jan 2024 - The Duke	Friday 7.30pm
	Pub Night	2 Fe 2024	Friday 7.30pm
	Film Night	23 Feb 2024 - Empire of the Light	Friday 7.30pm
	Pub Night	1 Mar 2024	Friday 7.30pm
	Film Night	22 Mar 2024 - Death on the Nile	Friday 7.30pm
	Pub Night	5 Apr 2024	Friday 7.30pm
	Film Night	26 Apr 2024 - Knives Out	Friday 7.30pm
	Pub Night	3 May 2024	Friday 7.30pm
	Film Night	24 May 2024 - Blonde	Friday 7.30pm
	Pub Night	7 Jun 2024	Friday 7.30pm
	Film Night	28 Jun 2024 - The Great Escaper	Friday 7.30pm
	Pub Night	5 Jul 2024	Friday 7.30pm
	Film Night	26 Jul 2024 - The Whale	Friday 7.30pm
	Film Night	23 Aug 2024 - The Electrical Life of Louis Wain	Friday 7.30pm
	Pub Night	6 Sep 2024	Friday 7.30pm
	Film Night	27 Sep 2024 - Fisherman's Friends 2: One and All	Friday 7.30pm
	Pub Night	4 Oct 2024	Friday 7.30pm
	Film Night	25 Oct 2024 - The Grey Man	Friday 7.30pm
	Pub Night	1 Nov 2024	Friday 7.30pm
	Film Night	15 Nov 2024 - The Glass Onion	Friday 7.30pm
	Pub Night	6 Dec 2024	Friday 7.30pm

News From Melling And Wrayton



ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH

You can now donate to the upkeep of our beautiful ancient church by contributing to our new online fundraiser. Scan the QR code to get started!

Your kind donations keep the building running and the church an active place of worship.

We deeply appreciate all the funds we receive.
Thank you!



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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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St Wilfrid's Church Melling

A stylized illustration of a nativity scene. In the foreground, a shepherd with a staff and a donkey with a rider are silhouetted against a bright light on the horizon. In the background, a castle sits on a hill under a starry night sky with a prominent bright star.

A CONCERT OF CAROLS AND READINGS

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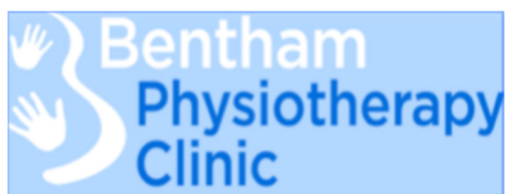
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COOKING CORNER ... VIENNESE WHIRL MINCE PIES



FOR THE PASTRY

125g unsalted butter, chilled and cubed
50g icing sugar
250g plain flour, plus extra for dusting
1 egg
1 orange, zested

FOR THE FILLING

275g mincemeat
2 tbsp brandy (optional)
25g toasted flaked almonds, roughly chopped
1 medium eating apple, grated

FOR THE VIENNESE WHIRL TOPPING

150g unsalted butter, softened
150g plain flour
2 tbsp cornflour
30g icing sugar, plus extra for dusting
1 tsp almond extract

METHOD

1. To make the pastry, put the butter, icing sugar and flour into a food processor and pulse until it resembles breadcrumbs. Add the egg and half the orange zest and pulse until the pastry just comes together into a ball. Tip onto a lightly floured surface and shape into a flat circle. Wrap tightly in clingfilm and chill for 30 mins.
2. Halve the dough and save one half for another time (see tip below). Roll out the

remaining half of pastry on a lightly floured surface to the thickness of a pound coin. Cut out 12 circles with an 8cm fluted cutter and lightly press into a muffin tin. Prick the base of the pastry with a fork.

3. In a bowl, mix the mincemeat with the rest of the orange zest, brandy (if using), chopped almonds and grated apple. Fill each pastry case with a tablespoon of mincemeat.

4. For the Viennese whirl topping, place the softened butter in a large bowl and beat until soft. Sift over the flour, cornflour and icing sugar and beat for 5 mins or until the mixture is light and fluffy. Add the almond extract and beat to combine.

5. Spoon the mixture into a piping bag fitted with a star nozzle. Pipe a swirl of the topping on top of each mince pie to cover each one. Place in the fridge and chill for 30 mins or until firm to the touch. This will help the whirl keep its shape when baked.

6. Meanwhile, preheat the oven to gas 5, 190°C, fan 170°C.

7. Bake for 15 mins or until the topping is golden and just crisp. Allow to cool slightly in the tin, then carefully loosen with a knife and transfer to a wire rack. Dust with icing sugar and serve warm, with brandy butter or whipped cream if you like.

Tips: *This recipe makes enough pastry to make 24 mince pies so there is enough for a second batch. Wrap half the pastry in clingfilm and keep in the fridge for up to a week or freezer for up to 3 months. Defrost fully before using.*

Why not experiment with your mincemeat filling - you could add small cubes of marzipan, dried cherries or cranberries.

If you want to make these nut-free, omit the flaked almonds in the mincemeat and replace the almond extract with vanilla extract in the Viennese topping.





MELLING ST WILFRID CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

'FOR THE LOVE OF LEARNING, FRIENDSHIP AND FAITH.'

We are getting ready for Christmas in school and are learning all about advent.

Our infants are singing Christmas songs and preparing for their **nativity** which will take place in school on **Wednesday 13th December at 2pm**. All are welcome to come and watch and start the Christmas season. We also would like to welcome everyone to our popular **Christingle service** in **Melling St Wilfrid Church** on **Thursday 14th December** at the earlier time of **4pm** this year.

We enjoyed a community breakfast at the end of the half term with loaves provided by a competition 2 of our pupils won at the Great Yorkshire show.

All the classes have been making fabulous use of our grounds in their weekly forest schools session and are out in rain or shine (it has mostly been rain for the last few weeks!)



Both schools came together for a girls' football match. The girls had been practising their football skills at lunchtimes and Melling invited their friends at Tatham over for a friendly football match. It was a fantastic afternoon and has inspired our girls to keep footballing playing with the boys at breaktimes. Well done girls.



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THE ROTARY CLUB OF LUNESDALE



We had a really excellent response to the appeal for spectacles which people no longer have a use for and we were able to add late additions to the collection before passing them on their way to begin the journey to South Africa. **Thank you.**




We have enjoyed some excellent speakers throughout the year and the last 2 were no exception. On 9th November Cecile Buckenmeyer was our speaker. Cecile was educated in France then lived in Japan for 5 years where she worked for a Japanese recruitment company and was the only Westerner among 500 employees! She speaks fluent Japanese. Her first visit to Japan was sponsored by a Rotary Club Exchange visit. She did of course talk about her Japanese work experience but also had brought several kimonos to show us. I was very happy to be used to model them for her! On 16th November Chris Englefield was our speaker and he talked about The Lancaster Shed which is associated with The UK Men's Shed Association. It is located in Sulyard St, Lancaster and meets weekly on Friday at 11am and is primarily there to support men who have problems, provide them with a meal, an opportunity to talk about their problems and by so doing hope to find a way to improve their well being and self worth. As word of this remarkable support system has spread so, inevitably, the number who can benefit from the charity is also increasing. The men who attend can choose from a selection of skill learning lessons/ activities eg woodwork, metal work, writing, art, cinema, theatre and there is even a sailing group.

Finally thank you to everyone who contributed to our Children In Need collection at Booths in Kirby Lonsdale on 17th November and in advance for our Christmas collections.

From myself as President of the Rotary Club of Lunesdale and on behalf of all the Club members we wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Healthy, Happy 2024.

Lilian





HE SEES YOU
WHEN YOU'RE SLEEPING
HE KNOWS WHEN YOU'RE AWAKE.
HE KNOWS WHEN YOU'VE BEEN
BAD OR GOOD,
SO BE GOOD, FOR GOODNESS SAKE!

"SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN"

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

News From The Neighbours

LUNE VALLEY SWIMMING POOL - HORNBY

To celebrate the 5th Anniversary of being open as a community run swimming pool, local MPs, City, County and Parish Councillors were invited to Hornby swimming pool in October to mark the amazing support we have had from the Lune Valley communities and to discuss our plans and hopes for the future. We were also able to announce receipt of grants towards increasing costs of energy and consumables.

Christmas and New Year: The pool will be open all over the Christmas holidays as usual with the exception of the 24th, 25th and 26th of December and the 1st of January.

There will be extra family sessions, lane swims etc. Please check our website for full details.

The pool team thank you all for your support and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year - Keep Swimming!

We so look forward to seeing you.

For all Hornby Pool general enquiries please contact Georgia or Scott on 01524805666.

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TUNSTALL WI

The members of Tunstall WI met in September to hear Mary Smith give a very interesting talk on the work of “Growing Well” at low Sizeagh Farm. This very worthwhile charity provides support and help to those with mental health issues through the medium of growing vegetables for sale to local restaurants.

In October Stuart Newstead gave a talk on the life and work of the Reverend Carus Wilson, who founded the clergy daughters school at Cowan Bridge and was the inspiration for Mr Brocklehurst in Charlotte Bronte’s novel “Jane Eyre”.

Tunstall WI held its Annual Meeting in November and members heard reports from the Secretary and Treasurer as well as electing the president for the following 12 months.

It wasn’t all business however as there was a competition to guess the weight of a truly splendid Christmas Cake which the lucky winner took home. Fun was had when members were invited to guess the identities of members of the committee from their baby/ toddler photos.

The next meeting is on **December 13th** and members will be entertained by the ***Melling Strummers*** and also enjoy a buffet supper.

Tunstall WI meets at the village hall in Tunstall at **7.30pm** on the **2nd Wednesday** of every month (bar August).

Visitors always welcome.
Sheila Mitchell (President)

Christmas Tree Collection By Vale O Lune Young Farmers



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LUNESDALE PROBUS CLUB - HORNBY

DECEMBER/JANUARY MEETINGS

The last speaker meeting of the year will be on **Monday December 4th** when Lionel Wilson will discuss *How much Water is there on Mars and should we care?*

This is the talk that was originally set for 4th Sept but had to be postponed.



But the final Probus Club meeting of the year is the **Probus Christmas Lunch on Monday December 18th** at **The Royal Oak** in Hornby.

Members, partners, guests and friends are especially welcome and we look forward to another splendid Christmas social. No speeches, no formalities just good friendship to kick start the Christmas week.

Our first speaker meeting of the new year will be on **Monday 15th of January**.

And so we wish everyone a most joyous Christmas and a truly peaceful New Year.

Lunesdale Probus Club meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month.

Guests, friends and visitors are always welcome to join us at the Hornby Village Institute at 10.15am for coffee and chat before each meeting.

For further details or any information please contact - **Roger Carter: 015242 22283.**



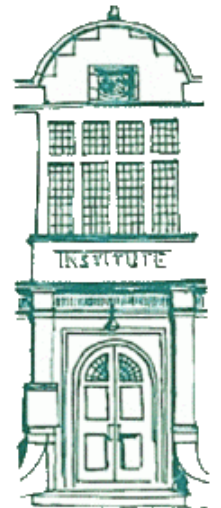
HORNBY PENSIONERS



EVENTS DURING DECEMBER

Dominoes Evenings will be held on alternate Saturdays on the ground floor of The Institute, beginning at 7pm Those evenings being on **December 9th and 23rd**.

No previous experience of the game is needed, and everyone is welcome.



It is time to begin the Festive Season.

HORNBY PENSIONERS CHRISTMAS PARTY LUNCH

Tuesday 12th December



Our **Christmas Party Lunch** will be held in the Institute at **12.30pm**. A buffet lunch will be served, with wine included and entertainment to follow.

The cost will be £12.50 per person and is for members only. It must be booked in advance and the closing date for bookings will be on the 5th December.

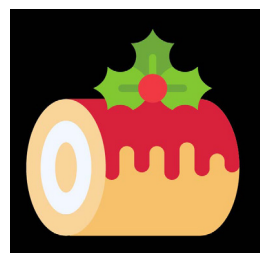
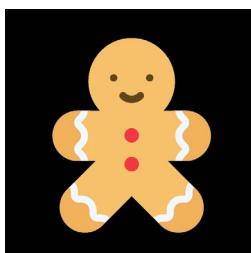
Payment can be made to Kath Helme at the Institute on Tuesdays at 10am until 11am and Wednesdays from 10am until 12 noon.

EVENTS DURING JANUARY

Dominoes Evenings will be held on **January 6th and 20th**.

The Pensioners Coffee morning will be on **Saturday January 13th**, between 10am and 12 noon.

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