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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

MELLING POST BOX

Thanks to the diligence of Claire Helme, our Parish Clerk, and the

goodwill and cooperation of the new owner of 10 Gillison Close and the Stagecoach loss adjusters, the wall has been rebuilt, the post box has been reinstated and the bus stop sign has been re-erected.

[See Page 8 for more details](#)

MELLING GREEN

As part of the Parish Council's ongoing review of its management of Melling Green, a site visit by Will Griffith, head of Public Realm for the City Council, has been arranged for late March.

WRAYTON FLOODING

There has long been a recurring problem with flooding on the roadway in Back Lane, Wrayton. The Parish Council has repeatedly alerted Lancashire Highways to the problem, which has been exacerbated in recent years by extreme rainfall events, and possibly by work on Back Lane by a national telecommunications company. The Parish Council will continue to press Highways to include in next year's budget work to remedy this problem, which seriously affects drainage on privately-owned land between Wrayton and Greta Bridge.

Also in Wrayton, long-term serious erosion of the banks of the Greta River has encroached on three gardens in Back Lane, and there is now an additional risk of the river overflowing onto the field between Wrayton and Greta Bridge. Councillor Jo Bayes has contacted Tim Pitt, the manager of the Lune Rivers Trust, who has agreed to have an on-site meeting with councillors when the Covid situation has eased.



A NEW WEST DOOR FOR ST WILFRID'S CHURCH

At its meeting on 25 February, the Parish Council resolved to make a donation of £1000 to the St Wilfrid's Church Buildings Trust towards the cost of the complete replacement of the church's West door. The donation was made on the condition that the St Wilfrid's Church Buildings Trust would provide matching funds, and more if required.

The new door, which was made by a local craftsman, is now proudly in place, enhancing significantly the 'prospect of Melling' when one approaches from Hornby.

(Under Section 137(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, parish and town councils are permitted to spend up to a given amount in a financial year on items which are of direct benefit to their area, and in relation to which no other powers of expenditure exist. For 2020/21, the maximum permitted amount of such expenditure was £8.32 per elector. There are approximately 240-245 electors in Melling-with-Wrayton.)

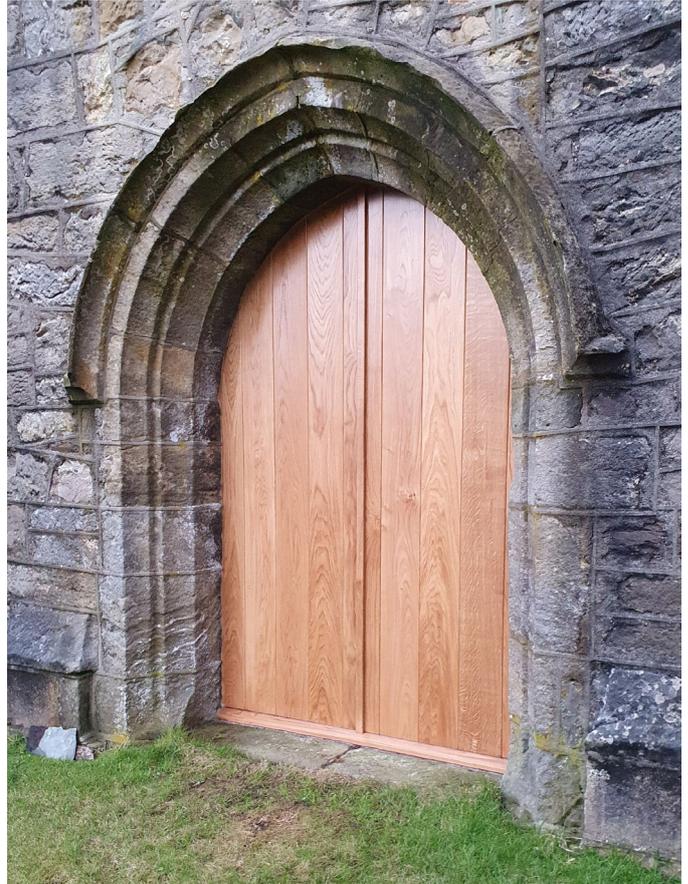
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A NEW ACTION GROUP

Councillor Lewer is Melling-with-Wrayton Parish Council's representative on CANS (Councils Against Noise and Speed), a group which campaigns to reduce speeding and other problems caused by motorcycles in the Lune Valley, North Yorkshire and South Lakes. All three local MPs have expressed their support, and negotiations are now under way for the installation of additional average speed cameras (the A683 is the preferred location for these). Spot checks are proposed on mechanical safety of vehicles, and the use of silencers.

[See Page 8 for more details](#)

David Nott, Chair, Melling-with-Wrayton Parish Council



! The item on page 11 of last month's Chronicle about the weather in Melling should have included the date and the source: 9 March 1850, from the Lancaster Gazette.

COOKING CORNER... EASTER BROWNIE CAKE



INGREDIENTS

- 250g butter
- 200g golden caster sugar
- 100g light muscovado sugar
- 200g self-raising flour
- 5 tablespoons cocoa
- a pinch baking powder
- 3 eggs
- 50g chopped walnuts (or you could use hazelnuts)
- 3 x 89g bags mini filled chocolate eggs (e.g. crème eggs)
- 100g milk chocolate (darkmilk is good)

METHOD

1. Heat the oven to 180C/ fan160C/gas 4.
2. Line a 20x20cm cake tin (leave some paper overhanging to help you lift it out)
3. Put the butter and sugars in a pan and heat gently until the butter has melted. Take off the heat and stir in the flour, cocoa, baking powder, nut and eggs to make a smooth batter.
4. Pour the batter into the tin and push half the mini eggs at intervals all over the batter. Bake for 35-40 minutes. Do not over bake.
5. Cool for 10 minutes and then lift out and cool completely.
6. Decorate the top with the remaining eggs, halved, then melt the milk chocolate and drizzle it back and forth across the cake.

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COUNCILS AGAINST NOISE AND SPEED (CANS) PRESS RELEASE

In December 2020, a joint parish council group CANS (Councils Against Noise and Speed) was set up in response to resident complaints about the disturbance caused by motorcyclists breaking noise and speed and limits in the Yorkshire Dales National Park and Lune Valley.

CANS represents parish councils in Lancashire, North Yorkshire and Cumbria (see below) and is a campaign group which aims to ensure the law is being enforced on noise and speed limits.

We are encouraged by the Chief Constable of North Yorks, Lisa Winward's proposal to hold several 'days of action,' at the beginning of the 2021 season. These include 'an uplift in the number of safety camera vans and an uplift in traffic officers for stopping vehicles and the conducting of physical examinations for construction and use offences.'

With the support of the YDNPA and local MPs, Rishi Sunak, Tim Farron, Julian Smith and David Morris, the CANS campaign will press the police and highways authorities to sustain and develop these and other measures so that everyone can enjoy the unique beauty and tranquillity of the National Park.

*Hamish Wilson
Chair of CANS (Garsdale Parish Councillor)*

The following councils have representatives on CANS: Kirby Lonsdale, Casterton, Barbon, Middleton, Sedbergh, Garsdale, Hawes and Abbotside, Ingleton, Ireby and Leck, Burrow-with-Burrow, Melling with Wrayton. Nick Cotton (Sedbergh and Kirkby Lonsdale County Councillor) and Kevin Lancaster (South Lakeland District Councillor) are also members.

THE CONTINUING STORY OF THE POST BOX (AND NOTICE BOARD!)

YOU WOULDN'T THINK THERE WAS SO MUCH TO SAY ABOUT A VILLAGE POST BOX WOULD YOU?

But after the interesting item in March's Edition of The Chronicle, I find I can fill in the gaps. Pre-1987, the village post box, and the notice board were installed in, and on, the wall of what is now Church View Cottage. This cottage is on the main road opposite the Parish Church, next to "The Homestead".



Chief Reporter Imogen Williams, detailing the exact spot on Church View Cottage

At that time it was a barn, part of Dick Rawsthorns farm complex, but owned by someone who lived in Canada. I was on the Parish Council at the time, and a letter was received to the effect that the owners wanted to sell the barn for development into housing, and “ kindly move your post box and notice board ASAP”. My daughter Steph and I went round there with a crowbar, and levered the notice board off the wall. It was only small, and not really big enough for a growing village. The Post Office was contacted, to un-install the post box, and I went to talk to Jim Ross, who was the then incumbent of Melling Hall.

We agreed that the Box should be nearer the centre of the village. He agreed to have it installed in the wall of the hall, at the entrance to Gillison Close.

This was duly done, but, because there was no pavement there, one had to stand in the road to post a letter. The box was later turned through 90 degrees, and became part of the curved wall, with pavement in 1993.

About the notice board, I did some drawings of a more substantial edifice, to be installed next to the bus stop at the church steps. This was duly made and installed, and lasted 20 years before it rotted away. It was replaced by an identical one, which is still there today. The ‘Traffelite’ labels inside the glass case were made, courtesy of Heysham Power Station instrument workshop.

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Happy Easter Word Scramble

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4. _ _ _ 7 _ 8

2. _ _ 3 4 _ _ _ 5

5. _ _ 9 _ _ _ _

3. 6 _ _ _ _ _

6. 10 11 _ _ _ _ _

What do you call a rabbit who tells good jokes?

11 6 3 2 7 8 10 9 1 4 5



ST WILFRID'S CHURCH HAS A NEW WEST DOOR

Many will have noticed that there's been a fairly significant change to the church tower over the last few weeks, namely the replacement of the West Door.

Every five years churches are required by the Church of England to carry out an inspection and survey of the structure and condition of the church building and churchyard. This is carried out by a heritage architect. The findings of the review are included in what is called a Quinquennial Report. The last Quinquennial Report for St Wilfrid's was carried out in March 2017. A number of issues were identified for immediate attention. This included the west doors in the bell tower.

The bell tower dates from the 15th century. It is not known whether the doors were original or had been replaced at some time. They had not been used for several decades and as the lowest floor in the tower serves as boiler room, storage area and kitchen were ever likely to be used again. The doors were found to be in a very poor state. Some parts of the doors had rotted away and there was widespread woodworm. The architect deemed them to be "beyond economic repair".

The Buildings Trust arranged drawings to be prepared for the replacement doors and a number of administrative steps were taken culminating in the granting by the Diocese of a 'Faculty' for the work to progress.

A contract was let to Leonard Tyrer & Sons, master carpenters based in Bentham. The new oak doors were installed in the middle of February. They now provide a much-improved aspect to the west face of the Church, if walking though the churchyard or driving along the A683.

The church is much indebted to Melling with Wrayton Parish



Council who have made a significant donation to the cost of the replacement doors. The church has significant other repairs that are required in the Quinquennial Report and is considering which should next be prioritised. We will also need to undertake quite an amount of fundraising but that will have to wait until the current covid crisis is over.

Jac Beeson

Easter Sudoku

DIRECTIONS: Fill in the grids so that each horizontal row contains each letter exactly once, each vertical column contains each letter exactly once, and each subgrid contains each letter exactly once.



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SOLUTIONS ON PAGE 23

THE DARKLING THRUSH



I leant upon a coppice gate
When Frost was spectre-grey,
And Winter's dregs made desolate
The weakening eye of day.
The tangled bine-stems scored the sky
Like strings of broken lyres,
And all mankind that haunted night
Had sought their household fires.

The land's sharp features seemed to be
The Century's corpse outleant,
His crypt the cloudy canopy,
The wind his death-lament.
The ancient pulse of germ and birth
Was shrunken hard and dry,
And every spirit upon earth
Seemed fervourless as I.

At once a voice arose among
The bleak twigs overhead
In a full-hearted evensong
Of joy illimited;
An aged thrush, frail, gaunt, and small,
In blast-beruffled plume,
Had chosen thus to fling his soul
Upon the growing gloom.

So little cause for carolings
Of such ecstatic sound
Was written on terrestrial things
Afar or nigh around,
That I could think there trembled through
His happy good-night air
Some blessed Hope, whereof he knew
And I was unaware.

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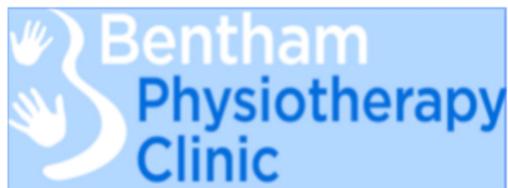
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1	1662	British King Charles II grants royal patronage to a group of scientists and academics founding the Royal Society of London.
2	1801	Admiral Horatio Nelson, aboard HMS Elephant, defiantly ignores orders from his commander-in-chief to withdraw his forces and proceeds to sink the pro French Danish fleet off its home port of Copenhagen.
3	1721	Robert Walpole became the first Prime Minister of Britain.
4	1964	The Beatles fill the first five places in the US singles chart with "Please Please Me", "I Want to Hold Your Hand", "She Loves You", "Twist and Shout" and "Can't Buy Me Love".
5	1649	Death of Englishman John Winthrop, first governor of the Massachusetts Bay Company.
6	1199	Richard I (the Lion-Heart) of England dies from an infected wound while besieging Chalus Castle.
7	1739	Travellers throughout England breathe a sigh of relief, safe in the knowledge that the most notorious of highwaymen Dick Turpin, was hanged today in York.
8	1838	Brunel's new steamship Great Western left Bristol today on her maiden voyage across the Atlantic to Boston.
9	1806	Birthday of English engineer and inventor Isambard Kingdom Brunel. Perhaps the greatest of the 19th-century engineers, he designed railways, bridges, tunnels, viaducts and ships.
10	1633	Bananas, never seen before in England, went on sale in a London shop.
11	1689	The joint coronation of William III, Prince of Orange and champion of Protestantism, and his wife Mary II took place in London.
12	1606	The Union Flag becomes the official flag of Britain.
13	1919	British troops fired into a crowd of 10,000 Sikhs that had gathered to protest at the arrest of two Indian Congress Party leaders, 379 people were killed and 1,200 wounded in the Holy City of Amritsar, India.
14	1983	The first cordless telephone went on sale in Britain.
15	1755	English lexicographer Dr Samuel Johnson published his Dictionary; he had taken nine years to compile it.
16	1746	Charles Edward Stuart (Bonnie Prince Charlie) was defeated at the Battle of Culloden Moor in Scotland by an English Army under the the command of William, Duke of Cumberland. Stuart fled the battlefield.

17	1969	The age at which a person is eligible to vote in Britain was lowered from 21 to 18.
18	1775	At the start of the War of American Independence, US patriot Paul Revere rode from Charleston to Lexington, warning people that British troops were advancing.
19	1775	The first battle in the War of American Independence took place at Lexington, Massachusetts (Britain1 - Colonists 0).
20	1912	The Irish-born writer Bram Stoker, author of Count Dracula, died at his London home. He was 65.
21	1509	Henry VIII becomes King of England, following the death of his father Henry VII.
22	1838	The first steamship to cross the Atlantic, the British ship Sirius, arrived at New York; it made the crossing in 18 days.
23	1616	Death of William Shakespeare, playwright and poet, aged 52. He leaves behind a wife, Anne, two daughters, Judith and Susanna as well as a wealth of literary treasures. Feast day of St George, Patron Saint of England.
24	1858	At the second attempt, the biggest bell in the world, Big Ben, is finally ready for hanging in the clock tower of Westminster Palace, London.
25	1915	In World War I, over 70,000 Australian, New Zealand and British troops met fierce resistance from Turkish forces as they landed at Gallipoli.
26	1923	The Duke of York and Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, later King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, were married in Westminster Abbey, London.
27	1828	The Zoological Society of London opened a zoological gardens in Regent's Park. Lady visitors were politely requested to refrain from poking the beasts through the bars of the cages.
28	1770	English naval explorer James Cook arrived in Botany Bay, Australia, the first European to do so.
29	1884	Oxford University agreed to admit female students to examinations. However, woman are not to be awarded degrees.
30	1945	In his hideaway bunker in Berlin, Adolf Hitler shoots himself. His wife of 48 hours and former mistress, Eva Braun, took a cyanide capsule. In accordance with Hitler's instructions both bodies were then burnt.

PLANT SALE AT TUNSTALL CHURCH



The Tunstall Church Trust are planning to have a plant sale in aid of the church on Saturday May 8th from 10.30am to 1.00pm in the churchyard. Our previous plant sales have been well stocked and the prices are competitive, so please put this date in your diary for a really nice morning at our beautiful church, with lots of home produce and plants on sale as well as refreshments and a raffle (Covid rules permitting).

Sue Aitchison, Trustee of St John the Baptist Church, Tunstall



LUNE VALLEY SWIMMING POOL - RE-OPENS

The Lune Valley Swimming Pool re-opened on **Monday 8th March** to provide weekly swimming lessons for local schools. Staff training ensured that the latest lifeguarding/first aid guidance and Covid procedures were in place.

All pupils, staff and teachers were very happy to be back swimming again.

As always we are focusing on making sure that swimming continues to be available for all.

Our next big step is for General Public Sessions which, subject to government legislation, will commence on **12th April**. Please check out our website and the revised operating guidelines and timetables when published.

Above all come back and enjoy your pool again, we so look forward to seeing you .

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HORNBY PENSIONERS

I hope you are all well & have been enjoying the early signs of spring.

Such a lovely optimistic time of year!

Thank you to those who responded to last month’s request for feedback, which concluded that meetings in t Institute should not be held before members have had their 2nd vaccine injection. This means that, hopefully, our first event this year will be the June trip. All being well, details of the itinerary, arrangements on the coach & how to book will be published in next month’s edition of this newsletter. Fingers crossed everybody!



In the meantime, take care, stay safe & enjoy the season.

Thank you, Annie Stephens

ANSWERS TO THE HAPPY EASTER WORD SCRAMBLE



- 1. BONNET
 - 2. SUNDAY
 - 3. FLOWER
 - 4. CANDY
 - 5. TULIP
 - 6. BASKET
- A FUNNY BUNNY!

Easter Sudoku

SOLUTIONS

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I	G	S	R	P	N
N	I	G	P	S	R
S	R	P	G	N	I
G	S	I	N	R	P
P	N	R	I	G	S

DUCKLINGS

I	C	S	N	K	U	G	L	D
D	G	K	S	L	I	U	C	N
U	L	N	C	G	D	K	I	S
G	I	D	L	U	S	N	K	C
L	S	C	D	N	K	I	G	U
K	N	U	I	C	G	D	S	L
N	K	G	U	S	C	L	D	I
C	U	I	K	D	L	S	N	G
S	D	L	G	I	N	C	U	K

TULIPS

L	P	S	U	I	T
U	T	I	P	S	L
I	L	P	S	T	U
S	U	T	L	P	I
T	S	L	I	U	P
P	I	U	T	L	S

