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THE MELLING CHRONICLE

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Apricots and Asparagus

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5 Apr	Pub Night - Melling Village Hall	7.30pm
7 Apr	Morning Service -St Wilfrid's Church	9.30am
9 Apr	Hornby Pensioners Review - Hornby Institute	2.30pm
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Please send items for the Melling Chronicle to the editor:

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MELLING-WITH-WRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

THERE IS A VACANCY FOR ONE COUNCILLOR.

Councillors need to:

- attend 5 (this year, likely to be 6 next year), if at all possible, full council meetings. These are held at 6pm on Tuesdays in Melling Village Hall).
- an interest in village matters (planning, outside spaces, footpaths etc)
- a willingness to attend other meetings, these may be sub-committees of the Parish Council or ones organised by outside agencies.

Interested parties need to apply in writing briefly outlining why they want to be a councillor, to Claire Helme, the Clerk: mellingwithwraytonpc@gmail.com by April 30th 2024.

Anyone wishing to be co-opted to a Parish Council must be qualified to be a Councillor.

A candidate must:

- be a British, Commonwealth or Irish Citizen or a citizen of another European Union Member State;
- be 18 years of age on the day he/she is nominated;
- not be disqualified;

and

(a) be a local government elector for the parish on the day he/she is nominated and thereafter; or

(b) have occupied land or premises in the parish as owner or tenant for 12 months preceding both the day of nomination and the day of the poll; or

(c) have had his/her principal or only place of work in the parish during the 12 months preceding both the day of nomination and the day of the poll; OR (d) have resided in the parish or within 4.8 kilometres of it for 12 months preceding both the day of nomination and the day of the poll. (4.8 kilometres is the equivalent of 3 miles.)

There are a number of disqualifications for being a Councillor. They include:

- employment by the parish council;
- being subject to a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order;
- in the previous five years, conviction for any offence carrying a sentence of not less than three months without the option of a fine;
- disqualification for corrupt or illegal election practices.

This list is not exhaustive.

UNFORTUNATELY....

THE PLAYGROUND AT MELLING ST WILFRID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL.



The play area has been resurfaced and is a valuable facility for the whole community not just the school. Recently there has been some vandalism please can I urge you to report any vandalism you see to **Lancaster Police on 101** and to the Headteacher on **015242 21538** or by email to bursar@melling.lancs.sch.uk

DOG FOULING

Once again I have received reports of large amounts of dog excrement on the track across Melling Moor and on Vicar Lane. This makes walking on these two great walks unpleasant and it is of course, against the law.

Under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act, it is an offence not to clean up after a dog has defecated on public land. A person may be issued with an £80 fixed penalty fine, if they do not clean up, or alternatively may be prosecuted through the magistrates' court, where the maximum fine is £1000.

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**WE NEED AS A COMMUNITY TO STOP THIS HAPPENING,
IF YOU SEE IT HAPPENING REPORT IT.**

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Sandra Towers, Chair of Melling with Wrayton Parish Council





MELLING ST WILFRID CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

We have only been back in school 3 weeks since our half term break but already so much has happened. You may have noticed work to the outside of the school this half term. The playground has been resurfaced.

We have had a new climbing frame and slide installed for younger children and a role play shelter put in. The pathways are being renovated and as always the playground area is open to local children.

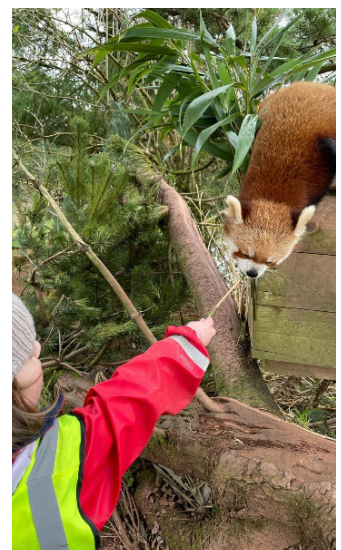
Our play area is well used and popular with the community but unfortunately recently we have experienced vandalism from some users of the play area.

Please let us know if you see people abusing the play area as we want to keep it well maintained for all the local children to enjoy.

As part of their learning in science, our Infant class enjoyed a visit to Dalton Zoo where they got to be zookeepers for the day. They fed giraffes, red pandas, lemurs and monkeys and watched feeding time for the tigers and wolves. They learned so much - thank you Dalton Zoo.

This week we took part in World Book Day and the children came to school dressed as their favourite character. We had some very creative costuming- see if you can guess the Characters on the photo.

Mrs Fiona Ip, Headteacher





MELLING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

We still need some extra committee members.

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



MELLING VILLAGE HALL PUB NIGHT

Friday 5th April, bar opens 7.30pm

Friday 3rd May, 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:

KNIVES OUT (12) - 19th April 2024, doors open at 7.00pm and the film starts at 7.30pm.
Book with Mary 07970705496.

When renowned crime novelist Harlan Thrombey (Christopher Plummer) is found dead at his estate just after his 85th birthday, the inquisitive and debonair Detective Benoit Blanc (Daniel Craig) is mysteriously enlisted to investigate. From Harlan's dysfunctional family to his devoted staff, Blanc sifts through a web of red herrings and self-serving lies to uncover the truth behind Harlan's untimely death.



THE SCRIMSHANKERS

PIES, PEAS AND PUDS EVENING

26TH APRIL 2024 @ MELLING VILLAGE HALL

To showcase the new kitchen and bar areas with entertainment from The Scrimshankers.

Entrance **£12.50** to include food vegetarian and gluten free options available but these must be booked in advance with **Mary: 0797 0705496**



EASYFUNDRAISING FOR THE VILLAGE HALL



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They also have an app. Thank you.



LOOKING AHEAD.....IN MELLING VILLAGE HALL

	Pub Night	5 Apr 2024	Friday 7.30pm
	Film Night	19 April 2024 - Knives Out (This is a week earlier than published in the Dec/Jan Chronicle)	Friday 7.30pm
	Music Night	26 April 2024 - The Scrimshankers	Friday 7pm
	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

LUNESDALE LAWN TENNIS CLUB...

...are holding an **Open Day** for new members on **Sunday 5th May from 2pm**, various memberships available, we have 2 refurbished all weather courts with flood lights playing all year round and 3 grass courts. We also have Pickleball membership.

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www.Clubspark.lta.org.uk/LunesdaleLawnTennisClub

100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

William Howson, of Wrayton celebrated his 100th birthday on 10th March 2024. Family and friends gathered for a party on 16th March at Arkholme Village Hall, with a surprise visit from the Mayor of Lancaster. This replicated a family celebration in 1989, when his mother received the same well wishes. His grandsons wife, Sarah (@shhh_bakery in Melling) made a delicious cake for the momentous occasion.

William has a keen interest in family and local history, tracing the Howson's back to 1677 and holding an impressive collection of postcards and photographs of the area.

Congratulations on this remarkable milestone!

William with the Mayor and Mayoress is also with his wife Edith of nearly 73 years





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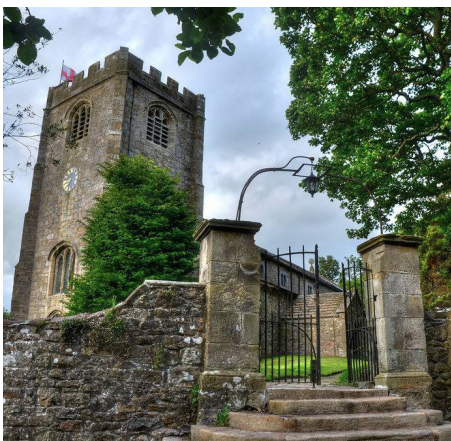
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ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH

Regular church service are 9:30am on the first Sunday of each month for Morning Service and 11:15am on the third Sunday of each month for Holy Communion. In addition, there are more informal services at 4pm for families. These are held around the Benefice each month. If you would like to donate to the life and running of the church, please use the QR code published below.



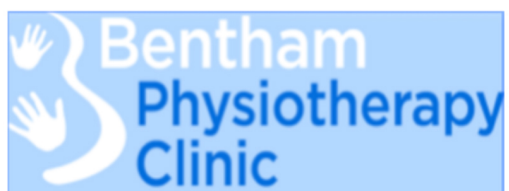
You can now donate to the upkeep of our beautiful ancient church by contributing to our new online fundraiser. Scan the QR code to get started!

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Session Times - Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

- *Monday and Tuesday: Full day (12.30pm - 3pm)*
- *Thursday: Morning (9am - 12.30pm)*

COOKING CORNER ... CURRIED CHICKEN WITH APRICOTS AND ASPARAGUS

INGREDIENTS

- 800g bone-in chicken thighs, skin removed, trimmed
- $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon ground pepper
- 350g baby potatoes, halved
- 4 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 4 heaped tablespoons apricot jam
- 2 teaspoons mustard seeds, toasted
- 1 teaspoon minced peeled fresh ginger
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- 1 pound asparagus, trimmed
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh coriander
- Lime wedges for serving

METHOD

1) Preheat oven to 220°C.

2) Arrange chicken on a large rimmed baking sheet. Sprinkle with $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt and pepper. Toss potatoes with 2 teaspoons oil and $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt in a medium bowl. Spread around the chicken. Roast for 15 minutes.

3) Meanwhile, combine jam, mustard seeds, ginger and curry powder in a small bowl. Toss asparagus with the remaining 2 teaspoons oil and $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt in the medium bowl.

4) After the first 15 minutes of roasting, reduce heat to 200°C stir the potatoes and add the asparagus to the pan in a single layer. Top the chicken with the jam mixture. Continue roasting until the vegetables are tender and an instant-read thermometer inserted in the thickest part of the chicken without touching bone registers 75°C, approx. 15–20 minutes more. Sprinkle the chicken and vegetables with coriander and serve with lime wedges, if desired.



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QUIZ!

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. How many time zones are there in Russia?
2. What's the national flower of Japan?
3. How many stripes are there on the US flag?
4. What's the national animal of Australia?
5. How many days does it take for the Earth to orbit the Sun?
6. Which of the following empires had no written language: Incan, Aztec, Egyptian, Roman?
7. Until 1923, what was the Turkish city of Istanbul called?

WORLD GEOGRAPHY

1. What country has the most islands in the world?
2. What's the smallest country in the world?
3. What's the capital of Canada?
4. Name the largest (not highest) mountain range in the world?
5. Where is the lowest natural place on planet Earth?
6. Name the longest river in the world?

LANGUAGE, LITERATURE & ART

1. What is the slang name for New York City, used by locals?
2. Name the best-selling book series of the 21st century?
3. Which language has the most words (according to dictionary entries)?
4. Which famous graffiti artist comes from Bristol?
5. Norwegian artist Edvard Munch is famous for painting which iconic piece?
6. Which artist painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome?

HISTORY & FASHION

1. When did they open the London underground?
2. Who invented the World Wide Web, and when?
3. Who invented the iconic Little Black Dress?
4. What happened on July 20th, 1969?
5. When was the first issue of Vogue published: 1892, 1960, 2000?

POP CULTURE & MUSIC

1. Where is Billie Eilish from?
2. What city do The Beatles come from?
3. What is the all-time most-streamed song on Spotify to date?)
4. What is the most-streamed album on Spotify in 2019?
5. How many keys does a classic piano have?
6. Which famous American pop band was originally called 'Kara's Flowers'?

SPORTS

1. Where was the first modern Olympic Games held?
2. Which football team is known as 'The Red Devils'?)
3. Which driver has won the most Formula 1 championships?
4. Who is 3rd on the all-time list of female tennis Grand Slam champions?
5. What was the clothing company Nike originally called?

FILM & TV

1. When was Netflix founded: 1997, 2001, 2009, 2015?
2. What was the most-watched series on Netflix in 2019?
3. Name Pixar's first feature-length movie?
4. What is the name of the coffee shop in the sitcom Friends?
5. Name Disney's first film?

Find the answers on Page 20

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TUNSTALL WI

The dark days of winter were enlivened when the members of Tunstall WI attended their December meeting. As well as enjoying a buffet supper the members were also entertained with seasonal music from local group the Strummers. This was followed later in the month by a pre Christmas drinks party at the home of one of the members.

In January the members watched a demonstration of cake icing given by our treasurer before having a go themselves, some more successfully than others. Traditionally January is the month for WI members nationally to choose the motion to be debated at the Annual Meeting in July. The motion chosen by the members at Tunstall WI was "Dental Health Matters" calling upon the government to increase investment in the training and retention of NHS dentists.

Members gathered together in February to hear Adrian Taylor give a very interesting and informative talk on the history of theatre with particular emphasis on Lancaster Grand theatre.

Every year in March the members of Tunstall join with their friends at Wennington & District WI and so on a very wet night we made our way to Wray Institute to hear a talk on "Tips for a Healthy and Active Life" given by Dr Juliet McGrattan. Something beneficial to us all I am sure. It was good to meet up with old friends and to enjoy an excellent buffet supper prepared by the ladies of Wennington WI.



The next meeting of Tunstall WI is on Wednesday the 10th April when the speaker will be Tony Morgan. Tony will give a talk and demonstration on leatherwork. Also in April members can look forward to a meal at the Lunesdale Arms in Tunstall.

Tunstall WI meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at Tunstall Village Hall. Ladies, why not come along and see if the WI is for you. Visitors are always welcome.

Sheila Mitchell, President

LUNESDALE PROBUS CLUB - HORNBY APRIL 2024

There is only one meeting in April and this is on **Monday 15th** when we will have Steph Weber to talk on **Animal Care in Lancaster (and district)**.

This charity takes domestic animals from all over the northwest and nurtures them until they can be re-homed. They work with the RSPCA to care for abandoned and ill-treated animals or where the owners can no longer care for them.

Even with 37 kennel spaces, 20 cat pens and 30 rabbit and other small animal spaces they are full all year round! Animal lovers of the Lune Valley should not miss this entertaining and informative talk by Steph.

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.

No obligation to join - just come along and enjoy a nice social break from routine.

For further details or any information on this or other Lunesdale Probus Club matters please contact - 015242 22283

QUIZ ANSWERS

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

- 11
- Cherry blossom
- 13
- Red Kangaroo
- 365
- Incan
- Constantinople

WORLD GEOGRAPHY

- Sweden, over 220,000!
- The Vatican
- Ottawa
- The Andes - 7000km long; 6962m high

5. The Mariana Trench, 11,034m

6. The Nile, 6650km

LANGUAGE, LITERATURE & ART

- Gotham
- Harry Potter, J. K. Rowling

3. English, 200,000 words

- Banksy
- The Scream
- Michelangelo

HISTORY & FASHION

- 1863

2. Tim Berners-Lee, 1990

3. Coco Chanel, 1920s

4. Apollo 11 landed on the Moon

5. 1892

POP CULTURE & MUSIC

- Los Angeles
- Liverpool
- Ed Sheeran, The Shape of You
- When We Fall Asleep, Where Do We Go? Billie Eilish
- 88

6. Maroon 5

SPORTS

- Athens, 1896
- Manchester United
- Michael Schumacher
- Serena Williams
- Blue Ribbon Sports

FILM & TV

- 1997
- Stranger Things
- Toy Story, 1995
- Central Perk
- Snow White, 1937

HORNBY DISTRICT RAMBLERS 2024 PROGRAMME

Meet at Hornby Car Park to leave at 9.30am prompt - Or at parking area for start of the walk

DATES	DISTANCE	LEADER(S)
APRIL 13th	4 to 6 miles	Hazel: hazel.ellerbysayer@icloud.com
APRIL 27th	6 to 8 miles	Chris: (wild flower walk) 07711 384888
MAY 11th	4 to 6 miles	Ros: 015242 41888
MAY 25th	6 to 8 miles	Richard: 015242-21579
JUNE 8th	4 to 6 miles	Jenny: (Dent and the Dee) 015242 21690
JUNE 22nd	6 to 8 miles	Chris: 07711 384888
JULY 13th	4 to 6 miles	Ros: 015242 41888
JULY 27th	6 to 8 miles	TO BE DECIDED
AUGUST 10th	4 to 6 miles	Peter Edge: 015242 22176
SEPTEMBER 14th	4 to 6 miles	Jenny: (Grassington) 015242 21690
SEPTEMBER 28th	6 to 8 miles	Peter Edge: 015242 22176
OCTOBER 12th	4 to 6 miles	Joan: 015242 42520
OCTOBER 26th	6 to 8 miles	Cath and Nicky: cathsexton16@icloud.com
NOVEMBER AGM	9th short walk and lunch	COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 7th	4 to 6 miles	TO BE DECIDED

A contribution for 2023 towards fuel costs, if sharing £3 per person for the shorter distance or £4 for a longer distance. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION £5-00.

Phone Jenny Herd for details of walks: **015242 21690** or contact the walk leader

CONSTITUTION OF THE CLUB

1. The club is Hornby District Ramblers
2. The club exists to provide guided rambles for the enjoyment of the members
3. A committee of a chairperson, secretary, and treasurer and four members will be elected at the AGM
4. The AGM will be held in November
5. The annual subscription will be fixed at the AGM
6. Third party insurance is provided
7. Members walk at their own risk
8. Visitors on rambles are welcome
9. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult
10. NO dogs are allowed on rambles
11. This constitution can only be amended at the AGM

2024 COMMITTEE

Chair: Jenny Herd

Secretary: Peter Edge

Treasurer: Chris Kynch -

Richard Kenyon - Ken Sedgwick - Ros Davey

HORNBY PENSIONERS

Our annual A.G.M. and Jacob's Join was held on Tuesday 6th February and was extremely well supported. The offerings of food were delicious and varied. They made a wonderful feast, which was enjoyed by everyone.



We were sorry to inform members that Eileen Barton was retiring from her position as Treasurer and that we are very much in her debt for all the hard work that she has put in over the years. For that we all expressed our grateful thanks.

After much consideration it was decided that Kath Helm would take over the position of Treasurer, that Beryl Nelson would remain as Secretary and that Ann Nash would take over as Chairperson.

Details of all the up- and- coming trips were given by Kath. Anyone who has not received these details, will find them on their membership cards. The cost of the trips remains the same £12 for members and £14 for guests. Guests can be of any age, with the exception of children. Children would only be allowed under extremely rare circumstances. We need to encourage members to bring along family and friends, as this will help to keep costs down.

Membership remains at £10 which is extremely good value, when all benefits are taken into consideration.



EVENTS DURING APRIL

Dominoes evenings: These evenings will begin at 7pm in the Institute and Eileen will continue to organise these events. Dates during April are on **Saturdays 13th and 27th.**

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

Review: This will be held on **Tuesday 9th April at 2.30pm.**

This will be a screened presentation of an event that took place in Hornby in 2006. It was a joyous event and celebrated the talents of many of our present and past Hornby residents.

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