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MELLING WITHOUT ST WILFRID'S? UNBEARABLE...



As I walk through the church gate I am engulfed by a circlage of house martins, swooping overhead, gulping flies and gnats swirling in the breeze. I become dizzy in the watching of them and soon abandon any attempts to count their number. I stand in awe and wonder at the beauty of their flight, their interconnected weaving as they sketch out a celestial tapestry invisible to the eye but soon to be imprinted upon my soul. This is just one special moment on one day in Melling, the place I feel so very privileged to live.

Behind the trees and graves, and the meandering pathways that make up the churchyard, is St Wilfrid's Church a silent, still and majestic backdrop to all of our lives. Yet it is so much more; once known as the cathedral of the valley it's quiet omnipresence deserves the title I have given it for many years - the heart of the village. But with the early morning services, and a declining amount of them, it doesn't surprise me that the congregation has dwindled. But that doesn't mean that this spiritual edifice doesn't matter to people...



I wonder what St Wilfrid's means to those who don't worship here; a grade 1 listed building, somewhere to go and wonder at the beauty of the stained glass, a quiet place for contemplation and reflection, maybe even prayer? Somewhere to watch the children sing and perform, or to listen to internationally renowned musicians, maybe even somewhere to go to learn how to bell ring and refine the art of campanology?

Its grounds provide a resting place for the departed and a haven for the natural world. They also play a vital role in providing space for a pathway for residents and visitors to walk safely through the village where the road narrows and our pavements disappear.

For many of our community St Wilfrid's plays an important place to mark the births, deaths and marriages of our loved ones. A place to share love, laughter, joy, babies' tears and heartfelt gratitude for the gifts of life and love. A place too for sombre reflection, thanksgiving and sadness for the passing of a life lived to the full, or cut short by ill-health and tragedy.

For me it is unbearable to think of Melling without St Wilfrid's, they are synonymous with each other and so intricately connected that we cannot possibly begin to see the communal threads that bind us all together through their being. For me St Wilfrid's quietly defines our sense of place and whom we are as a small community living in the North West of England.

With the Covid-19 pandemic causing the closure of the church for several months this spring, my attention became focussed on the church's future. Witnessing the closed church at Easter broke my heart... some of us cleaned the porch and left flowers and decorations; but there was no denying that during the period of the lockdown the church felt sad - it's community was locked outside and with that came a slow recognition of the fragility of the place as a building as well as a place of worship.

Not being able to enter St Wilfrid's on my daily walks meant my attention was drawn to the outdoors: I noticed slates blown from the roof smashed on the pathway, the broken window in the children's corner, where a small chink of air passes between the outdoor environment and the locked away indoors. Above me the crows were desperately trying to re-establish themselves in the church tower, which had had recently installed preventative netting. I started to think that if left like this for long the building would rapidly deteriorate... and I imagined how sad Melling would feel if the church was locked for good!

I hear reports from St Wilfrid's Building Trust that the Conservation Architect, required to regularly survey the building, indicate that over £100k of work is needed as a minimum to keep the fabric of the building viable. This worries me a lot and the wider

church community are considering what they can do, it is such a large amount and there are so few of us. But I wonder what other residents think? Do they know that the future of our church building is so precarious? How would they feel about living here if the church was forced to close?

We've been here before - a public meeting was held in the Institute and people came out in force to voice their opinion on the importance of the church. Despite the valiant attempts of those who worship there to raise funds, the odds always seem to be stacked against them. It seems that everyone wants the church but nobody quite knows how to keep it going and preserve it.



To me it is clear that St Wilfrid's needs the love, care and attention of our community, which I witnessed given by my grandparents and their generation many years ago. We need to show that St Wilfrid's is important to us now - in order to preserve it for generations to come.

Sue Flowers

St Wilfrid's Building Trust is completely separate to the church accounts and is purely established to fund and maintain the building costs of this important heritage. If you would like to make a donation the bank details for the Trust are here:

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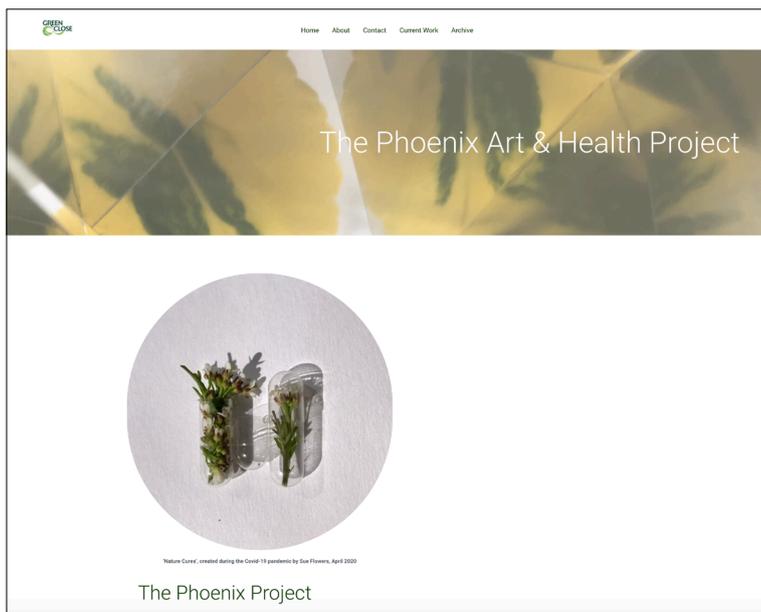
In recent years, studies have recognised the importance of creative practice and its link to mental health and wellbeing, and at a time when many people will be feeling socially isolated as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, The Phoenix Project provides a welcome opportunity to participate in accessible, creative activities.

23 contemporary artists will deliver a range of free, online and interactive workshops from home, some using post and telephone. A variety of different workshops will run from 17th August until the end of October. The number of attendees per session is limited, to give everyone an opportunity to contribute and participate, so spaces on the workshops will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

To find out more visit: <https://greenclose.org/the-phoenix-art-health-project/>

Or phone *Sue Flowers* on **07940 775290**

For those interested in signing up to any of workshops, booking details can be found on Eventbrite by searching ‘Lancashire Recovery College.’



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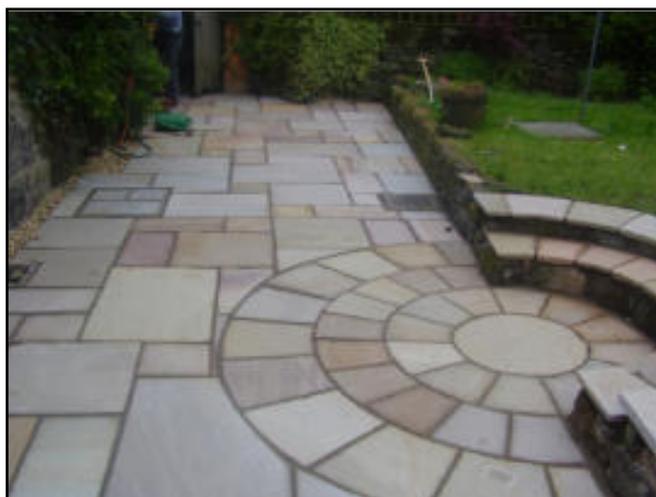
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Patients in the new **50-64 cohort** are going to be targeted **from November** with NHS England saying this would only be introduced when they are confident of sufficient vaccine supplies.





MELLING VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

The Village Hall Committee would like to thank all who took part in our draw to raise funds for our Village Hall. We start a new “season” in September and hope we can increase our numbers

£12 secures a place in the monthly draw with a list of winners published in the Melling Chronicle. The money raised is divided between Village Hall funds and prize, although recent times have been challenging we still have to maintain and improve the Hall for future use.

Anyone who has not taken part before and wishes to join please contact **Maragaret Toase - 015242 21002.**

The winners for **June:**

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The winners for **August:**

L.Glaves.	£30.30
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Y.Horton.	£10.10

THE STRUMMERS

Strumming in July, at Sockburn House. Social Distancing was the norm, but the cows wandered up and became an appreciative audience.

The hardy crew were, starting left and round the circle: Max Lunt, Roy Pallitt, Ged Kelbrick, John Lowery, Liz Ward, Ann Parker, Ian Parker and Elaine Jones.

The cows refused to give their names!

We have been meeting every week in the open air.

Ged Kelbrick



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Sunday Morning Mass at 11.00 a.m. *St Mary's Hornby*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Fridays from 5-6pm - St Mary's - a hymn, a short reading and a peaceful silence in the presence of God.

Details of weekday Mass times, and other services and parish news can be found in the weekly Parish Newsletter displayed in St Mary's porch.

Visitors to St Mary's are always welcome.

LUNE VALLEY SWIMMING POOL.



A message from Phil Mugford.
Chair of Lune Valley Community Society Ltd.

Following enforced shutdown of all swimming pools in the UK, permission was given to re-open in August. We decided to hold off until August 24th in order to provide the safest possible environment and guarantee the financial viability of the pool.

It is clear that when we open swimming will not be the same in the immediate future as it was. All sessions must be booked in advance and new procedures will be in place. All are on our website and Facebook page, please read this before booking. The rules are designed to make your swim as enjoyable as possible and most importantly - safe!

There will be a reduced timetable from 24th August and a full programme from 31st when we welcome back our school partners. The new guidelines reduce the volume of swimmers we can have in the pool at any one time to ensure social distancing. This is all on the website and Facebook page and if you can't find a slot for your particular requirements let us know and we will try to assist.

All this places pressure on the finances of the pool and although we have been successful in stabilising the finances since the new Trustee team took over at the end of 2019, the Covid-19 hiatus hit us just as we were building momentum. There are some historic debts to overcome but the pool will be viable going forward. This is thanks to the support we have had from Lune Valley communities, while the trustees, volunteers and staff have all pulled together to ensure that we will come back stronger than ever.

As always we are focusing on making sure that swimming continues to be available for all please check out our website and the revised operating guidelines and timetables, as well as a very special offer for families. Above all come back and enjoy your pool again.

Phil Mugford, Chair LVCS

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