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19 Feb	Holy Communion - St Wilfrid's Church	11.15am
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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2023

All Parish council meetings will take place in Melling Village Hall on Wednesdays (please note the change of day from 2022). The public forum starts at 6.00pm and the meeting proper at 6.30pm.

- Feb - Wednesday 15th
- May - Wednesday 10th
- July - Wednesday 5th (tbc)
- September - Wednesday 27th
- December - Wednesday 6th (tbc)

MEETING WITH THE DEPUTY POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Councillors Towers and Lower, along with Councillors from Tatham, Wennington and Wray attended a meeting in January with Andy Pratt, the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire.

The main topics discussed were:

- **Road safety** - including the new average speed cameras along the A683 from junction 34 to Kirkby Lonsdale, speed and noise including the CANS project.
- **Rural policing** - including farm crime and the self-support networks in place e.g. a farmers WhatsApp group to share information.



FOOTPATH NEWS

Last year the Parish Council applied for and was awarded a £1000 Public Rights of Way (PROW) grant to spend in the parish. Emphasis is on accessibility and after much discussion we decided to replace the gates to the Top Wood on the footpath from Wrayton up to the Melling Moor Track, also at the same time several overgrown patches were also



cleared. Further grants will be available in 2023 and the Parish Council will apply for the footpath and biodiversity grants which will allow us to complete further work.



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St Wilfrid's Educational Trust is a charity that was set up in the early 1990s after St Wilfrid's Church in Melling gifted the Trust a property. The property was rented for many years and the rent was used to allocate educational grants to the residents of Melling, Wrayton and Wennington. The property was sold a few years ago and the proceeds were invested with a local investment management company.

The Trustees and Committee members are local volunteers who are associated with the school, church and local community in many ways. The Trust meet twice a year and their purpose is to award Educational Grants that support individuals or group projects. One of the main beneficiaries over the years has been Melling Primary School, who have been awarded many grants towards after school clubs, school trips and equipment which benefit all pupils.

Applications are welcomed from residents who may need financial assistance towards educational related pursuits. The following lists provide examples of what can and cannot be funded.

Examples of what the Trust can fund;

- Educational or School Visit for both Primary and Secondary School Students
- Educational Material for University/ Further Education (such as topic related books)
- Adult educational training/ retraining (such as formal online learning or adult college)
- Special Educational Needs Software Licences (such as Clicker 8 and Docsplus Literacy Software)
- Special One Off Extra-Curricular Events (such as Sporting Championships or Camps)

Examples of what the Trust Cannot Fund;

- Musical Instruments
- Uniform
- Sporting or Educational Equipment
- Regular extra-curricular lessons (such as weekly/monthly dance classes or tennis lessons)

The trust has a certain amount of funds to allocate at each meeting and their aim is to award the full amount.

The next meeting will be held on **March 6th 2023** so any applications must be received

before then. All applications are treated as confidential and you will receive a written reply soon after your application has been heard at the meeting. **Please note that as a charity the Trust require supporting evidence that the monies awarded have been used as per the application. The Trust will require either photos or payment receipts as appropriate. Failure to supply evidence to the trust may jeopardise any future applications.**

Please apply in writing to the trustees of Saint Wilfrid's Educational Trust:

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stwilfridseducationaltrust@gmail.com with the subject 'Grant Application'.

RAINBOWS, BROWNIES AND GUIDES



Here in the Lune Valley, we have 3 units open for all our girls to enjoy: Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. Unfortunately, we only have 3 units in Caton alone for the whole Lune Valley to participate in, resulting in huge waiting lists.

We would love to open some more units in Hornby, Halton and Arkholme but in order to do this we need volunteers. If you could donate an hour of your time a week, we could open more units and make sure the sustainability of the current units, for all girls in the future.

If you decide that you think you could be a volunteer, you will receive training, support and join an already experienced and well-established group of leaders. You could choose which age group you work with (we are hoping to open a Ranger unit too!) and have as much flexibility as we can offer.

If you would like to learn more, please contact our District Commissioner, Vikkey Chaffe by email:
Vikkeydraycott@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you!





MELLING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS



PUB NIGHT - FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY
Bar opens 7.30pm

Why not come along, save on your heating and meet up with friends



MOVIE NIGHT - FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY



Following on from our successful screening of *Downton Abbey: A New Era in November* and making use of our new audio visual equipment we proudly present our second **MOVIE NIGHT**. Warm and cosy in the hall, no car parking charges, up to date films, ice cream and refreshment interval.

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LOOKING AHEAD.....IN MELLING VILLAGE HALL

	Pub Night	Fri March 3rd
	Sunday Big Breakfast	Sun March 12th
	Movie Night: St Patrick's Day Special! The Banshees of Inisherin (15)	Fri March 17th
	Pub Night (date to be confirmed in the next Chronicle)	Fri April 7th
	The High Society Jazz Band	Fri April 14th
	Movie Night: The Woman King (15)	Fri April 28th
	Coronation Pub Night	Fri May 5th
	Celebrate the Coronation with Afternoon Tea	Sun May 7th
	Movie Night: Mrs Harris goes to Paris (PG)	Fri May 19th
	Pub Night	Fri June 2nd
	Greek Night	Sat 17th June

THANK YOU FROM ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH

Thank you to all who have given regular, financial support to St. Wilfrid's Church, over the past year. This support allows us to cover the basic running costs of the Church and additional fund-raising and donations have enabled us to pay towards our Parish Share to the Diocese and fund some necessary works, including repairs to the clock, plumbing and electrical work. We are currently investigating problems with the Church roof and how we can tackle work in this area. The church is such a part of our community and cannot survive without your support. We now have a **Just Giving** page and the ability to make contributions through a QR code, to make giving as easy as possible. As a church, we recognise that the present economic times have a huge impact upon families but we do appreciate all of the financial help we receive from the community.

We were very pleased to welcome Rev Jane Lee, as our vicar, last February. Almost a year on, Jane has introduced a range of new services and is working closely with Melling School. **There is a morning service, at Melling, at 9:30am on the first Sunday of each month and Holy Communion at 11:15am on the third Sunday of the month.** There are also daily morning prayer, family services, Wednesday Holy Communion and an informal Encounter service, held throughout the Benefice. Please see The Bell newsletter (available online through the East Lonsdale Benefice web-site) for times of services, which are also posted in the church porch or look on our Facebook page.

Cathy Brough - church treasurer

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH

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RURAL COST OF LIVING SURVEY



The City Council has asked us to share details of a **Rural Cost of Living Survey** that has been launched by the Rural Services Network in partnership with the Citizens Advice Rural Issues Group.



Rural Issues Group

Independent research commissioned by the RSN in summer last year shows rural areas are suffering more acutely from the cost-of-living crisis compared to urban areas.

To lend more weight to the argument for more funding for rural areas the RSN is calling on as many rural residents as possible to complete a **Rural Cost of Living Household Survey**.

The purpose of the survey is to understand more about rural household budgets at, what is, a very difficult time for many.

Research has shown that those living in rural areas face extra costs and we now want to explore the impacts for households.

They want to receive as many survey responses as possible, whatever your household's income or financial position. This will help us to engage more effectively with Government Departments, MPs and other policy makers.

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Rural_Households_Cost-of-Living



The survey closes on 31 March 2023.



COOKING CORNER ... LENTIL AND BACON SOUP

Care of the Hairy Bikers this is a tasty and filling lentil and bacon soup that takes just 20 minutes from start to finish. Make and freeze in portions to take to work.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tsp oil
- 75g/2¾oz smoked back bacon, trimmed of all fat and finely chopped
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 1 red pepper, finely chopped
- 1.5 litres/3lb 5oz chicken or veg stock
- 1 small sweet potato, peeled and diced
- 1 garlic clove
- 200g/7oz red lentils
- large sprig thyme
- 1 bay leaf
- salt and freshly ground black pepper

Preparation time: less than 30 mins

Cooking time: 10 to 30 mins

Serves 6



METHOD

1) Heat the oil in a large saucepan. Add the bacon, onion and red pepper. Cook on a low heat for 5 minutes, or until the vegetables have started to soften.

2) Boil a kettle and use this to make your stock - or if using fresh stock, bring it to the boil in a separate saucepan while the vegetables are cooking.

3) Add the sweet potato, garlic and lentils to the bacon and vegetables. Stir for a minute, then pour over the just-boiled stock and add the herbs.

4) Season with salt and pepper. Return to the boil - this should be more or less instant - then turn down to a medium heat, cover, and cook for between 15-20 minutes, or until the red lentils are tender.

5) Remove the herbs. Blend using a stick-blender if preferred - or you can leave the soup as is.

6) Serve with crusty bread.



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Happy New year
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School. We have had

a snowy start to the year and enjoyed
a picturesque filled playground for a
few days, which has given us lots of
opportunity for snowman making.

At the end of last term the infants gave
a fantastic performance of the Sleepy
Shepherd for our families - such confident
performances, with several solos and they
told the nativity story brilliantly.

Well done, infants.

The juniors led us in a Christingle service
in church with the community and Rev
Jane made the occasion highly memorable
with her Christingle costume!

This term KS2 pupils are studying rivers
and animals. They will take part in a river
study. Our KS1 pupils are learning about
food and farming with a visit to the Dewlay
cheese factory planned.

The decarbonisation project at school is due to be completed this term with a lot of
work being carried out during the half term break.

We would like to thank the community for their patience whilst all the work is
completed. Shortly you will see new windows and doors being put in. The classrooms
are being fully insulated and pipework is in place for a air source heat pump system for
heating. We currently use an oil boiler so hopefully it will be cleaner and greener. We
will keep you posted on how efficiently it all works as I know lots of people have been
enquiring about it.

Fiona Ip. Headteacher



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JAZZ IN HORNBY - Hello Fans and Friends - Happy New Year!

Many thanks to everyone who came to see the the Steve Andrews Quartet, music from the pre-bop era when big band musicians met up after hours, i.e. the small hours, to play in the small clubs. Anyway, if you could't make it (or forgot!!) you can see them here for a return visit on **Saturday November 18th**.

Other dates for your 2023 diaries:

Saturday 4th March, the Gaz Hughes Trio featuring pianist Andrzej Baranek.

Saturday 26th May the Tim Kliphuis Trio.

and in **August**, hopefully we will as usual re-unite the Chris Coull Sextet.

I look forward to seeing you on some if not all, of those dates.

Sam

THE JAMES BOND/HENRY WELCH TRUST

Families of children with special needs and disabilities can qualify for help from a Lancaster district charity.

The charity, the James Bond/Henry Welch Trust, encourages grant applications to benefit children with special needs and also adults suffering from chest or lung disease.

Applications are encouraged from residents of the administrative area covered by Lancaster City Council who have limited income to apply for grants towards equipment or services to improve the quality of their lives.

If you - or others you are in contact with - would like further information or to apply to the Trust for help, contact (preferably by email):

The Clerk to the Trustees,
The James Bond/Henry Welch Trust
c/o Democratic Services, Town Hall,
Lancaster, LA1 1P.J
or telephone: 01524 582135
or email: democracy@lancaster.gov.uk
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News From The Neighbours

HORNBY PENSIONERS

EVENTS DURING FEBRUARY

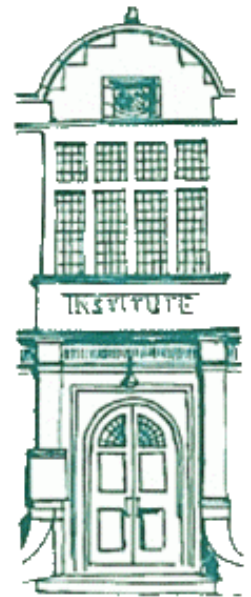


Dominoes Evenings will be held on alternate Saturdays on the ground floor of The Institute, beginning at 7pm Those evenings being on February 4th and 18th.

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

Hornby Pensioners A.G.M. The A.G.M will take place on **Tuesday February 14th at 2.30pm** It will be followed by a Jacob's Join.

We hope that as many people as possible will come along and bring their favourite food contribution, not too much, just enough to share. This should be an enjoyable event, offering a lively discussion on future plans for excursions, and visiting speakers.



Bentham & District Dementia Friendly Community Breakfast Club Bentham Fire Station

Thursday Date	Activities planned
19 th January 2023 - 10:00am	Games
2 nd February 2023 - 10:00am	TBA
16 th February 2023 - 10:00am	TBA
2 nd March 2023 10:00am	TBA
16 th March 2023 10:00am	TBA
30 th March 2023 10:00am	TBA
13 th April 2023 10:00am	TBA
27 th April 2023 - 10:00am	TBA
11 th May 2023 10:00am	TBA

If you are living with dementia, or care for someone who is don't hide at home, come and join us! Meet up and chat to old friends and make new ones and have fun!

We will also take the opportunity to say a fond farewell to those lovely members who are no longer with us, but who gave us their help and their time in making Hornby Pensioners such a warm and welcoming organisation.

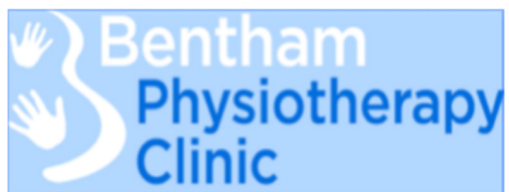
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The speaker at the December meeting was John Natlacen from the Churchmouse at Barbon. He gave a very amusing and entertaining talk. This was followed, to the delight of all present with a cheese tasting session. It was great to try out unfamiliar cheeses. The evening was rounded off with a buffet supper provided by the members.

December was a busy month. On the 16th, 4 ladies gathered together at the President's house to enjoy lunch and to make Christmas wreaths with excellent results. This was followed 2 days later with a pre Christmas drinks party at the home of one of the members. With husbands and partners invited everyone had such a good time that it has since been agreed to make this an annual event.



In January members gathered to try out their artistic skills under the guidance of local artist, Sue Hunter. This was a fun filled meeting and who could have imagined painting with the cardboard inner of a loo roll! The results were quite amazing. Sue has entertained us before and always seems able to come up with a great idea to fill what is a really quite a limited time slot.

Next month the speaker will be Chris Bibby, who is always entertaining.

Tunstall WI meets at Tunstall Village Hall at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of the month. Why not come along as a visitor to see what the WI is all about.

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Sheila Mitchell, President



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LUNE VALLEY SWIMMING POOL - HORNBY MORE SWIMS!

The Hornby Pool during February half term will be running family swims over 2 weeks, filling in the gaps where specific schools are on holiday.

They are also planning to introduce over the Easter holidays, family swims first week, intensive swim lessons plus family swims the second week.

Adult lessons - In response to a number of enquiries, they will be running an adult improver session on Friday afternoons, starting after Easter. May also run some adult improver sessions in the holidays .

All subject to demand of course so for further details please contact Georgia or Scott at the pool.

There is also to be a 'Swimathon' promotion in March to raise money for the energy fund. This could include schools, adult and a 'couple of length challenge' sessions at the weekends.

Anyone can take part - whether it's for 100s of lengths or even just a few - with sponsorship and help meet the heating bills!

Please check the Website for further details.

Thank you for your continuing support. Please note - the AGM will be held in March.

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

Website: www.lunevalleypool.com
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HORNBY DISTRICT RAMBLERS 2023 PROGRAMME

Meet at Hornby Car Park to leave at 9-30 am prompt - Or at parking area for start of the walk

DATES	DISTANCE	LEADER(S)	AREA
FEBRUARY 11th	4-6 miles	Anna Fellowes	To be decided
MARCH 11th	4-6 miles	Carole	Silverdale Area (Because of Easter only one walk this month)
APRIL 1st	4-6 miles	Cath and Nicky	Austwick - Feizor
APRIL 22nd	6-8 miles	Jenny and Ros	Ingleton Burton and Bentham
MAY 6th	4-6 miles		To be decided
MAY 20th	6-8 miles	Richard	To be decided
JUNE 10th	4- 6 miles	Joan	Geerstons
JUNE 24th	6-8 miles	Jenny	Around Crook
JULY 8th	4-6 miles	Chris	To be decided
JULY 22nd	6-8 miles	Richard	To be decided
AUGUST 12th	4-8 miles	Chris	To be decided (Only one walk this month)
SEPTEMBER 2nd	4-6 miles	Peter Edge	Abbystead or Clapham
SEPTEMBER 23rd	6-8 miles	Jenny	Littondale (Yorkshire Dales National Park)
OCTOBER 14th	4-6 miles	Ros	Hawes
OCTOBER 28th	6-8 miles	Peter Edge	Torver
NOVEMBER 11th	WALK-AGM and Lunch	COMMITTEE	To be decided
DECEMBER 9th	4-6 miles		To be decided

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

2023 COMMITTEE

Chair: Jenny Herd, 015242 21690

Secretary: Peter Edge

Treasurer: Chris Kynch

Richard Kenyon - Ken Sedgwick - Ros Davey

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

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