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<i>22nd September Copy Deadline for Melling Chronicle</i>		
26th	Open Forum and Parish Council meeting: Village Hall	7.00pm

**Melling Church services are shown in bold on the diary.
For details of other church services in the Benefice, please see The Bell.**

**PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE:
www.mellingwithwrayton.net**

Parish Council report September 2019

Management of the grass bank on the A683

The parish council has agreed to sow wildflower seeds (including yellow rattle) on this bank, which is a prominent site when coming into Melling from Hornby. It is intended to do the work in September/October.

The pump at the foot of Melling Green

The parish council intends to clean up the pump, and to give it more prominence. We would welcome suggestions for how this might be done.

Footpath maps

The parish council is making two new laminated copies of the parish footpath map for display on its two notice boards in Melling and Wrayton. The board in Melling (with the faded old map) is rotted and possibly unsafe; we intend to remove it.

The A4 footpath leaflet has been redesigned and the map redrawn. Copies will be distributed to all households in the coming months.

Speed Indication Device (SpID)

These devices have been much improved in recent years, and prices have fallen considerably. The parish council is investigating the cost of a solar panel SpID, to replace the present battery-powered device which, when used on the A683, needs recharging after two days, and requires two persons to remove and/or re-fit it.

The Melling Chronicle and the new parish website

The parish council has resolved that the Melling Chronicle should continue to be distributed to all households in Melling, Wrayton, Wennington, Tunstall (10 copies), St Wilfrid's School (18 copies) and Hornby Institute (10 copies).

The parish council sees the Melling Chronicle and the parish website as jointly contributing to communication, and to fostering a sense of community, within the parish.

For this to happen, we need residents to provide news, announcements, photos, anecdotes, suggestions for improving our parish, which can then appear in the Chronicle or on the website, or both, as appropriate.

David Nott, Chair of the Parish Council

Wrayton gets a new post box, after a very long wait!

The original post box was 'demolished' by a reversing Parcel Force lorry on 26 November 2018. The post box was later removed by Royal Mail. The parish council requested a replacement, backed up by emails and letters from the residents of Wrayton stating that they were dependent on the post box. Eventually, in April 2019, Royal Mail reported that they had commissioned safety checks relating to relating to underground services from a utility search report company, after which they would carry out their own CAT scan to ensure there were no health and safety issues with the new box position, and seek planning permission. After this lengthy process, and thanks to the pressure from Wrayton residents and the Parish Council Clerk, the post box was re-instated on 9 July 2019.



Melling-with-Wrayton Parish Council Noticeboards



Poster and Leaflets

We have new posters about Melling and Wrayton with a map showing all our footpaths.

This was originally designed and created by Green Close Studios and had its own display board, but it was found that this was rotten and falling away from the wall. This has now been dismantled and the Parish Council decided to utilise our existing notice board in Melling.

Melling-with-Wrayton Footpaths leaflets have also been re-printed and delivered to all householders. Extra leaflets are available in the Village Hall.

News from St Wilfrid's

What a joy !

A Wedding at long last !

A couple with deep local connections smiling so wonderfully as they came down the aisle, surrounded by family and friends, with confetti, bells, fantastic flowers, even sunshine and a choir from Bentham Primary School, absolutely wonderful. I wish the new Mr and Mrs Cadman a very long and happy marriage.



In a world of national and international division, despondency and grief, some things bring joy and unity, dispelling the murk, misery and uncertainty, making you think "yes, it *is* all worth it".

Events like this of course don't just happen. The families concerned spend a lot of time and effort to make the perfect day but the church isn't just open one day a year; God's house is open 365 days a year and the building and grounds need to be maintained. Unlike other churches we have a team of volunteers who help clean the church, provide flowers for every Sunday service and mow the grass (and many thanks are due to them) but every year we hold a special day to concentrate effort on the churchyard. This year, our Churchyard Tidy Up Day will be Saturday September 14th. There will be two parts, 10 -12:00 and 14:00 – 16:00. We will be cutting back shrubs 7 hedges, edging the paths, trimming the edges around gravestones. Everyone welcome.

JAC Beeson Church Warden

Melling Village Hall 100 Club

The "100 Club" begins a new season in September raising much needed funds towards the upkeep of the Village Hall. Some will have already renewed their entry, if not or you would like to join the monthly draw please contact M.Toase - 21002

The winners for August are :	L. Griffiths.	£27.60
	C.Holmes.	£9.20
	H.McGachie.	£9.20

Village Institute v Village Hall

Denialism

"The most effective way to destroy people is to deny and obliterate their own understanding of their history."

George Orwell

For nearly 200 years the village of Melling has been proud to have an institute to call its own. Alas without notice this proud historical building was no more; it still stands proud, it is still in use but it has been vandalised, stripped of the name it has held for centuries. It has had the humiliation of being anointed the moniker of a 'village hall'. Large letters blazoned across the side showcasing the fact; the shame it must feel. A cheap 'VILLAGE HALL FOR HIRE' sign sits outside like a promoter handing out fliers for events at a different venue.

Why is this important? Well it's not really, not for most people but I shall try to persuade you that it is. Firstly where is the pride? We are proud of the things that make us British: talking at length about the weather, wearing summer clothing at the first sight of the sun, apologising when we have done nothing wrong, making a cup of tea in response to a crisis, forming a queue for pretty much anything and Brexit; to name just a few.

What's the relevance? Well the rest of the world has village halls and good for them. In Britain and only in Britain are there village institutes. Why can't it be both? You can now drive a hybrid car, identify as a different gender but if you name your dog 'Cat' it will still be a dog.

On the front of the building etched in stone like the 10 commandments given to Moses (allegedly) are the words 'Melling Institute 1922'. Maybe the building has after many years come out as a Drag Queen. Maybe it's an attempt to avoid confusion? I don't know the reason for the admittedly very nice sign, perhaps it's because people don't know what an institute is? However just down the road in Hornby sits a busy successful institute, which they're proud to call an institute and they don't feel the need to denigrate it by calling it a hall. They easily could do there is no property in Hornby called Hornby Hall, that is not the case in Melling, we now have Melling Hall and Melling Village Hall. Perhaps we could give the Melling Chronicle the more adapt title of the Melling Advertiser or the Village Green the Village Verdant.

It is an upsetting juxtaposition that as we approach the institute's centenary year 2022, we shall instead be celebrating the two-year anniversary of the Village Hall. Melling Village Institute has its own esteemed committee, the ironically titled 'Melling Institute Committee'. Maybe they should put big signs outside their own homes

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New Melling Residents

It's always a treat to see the ghostly flight of the barn owls hunting in the twilight. Later this year we hope there will be another three to join their number.

Our barn owl box was erected in Autumn 2016, and in the spring of 2017 pigeons moved in!

However, in 2018 two barn owls took up residence. Unfortunately, in common with most barn owls, there were no offspring that year.

Both parents photographed in 2018



The oldest of the



This year, though, there are owlets. We had seen at least two as they ventured towards the entrance of the box and had seen the parent/s taking food into the box.

Middle sibling



Time to call the 'owl man'. We had made contact with Dr K Briggs, a licensed and registered barn owl expert, last year. When told there appeared to be more than one owlet he came to inspect the box. He found three owlets which he then weighed and ringed. The oldest has well

The



formed wings and has little of its nesting down left, the middle one has less well formed feathers and more down.

The youngest is very immature and much smaller than its siblings. It is almost completely covered with its nesting down. Its wings are very poorly formed at this stage.

We were invited to get up close to watch the operation - hence the photos.

Maybe we'll be lucky and they will all survive.
July 2019

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Multiple coloured hearts in our village

Have you noticed the blue hearts as you walk through Melling this summer? Sometimes they are hard to spot, hidden in the full and flowing edges, patches and verges, with grass seed heads flowering and buzzing insect life. If you



have noticed, have you paused to peer at the grass and flowers, spotted the orchids and perhaps caught a glimpse of a butterfly or large bumblebee? While this is fun and interesting, there is an important reason and growing campaign supporting the blue heart and what it signifies.

We are increasingly aware of the struggle our local (and national) wildlife is facing. The figures are shocking, from lapwings to house sparrows, and hedgehogs to now, not so common, dung beetles, our wildlife has been gradually disappearing and along with

them, our hearts are breaking, and our souls are shrinking.

For me, sometimes the problem appears so large that I think we are doomed to live without the song of the curlew in the evening, or the - sometimes - annoying, midge bite as we stroll along Melling Moor. It is ironic that the silent spring we were warned about in the 1960s is coming back to bite us in the 2020s. However, we're not doomed, we can do something....if we open our blue hearts.

The Blue Campaign may be small, but it is growing as we realise we can support, promote and give space and homes to all our local residents. We are frequently told we are a nation of garden lovers, and the Wildlife Trust estimates that between us we have over 10 million acres of back gardens with shrubs, bulbs and roses, not to mention veg patches, grass and ponds. The Blue Campaign is asking us to think about our wildlife when we are in the garden, become a food producer for the insects, bees, hedgehogs and birds. Put aside a small space, become a little rough around the edges, grow a patch of nettles, learn about flowering grasses, and watch our wildlife return.

The Blue Campaigns website has a range of simple ideas to help us help our wildlife. Have a look and why not try going wild, then and together Melling villagers can wear our Blue Hearts with pride!

Kathryn James

Blue Campaign - <https://bluecampaignhub.com>

Re-Vamping the Milestones

Many thanks to Imogen Williams, who has done a superb job re-painting all our milestones.

They had been looking very 'tired' and are now gleaming.



Before



.....and After



Before



.....and After

Thursday Group

On Thursday 18th July the Thursday Group listened to Annemarie Michelle speaking on the subject of 'Women in The Picture'. This was a fascinating talk about very determined, strong minded women artists working against all the odds to become well known in their life times but fading into obscurity after death. Focusing particularly on four women to illustrate her point Annemarie spoke about : Artemisia Gentileschi, 1594-1656, Italian Painter; Camille Claudel 1864-1943 French Sculptor; Frida Kahlo, 1907-1954 Mexican Painter ; and Elizabeth Lee Miller, 1907-1977, American Photographer.

Hostesses were Sheila G and Sheila W.

Thursday Group Meetings 2019

Oct 17th: Speaker : Tim Churchill talking about the 'National Filling Factory' - the Munitions Ladies.

Nov 21st: Speaker : David Nott talking about ' The History of Melling' through the Archive of the Parish Council.

All meetings start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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Welcome to Melling-with-Wrayton Parish
in the heart of the Lune Valley

Enjoy our parish website where you can find out information about our parish, upcoming events and resources that make it such a wonderful place to visit and live

ABOUT NEWS BLOG ST WILFRID'S CHURCH

MELLING VILLAGE HALL WHAT'S ON

MELLING CHRONICLE PARISH COUNCIL

We have launched our new web site.

Come and check out what is going on in our community

- Blog
- Village Hall
- Church
- Schools
- Parish Council
- Contacts
- History
- Melling Chronicle

We hope you enjoy our new web site and all the information about our parish, we will keep it up to date with information, news and interesting articles for you to read.

This is where you can find out about what is happening in the area, including events at the Village Hall and you can even reserve tickets via email. If you wish, you can subscribe to a mailing list to be the first to hear about upcoming functions.

There are interesting articles about the history of our area, the people and the properties. New features will be added so keep checking in.

Have you any old photos of your house or know any interesting facts about its history, including who has lived there in the past? Let us know and we can share it with the other parishioners.

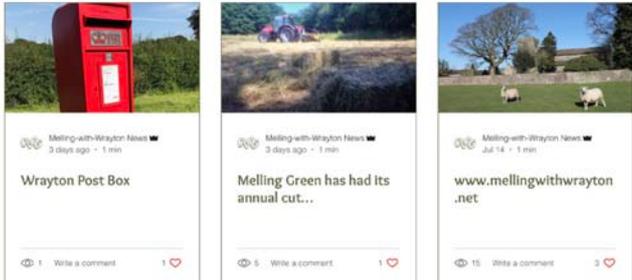
Fancy a walk? Some ideas can be found on the Maps page with new walks to be added later.

If you wish to comment or add anything to the web site please contact mellingwithwraytonwebsite@gmail.com

This is YOUR web site, let's work on it together

Our new Blog page:

All Posts July 2019



Maps

Melling-with-Wrayton Parish Footpath Map



Melling-with-Wrayton Parish Footpaths

The map shows a network of footpaths throughout the parish, including routes around the church, village hall, and various green spaces. It also includes a legend and a scale bar.

History

See our latest additions:



Melling School War Memorial World War I Memorial Scroll

Richard Culpin Parish Clerk (1932-1943)

News from Hornby

New to You Sale.

Our grateful thanks go to everyone who contributed in any way to making the **New to You** Fund Raising event such a success. We could not have done it without your donations of saleable goods, or your help on the day to sell the items and to clear away after the event. As always Jill and Barbara did a grand job providing refreshments.

At the time of writing we don't know exactly how much the event raised but whatever the amount it will certainly boost **Hornby Institute's New Roof Fund**.

Christine and Pat

The Hornby Singers

The last few months have been challenging as Dan, our director of music, has included in our repertoire a few songs written in different languages. This is in preparation for our concert **Around the World in 80 songs** (give or take a few!). I don't know if our geography has improved but our pronunciation gets better each week. We resume on Tuesday 3rd September at 7.00pm in Hornby Institute. Why not come along and see/hear what we do. No auditions or ability to read music necessary, just a willingness to have a go.

For further information Pat on 015242 21449

Hornby Flower Club.

As I write this we are still in the summer season, or should it be the silly season, with its unpredictable weather of hot days, cool nights, flash floods, torrential rain and even hail stones. But all of this gives us the beautiful countryside in which we live and for the gardeners and flower arrangers an array of stunning flowers to grow and arrange.

Speaking of flower arrangers, the Flower club resumes with a new programme starting on **Thursday 19th September at 7.30 pm in Hornby Institute**. We look forward to welcoming as our guest demonstrator, Pamela from Flowerfields Florists in Bentham. Pamela has been to the club on a number of occasions and always brings something fresh and new to delight our

HORNBY PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

"**A Hidden Gem**" was the verdict on Astley Hall & Gardens, which was our main stop on the August trip, AND the weather was wonderful too. Thanks to everyone who came, and especially to Kath for arranging it.

A Note from Kath: September Trip Our next trip is on Tuesday 10th September. We will leave Hornby at 1.30pm on this occasion, travelling on the scenic route there & back to Scorton Barn for Afternoon Tea. There will be time for looking around their Gift Shop and Nursery. Cost including Afternoon Tea is £15 (£17 for non-members). We will be back in Hornby by 5.30pm. All bookings for this trip must be made by Tuesday 3rd September at the latest, as food has to be ordered and paid for in advance. No money will be refundable after this date in the event of cancellation.

Coffee Morning Our final Coffee Morning of this year will be held between 10am & 12 noon on Saturday, 14th September in Hornby Institute. There will be a Cake/Bring & Buy Stall and a Raffle. Admission is £1, and this includes your first cup of coffee. Everybody is very welcome, so why not join us?

Games Evenings We meet in Hornby Institute at 7pm on alternate Saturdays throughout the year for an evening of Whist & Dominoes. During September these fall on the 7th & 21st. Admission (including light refreshments & 2 free raffle tickets) is only £2. All ages are very welcome.

SPANISH EVENING



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ADVANCE NOTICE

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Flower Bank of Hornby:
Very Vintage Bridal:



Pre-loved Wedding Event:
Fund Raiser
Saturday 26th October 2019,
12 noon - 3.00 pm

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Tables for other items such as table decorations, centre pieces, place settings etc. also available.

For further information contact Christine on 075 48 2509 22

The event is to raise funds for repairs to
Hornby Village Institute

TATHAM CHURCH'S GRAND JUMBLE SALE
the Hornby Institute Sat. 21st September - 2pm
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Wenning Voices meet every Thursday 7.30pm - 9.30pm at St. James the Less Church, Tatham.

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An invitation from The Friends of St James the Less.

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Saturday, 5th October 7pm at St James the Less Church, Tatham.

Tickets £17.50, includes refreshments.

Contact: Sue Wood.....01524 221170 Rita Murphy.....07962 710078

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Movies start again this Autumn on Fridays at Lower Tatham Church. Dates for your Diaries are 11th October, 8th November and 6th December with a start time of 7.30pm

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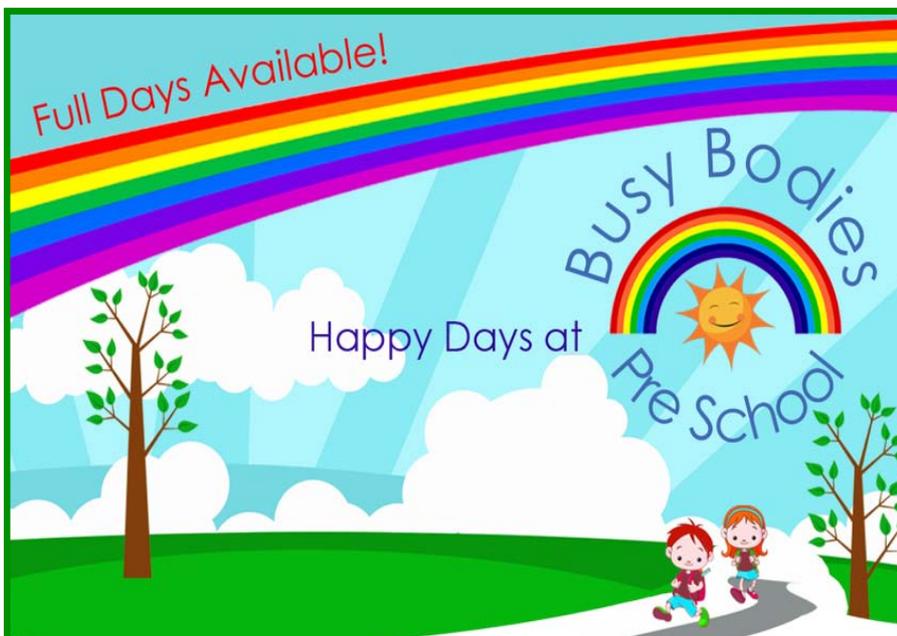
Contact Sue on 07836 500091 or Helen on 07802 499934.

News From Bentham Medical Practice – 27th June 2019 Minutes

By Danny Conroy (dsconroy44@gmail.com)

The Patient Representative Group for Bentham Medical Practice meets every few months. It's our chance to have a say about what is happening in our local Medical Practice and if you are interested in joining the group then please contact me for further details. Lorraine Crossley –Close, Danny Conroy, Judith Nicol, Bronwen Osborne, Tony Hudson, Diane Faraday-Williams and Lindsae Lister were present at the June meeting.

In our practice Dr Martin has started and will be working Thursday and Friday. The new phone system is now in place and there has been positive feedback so far. The surgery has new chairs to help with more comfortable seating and the old chairs have been taken to the Victoria Institute where they will get further use. This autumn we will be distributing the Patient questionnaires and hopefully, with your support, we can all help contribute to completing these and further improve the practice.



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Sunday Morning Mass at 9.00am - *St Joseph's Kirkby Lonsdale*

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.

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