

# THE MELLING CHRONICLE

October 2026

Village Hall Events  
St Wilfrid's Church Heritage Day  
Cooking Corner...Baked Apples

# The Melling Chronicle

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|        |                                               |         |
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| 2 Oct  | School Harvest Festival - St Wilfrid's Church | 2.30pm  |
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## MELLING CHRONICLE

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Please send items for the Melling Chronicle to the editor: [mellingchronicle@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mellingchronicle@yahoo.co.uk)

Please supply text as a Word document or by email. Photographs are always welcome at a high resolution. If you have an interesting, relevant, high resolution image for the front or back cover, please send it in for consideration.

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS A NEW WEBSITE AND NEW EMAIL!**  
In order to conform with government rules our new website is:

<https://www.mellingwithwrayton-pc.gov.uk/>

this will exist along side the present website:

<https://www.mellingwithwrayton.net/> for the time being.

If you have any queries, please email the clerk:

[clerk@mellingwithwrayton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@mellingwithwrayton-pc.gov.uk)

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 8th December** in the Village Hall with the Parish Forum at **6pm** and the Parish Council meeting at **6.30pm**.

The Proposals for the new unitary authorities have been put on hold by central government we will let you know more information when we have it.



## NEWS FROM ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who supported our Heritage Day in September and attended the online talk about the early history of Melling and St. Wilfrid's. We are very grateful to all those who made this possible and continue to raise awareness of the cultural and historical significance of our church.

At the time of writing, we are anticipating the visit of Bishop Philip on **Monday 28th September at 7pm** in the church. This is an opportunity for everyone in the Parish to come along and ask questions about the future of St. Wilfrid's. We now find ourselves in a much more positive situation than we did 12 months ago, following the discovery of the gold coins with its associated publicity and the work of a small group of people to look at a way forward, but there is still so much to do. We hope that, having read the Bishop's letter and being much more aware of the situation in which the church finds itself, that more people will want to become involved.



## News From Melling And Wrayton

From October onwards, there will be one service of Holy Communion on the third Sunday of each month at St. Wilfrid's. (There are services at other churches throughout the Benefice on alternate Sundays). The service in October will be our Harvest Festival on **Sunday 18th October at 11:15am**. We hope that as many people as possible will come along to this service, where non-perishable food can be donated to a local food bank and monetary donations will go towards the Bishop's Harvest Appeal, supporting our partner Diocese in Liwolo, Sudan in providing local access to essential healthcare.

Harry Thompson (aged 5)



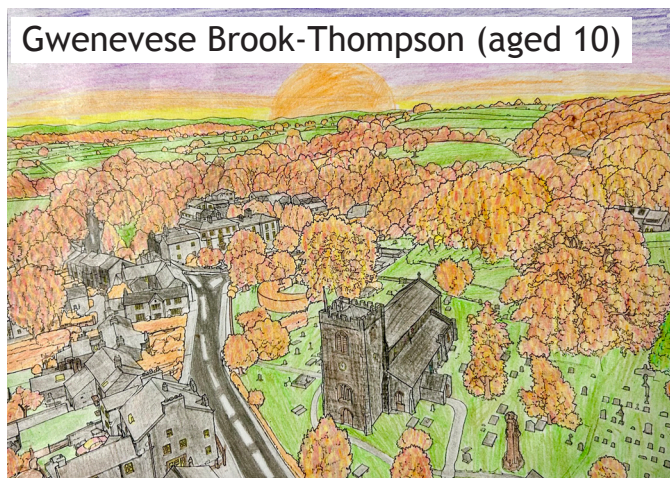
Huge thanks to everyone who took part in our Heritage Open Day celebrations, especially:

Our prize winners for “**The St Wilfrid's Colouring Competition**” in no particular order were Harry, Hugo and Gwenevise.

Hugo Marsden (aged 9)



Gwenevise Brook-Thompson (aged 10)



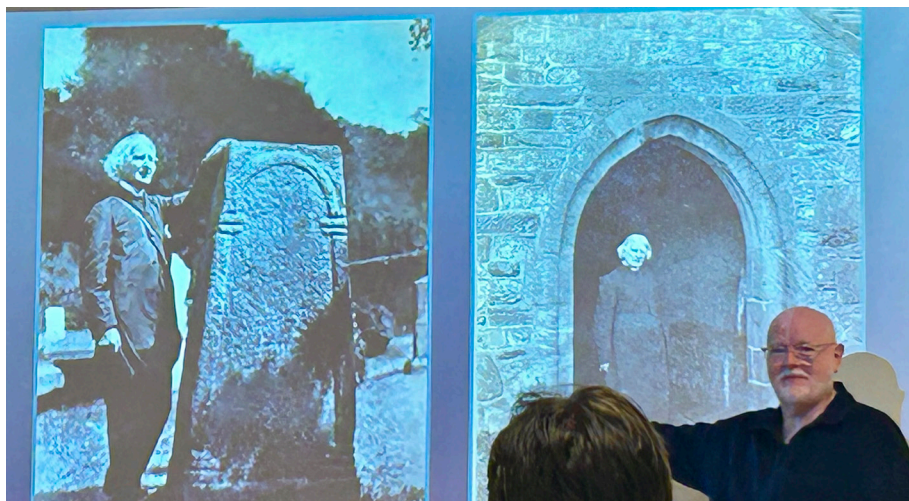
Our bellringing team, organised by Gordon Parks, from Left to Right: Jessica Morris, Matthew Townson, Gordon Park, Andy Wiseman, Andrew White and Phillippa Hall.





## News From Melling And Wrayton

**Hugh Smith** who gave a brilliant talk on West Gallery Music and the two pipe organs of St Wilfrid's Church; featured here explaining the influence and impact of Canon Reverend William Bent Grenside vicar of Melling.



**Canon Reverend W B Grenside** oversaw significant changes in the church including the removal of the West Gallery choir stalls at the back of the church.

Jovial Sea Shanty singing by a trio from  
**The Scrimshankers:**  
Ian Sedgwick, John Lowery  
and Jed Kelbrick.





**Debbie Stevenson** who explained life in the 18th Century and the importance of Anne Fenwick, buried in the church.



Anyone wanting to offer their help & support to keep the church open or get involved with the Melling Church Heritage Group, please contact Sue or Debbie:  
[sue@greenclose.org](mailto:sue@greenclose.org)  
[deborah.stevenson10@gmail.com](mailto:deborah.stevenson10@gmail.com)

*St. Wilfrid's Church group*

Do join us for our  
**Harvest Festival**  
events in **October:**

**SCHOOL HARVEST FESTIVAL**  
Friday 2nd October 2.30pm

**HARVEST FESTIVAL**  
**WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
Sunday 18th October 11.15am

All food & financial donations will go to  
The Olive Branch food bank in Lancaster.

You can now donate to the upkeep of our beautiful ancient church by contributing to our online fundraiser.

**Scan the QR code to get started!**

Your kind donations keep the building running and the church an active place of worship.

We deeply appreciate all the funds we receive. Thank you!





# News From Melling And Wrayton



## MELLING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Are you interested in joining the committee,  
and for all bookings?

Why not contact:

Mary: 07970705496

Sandra: 07713883632

for more info.



### MELLING VILLAGE HALL PUB NIGHTS

Friday 2nd October, from 7.30pm.

Friday 6th November - **No pub night.**

Friday 4th December from 7.30pm.

Why not come along, meet up with friends and  
have a great start to the weekend.

## Melling Craft Day

Wednesday  
28th October

See poster for further details  
please book by

Monday 26th September



MOVIE NIGHT Making use of our audio-visual equipment:

THE ROSES - 23rd October 2026

Tickets: £6.50, Doors open at 7pm and the film starts at 7.30pm.

The plot of The Roses  
follows picture-perfect  
couple Ivy and Theo as  
their seemingly ideal  
marriage dissolves into  
a bitter, destructive  
divorce...



### QUIZ NIGHT - FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

with a Pies, peas and proper puds supper

Tickets: £13. Book with Mary 07970705496

Vegetarian and gf must be booked in advance

## LOOKING AHEAD.....IN MELLING VILLAGE HALL

|                                                                                    |                      |                    |                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|   | Pub Night            | 2nd October 2026   | Friday 7.30pm      |
|   | Afternoon Tea & Film | 14th October 2026  | Wednesday 2pm      |
|   | Film Night           | 23rd October 2026  | Friday 7.30pm      |
|   | Craft Day            | 28th October 2026  | Wednesday 10am-4pm |
|   | Quiz Night           | 13th November 2026 | Friday 7.30pm      |
|   | Film Night           | 20th November 2026 | Friday 7.30pm      |
|   | Craft Day            | 25th November 2026 | Wednesday 10am-4pm |
|   | Pub Night            | 4th December 2026  | Friday 7.30pm      |
|  | Afternoon Tea & Film | 16th December 2026 | Wednesday 2pm      |

### IMPORTANT—Access to the Village Hall

**The lock on the front door has been changed.**

If you book the village hall you will be asked to provide your mobile number. The code for the new keysafe will be sent to your phone, where you will find the front door key.

The code will be directly linked to the time you book the hall and the key must be returned to the keysafe when you leave.

A fine of **£25** will be incurred if the key is **not returned after your visit.**

You will receive further information on booking.

For bookings please call

**Sandra 07713883632 or Mary 07970705496.**



### FILM AND AFTERNOON TEA - 14TH OCTOBER

Come along to our warm Village Hall and enjoy **afternoon tea** and a **glass of Prosecco** whilst watching the comedy film “**Ladies First**”. Male chauvinist Damien Sachs learns how sexual discrimination feels after a hard fall transports him into a matriarchal society, where he must face the daunting Alex Fox, a female adversary matching his ruthlessness.

**Tickets: £17.50**, must be booked in advance by phoning **Mary on 07970705496.**

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Scan the QR code or you can find our **easyfundraising** page at:  
[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/melling-village-institute/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_content=gs-email1](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/melling-village-institute/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1).

They also have an app. Thank you.



# Thank You!

To **Julie** for planting, watering and looking after the flowers in the containers at the village hall

To **Yvonne** and **Ken** for restraining the flower containers

## Huge Thanks to.....

To **John, Martin, Adrian** and **Rob** for the brilliant job they have done to repaint the outside of the village hall, it's looking great ... thank you



## QUIZ NIGHT

**Venue:** St James the Less Church, Tatham

**Date:** Saturday, 24th October 2026

**Time:** 6:30 for prompt 7pm start

**Supper:** Pie, Peas and Pickles

**Bar** (by donation) / Raffle

**Ticket Price:** £12 per person

**Contact:** Margaret Whatmough on 07796 661891

[Maggie.whatmough@gmail.com](mailto:Maggie.whatmough@gmail.com)

## COOKING CORNER ... BAKED APPLES

### INGREDIENTS:

- 50g butter
- 1 orange, zest and juice
- 50g light brown soft sugar
- ¼ tsp ground ginger
- ¼ tsp ground allspice
- 100g dried mixed fruit (currants, sultanas, candied peel)
- 4 large sharp eating apples
- Crème fraîche, to serve



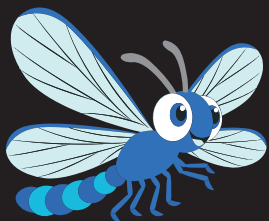
### METHOD

1. Preheat the oven to 220C/200C Fan/Gas 7. Melt the butter in a small pan over a medium-low heat. Take the pan off the heat and add the orange zest and juice along with the sugar and spices. Stir well to combine, then add the dried fruit. Set aside.
2. Core the apples, pushing the corer about three-quarters of the way through the apple, to make a container for the filling.
3. Put the apples cored side up into a deep-sided roasting tray, into which they fit snugly. Fill the empty cores with the spiced fruit mixture. If the filling spills over when the apple releases its juices as it bakes it'll create a delicious spiced apple caramel in the bottom of the tray.
4. Bake the apples on the bottom shelf of the oven for 20 minutes, or until the apples are soft.
5. Serve the apples with generous spoonfuls of the roasting juices and a spoonful of crème fraîche.





# LEIGHTON HALL APPLE DAY



## FAMILY FUN DAY



**SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2026 10AM – 3PM**

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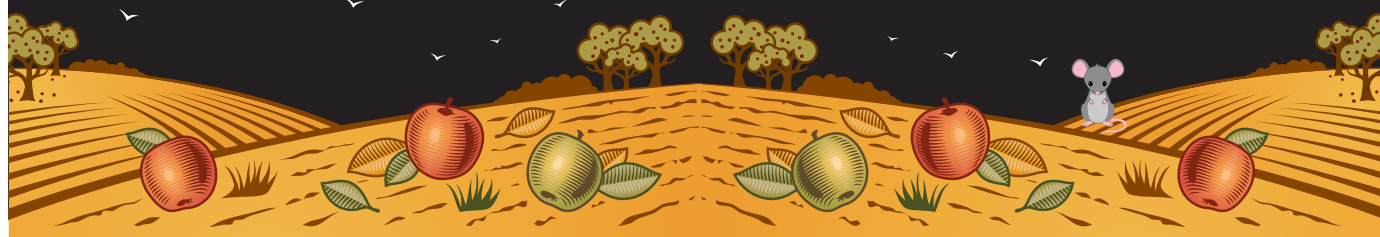


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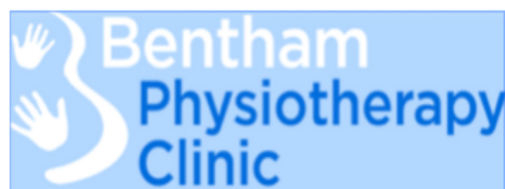
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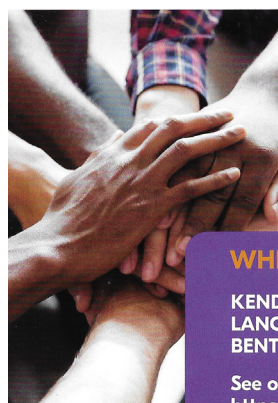
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### DOMINOES AND WHIST EVENINGS

The Dominoes Group meet on alternate Saturday evenings throughout the year.

For information regarding these events, please contact:  
Eileen Barton on 07780461517

### SUMMER SEASON OF TRIPS CONTINUES WITH OUR LAST OUTING OF THE YEAR.

#### TUESDAY 13TH OCTOBER AUTUMN TINTS.

This trip will start at 10am and travel through the Yorkshire Dales.

There will be two main stops in both **Leyburn** and **Watershed Mill, Settle**.

There will be ample opportunity for refreshments in either or both of these places.

The planned return time is 6pm.

The cost of the trip is £12 for members and £14 for non- members. You may book this trip by visiting Kath Helme at the Hornby Institute on Wednesday or Thursday morning between 10am and 12 noon. You may also contact Kath at these times on the Institute Number of 015242 22227. Booking early is recommended.



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If you need to contact the clergy, please email us at:

[clergy@lancastercathedral.org.uk](mailto:clergy@lancastercathedral.org.uk) Website: [www.lancastercathedral.org.uk](http://www.lancastercathedral.org.uk)

**Parish Weekend Mass times for this area:**

**Saturday Vigil:**

18:00 - St Mary's, Hornby

18:30 - Cathedral, Lancaster

**Sunday:**

09:00 - St Thomas More, Lancaster

10:30 - Cathedral, Lancaster

18:30 - Cathedral, Lancaster



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## HORNBY DISTRICT RAMBLERS 2026 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)                                      |
|----------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| OCTOBER 10th   | 4-6 miles           | HAZEL - (hazel.ellerbysayer169@btinternet.com) |
| OCTOBER 24th   | 6-8 miles           | PETER EDGE - (015242 22176)                    |
| NOVEMBER 14th  | WALK, AGM and lunch | COMMITTEE                                      |
| DECEMBER -12th | 4-6 miles           | JENNY H (015242 21690)                         |

### 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



A contribution for 2026 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



## LUNESDALE PROBUS CLUB

Autumn beckons and with it our new programme of talks. Despite the odd days of sun, summer is well and truly behind us and if the lengthening nights mean you feel the need for mental stimulation to replace the energy of the sun this is the place to find it!

We all enjoyed Beamish: more than just nostalgia, the exhibits made one think of the endless creativity of mankind, the incredible changes we have wrought on this country and that curious commodity, time, which we measure in fixed units but which seems so variable in its effects. Can it really be the same length of time since Covid as the duration of the Second World War?

By the time this is published, we will have enjoyed hearing about Pharmacy through the ages from Linda Powell: more thoughts about the effects of time! And then Adrian Taylor will alert us to the many and various scams that the criminal minds of this world try to diddle us with: old and new, I guess! - time again! October rounds off with **Colin Atkinson** talking to us about **Sri Lanka** ( or Ceylon to us oldies still living in the past!)

Meetings are on **5th and 19th of October**, at the Institute in Hornby, coffee and a biscuit from 10am, with the talks commencing at 10.30am.  
All, most welcome to attend.

*John Poole, Secretary (07713827032)*





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