

# The Melling Chronicle

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PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE:

[www.mellingwithwrayton.net](http://www.mellingwithwrayton.net)

## THE FUTURE OF THE MELLING CHRONICLE



After five years as editor of the Melling Chronicle, Marie Baker is stepping down, for reasons of ill-health.

During these years, Marie established a clear and attractive page format, contributing some of her own photos, notably including the barn owls in this issue and in September's! Marie worked to consistent copy deadlines, enabling delivery of each month's issue several days before the end of the previous month.

After the changeover to a specialised company for the printing of the Chronicle, Marie ensured that fully formatted copy, filling a 20, 24 or 28 page edition, was sent to the printers on schedule.

The Chronicle is delivered to houses throughout Melling, Wrayton and Wennington, and copies are available in Tunstall and Hornby. To ensure this, Marie efficiently organised a team of volunteers.

We are extremely grateful to Marie for all her work in enabling the Chronicle to play its part in the life of our community.

This October 2019 edition has been edited by Anthea Carter, with the assistance of Sandra Towers and our parish clerk, Gill Mason. The parish council will be considering the future editorial structure of the Chronicle at its meeting on 26 September.

The parish council's intention is to continue the production and distribution of a monthly Chronicle, in paper format, and to develop the paper Chronicle and the village website so that residents are encouraged to consult, read - and contribute to! - both of these vital expressions of our community.

## MELLING VILLAGE HALL

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## OWLET UPDATE - SEPTEMBER 2019



All three of the owlets seem to have survived. They can be seen here in mid August but they don't come out of their box until dusk so it is hard to photograph them clearly. They played the game of the squabbling siblings for a while - who could keep who out of the box, or at least make it difficult to get in.

It has been a joy to watch them testing their wings and their first flights. For most of the summer they have called to their parents from dusk until about 4.00am for food. They make an odd hissing noise; louder as they grew older.

They are all fully grown now and the box must be very crowded, although we think the older owlet may have already left home.

*Hopefully we'll have a good breeding season next year too. MS*

## WWW.MELLINGWITHWRAYTON.NET

Just in case you mislaid your print version of The Chronicle, it is also available on the our web site, as a PDF to download or view a 'flipping' booklet!

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## FREDA WINIFRED KELBRICK 1944-2019



The Kelbrick family would like to say thank you to all of the people who sent kind words following the death of Freda, it was very much appreciated by all of us.

Freda was born in May 1944 in Penwortham, Preston and took her first steps on VE Day. She went to the local St. Mary Magdalen's Primary School at age 5, and later on to Saint Wilfrid's School for Girls, which was in Preston town centre.

Freda left school when she was 15 and went into the commercial office of Preston Farmers, and met Ged at a youth club, run by the local church. As was the custom in those days, they had a five year courtship, at the end of which they were married in 1965. A change of jobs for Ged to the CEGB heralded their first move, to Manchester, and Freda's first of a series of home making activities.

They later moved from a flat in Chorlton Cum Hardy, to their own home in Swinton. Whilst living there Abigail made her entry into this world and Freda took to motherhood like a duck to water. Her creational skills went into overdrive, with knitting, sewing, crocheting and lacemaking.

Things in the Power Station World were moving rapidly, and a house move came in 1968, when the family moved to Anglesey in North Wales. Freda organised the house move from Manchester. She was never fazed by the prospect of moving to the other side of the country. Indeed she relished the adventure. Fiona was born in 1969, and the family was completed when Steph was born in 1973. After ten years in Wales, it was Freda who said she was ready for a new challenge. The power station world had slowed down a bit, and so Ged accepted a 3 year secondment to The Atomic Energy Establishment at Dounreay, in Caithness (Near John o'Groats). Freda insisted that the family must be up there and established by the time the schools started. She organised a house move of 500 miles, and took the girls up there, on her own, by air to Wick via Aberdeen. Again, when the girls were settled into school, Freda organised a job for herself, running a nursery. Her sewing activities continued apace.

At the end of the three years the family moved down to Lancashire for Ged to work at Heysham Power Station and to look for a house. After months of looking, Butts House, here in Melling was reported and the family moved to Melling in May 1982. Freda excelled at the new homemaking, and began her new passion of patchwork quilting.

As well as being a parent at Melling school she later became the school secretary and a very hands-on grandparent regularly doing the school run. When Imogen left school last year Freda had been a part of the school for 35 years.

Freda and Sheila have run the quilting club for many years. She loved the monthly meetings with like minded women, sharing tips and ideas. She was also a prime mover in the organising and running of the village WI which later become known as the Thursday Group.

Freda began to suffer ill health about 10 years ago which was diagnosed to be Lupus, an auto immune disease.

She fought it bravely but could not fight the cancer to which she succumbed on August 17th. Her legacy continues through her daughters and grandchildren, and we will miss her terribly.

GK

## MELLING VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

Many will have already renewed their entry for the "100 Club" but it is still not too late to be included. £12 secures a place in the monthly draw with funds raised helping towards the upkeep and running of the Village Hall and providing prizes.

All winners are listed in the Chronicle and a list of entrants is on the notice board in the Village Hall. **You must be in it to win it!**

Contact M.Toase - 21002

## LUNESDALE SURGERY - FLU CLINICS

The Flu Clinics are:

### Lunesdale Surgery

Saturday 28th Sept - 9am - 11:30am - drop in **FOR OVER 65'S ONLY**

### Lunesdale Surgery

Monday 14th October - 6pm-7:30pm - **MUST HAVE A PRE-BOOKED APPOINTMENT** (primarily for the people under 65 in the at risk category)

### Hornby Institute

Friday 25th October - 9am - 11:30am - drop in **FOR OVER 65'S AND ANYONE IN THE AT RISK CATEGORIES**

## “YEAH, THEY WERE ALL YELLOW”: IN CONVERSATION WITH A WILDFLOWER ENTHUSIAST



How many yellow wild flowers can you name? I could name a few of the ‘famous’ ones, buttercups, primroses, wild daffodils, and dandelions. I had not heard of Common Cow-wheat, Yellow Rocket, Goldenrod or Silverweed Potentilla (also known as honey underground). But, it was Yellow Rattle that a local wildflower enthusiast (Erica Sarney) and I spend most of our conversation talking about earlier this month.

Erica has been part of the creation of the wildflower meadow at the Crook O Lune, which is part of Community Pollinator Patches. There has been a lot of publicity about the decline of our bees and hoverflies, I recently read that since 1985 honey bee colonies have declined by 53%; that two British bumblebee species have become extinct and solitary bees have declined significantly across the UK.

Yellow flowers are significant as they are some of the earlier of our wildflowers to bloom. Primroses can begin as early as January and keep flowering all through spring. It is March though that yellow comes into its own, this is the start of dandelion season, there is coltsfoot, lesser celandine, and our villages are all yellow with daffodils. These early flowers provide food for our insects, they help get their spring off to a good start. If our insects have a good start, then our long distance spring travellers will be welcomed with an abundant feast in on their arrival in April and May.

But what of the Yellow Rattle? Yellow Rattle is one of our most important meadow wild flowers. It is a semi-parasitic plant feeding on the grass roots, weakening the plant and helping to create gaps giving new wild flowers a fighting chance to establish. It needs cold weather to set seed and flowers in May-June. Its name comes from the rattling sound the seeds make as you walk through a wildflower meadow in late summer, and apparently it is favourite food of cattle.

As you will know from a recent Parish Council blog post, they are considering changing the management of local verges to allow the native wild flowers in the seed bank to flourish and Yellow Rattle would be used to control the grass. So with the support of Erica and Lancaster City Council over the



next season, Yellow Rattle will be introduced more widely to grass areas around the village. This being the first step in creating our own Melling pollinator patches. No patch is too small, after all pollinators are not very big, so with luck next spring when you walk through the village maybe you will think “and it was all yellow”.



If you are interested in finding out more please do get in touch with the Parish Council or myself.

*Kathryn James*

*Yellow*, a song by Coldplay, 2000

Facebook, search for Community Pollinator Patches.

The Good Verge Guide by Plantlife:

<https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/our-work/publications/good-verge-guide-different-approach-managing-our-waysides-and-verges>

## THURSDAY GROUP MEETINGS 2019

As the September meeting had to be cancelled, owing to the Speaker’s family emergency, the next Thursday Group Meetings are:



**October 17th (Thursday):**

**Speaker:** Tim Churchill talking about the ‘*National Filling Factory*’ - the Munitions Ladies. Hostesses will be Sandra and Margaret M, providing refreshments.



**November 21st (Thursday)**

**Speaker:** David Nott talking about ‘*The History of Melling*’ through the Archive of the Parish Council. Hostesses will be Judith G. and Margaret T.

**All meetings start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

Ladies who would like to join us for a ‘taster’ are warmly welcome. Also, ladies who are unable to commit to membership are welcome to join us as ‘visitors’ at a cost of £2.50 per meeting.

Occasionally we open a meeting to Gentlemen also, again at £2.50.



### NEWS FROM ST WILFRID'S: ROLLING STONES AND FLOWER POWER

As a child of the '60s this headline has a certain resonance, however this is not to announce a new headline concert in Church. It is actually a vote of thanks to those who turned out to help tidy the churchyard this year and those who attended the Harvest Festival on the 15th. Clearly those who turned out to help were our Rolling Stones since they gathered no moss but did edge the paths, strim the gravestones, cut back the scrub etc. At the same time others were decorating the church beautifully in anticipation the Harvest Festival.

Again, I'd like to take this opportunity to express my thanks also to those who regularly clean the church and mow the churchyard throughout the year as well.

Around 50 people attended Harvest Festival, where the pupils from the school gave their thanks and donations for nature's gifts. The Vicar gave thanks for Chips, Crisps and Cake and with the help of (strangely willing) volunteers, got them to pour water over each other, whilst reassuring everyone concerned "don't worry, the Warden has a mop". His point was, I think, that as life gets more complex for us, we tend to lose focus on the basics and take the harvest for granted. Fair point.

In Church, our attention moving from the 20 odd weeks of Ordinary Time to Advent and Christmas. There will be a full range of services across the Christmas period including the Village Carol Service which will again strongly feature the children from the school.

More details and the full list of services in the next issue.

We are also looking forward to the Gift and Craft fair which is being held on the evening of November 22nd this year. Please can I appeal for raffle prizes and ask if anyone in the village would be prepared to sell some raffle tickets for us?



In the mean time I hope that the fine weather continues and you can enjoy, as Keats put it, *this season of mellow mists and fruitfulness.*

*Thanks JAC (Church Warden)*

In aid of St Wilfrid's Church, Melling

# Christmas Gift & Craft Fair

## Melling Institute

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

### 5pm - 9pm



**Christmas Gifts**  
**Arts & Crafts**  
**Homemade Cakes**  
**Refreshments**  
**Tombola**

**... and those  
fabulous raffle prizes**

## NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBOURS

### LVCS LUNE VALLEY POOL - HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

It is just a year since the pool in Hornby was re-opened following a technical refurbishment and superb modernisation by community volunteers.

The team at LVCS wish to thank community volunteers, local schools, clubs and public swimmers and all those who have done so much to get the pool up and running and have supported us during this first very exciting and eventful year.

The first LVCS AGM will be held on

**Tuesday October 15th in the Hornby Institute at 7.30 pm**

This most valuable Lune Valley asset needs the support of the community to survive and prosper.

We need your input - it's your pool! Please come along, meet the team and tell us what you think.

We would like to see a full house so that we can discuss and approve our plans for the future.

Any matters to be raised at the AGM should be submitted to Bob McGachie Chair of LVCS: [chairman@lunevalleypool.com](mailto:chairman@lunevalleypool.com).

Even if you can't make it to the AGM do please keep in touch - Call in anytime or check our website and Facebook as follows:  
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### BOOK FAIR

Hornby Institute  
**Saturday 5 October**  
10.00am - 4.00pm.

A wide range of second-hand, out of print and antiquarian books for sale, also classical CDs

Ring 01524 752968 for further details.

### COUNTRYSIDE SOCIETY

**Friday 18 October @ 7.45pm**

The first meeting of the winter programme will be held in the Hornby Institute. Gail Armstrong will give an illustrated talk on

**"Bats in our Local Area".**

All are welcome, £10 annual subscription, or £4 individual meeting.

Ring 01524 752968 for further details.

## HORNBY LUNESDALE PROBUS CLUB KEN DODD & VICTORIA WOOD!

Lunesdale Probus Club is holding a very special open meeting on **Monday October 21st** -Featuring the life and times of two truly great northern entertainers: **Ken Dodd -the Squire of Knotty Ash - and the wonderful Victoria Wood.** This is an illustrated talk by Sue Wilson and we'd like to share it with readers of The Melling Chronicle. Everyone welcome - do please come along - we'd love to see you.

**Monday October 21st. 10.30am in the Foster Suite, Hornby Institute.**  
Admission is just £1.00 and includes refreshments.

*'Let's do it'*

*and you might even find out how many men it takes to change a toilet roll!*

Other Probus 'open' events include:

The ever popular **St George's Christmas markets and Liverpool Philharmonic 'Spirit of Christmas'** concert with John Suchet of Classic FM on **Saturday 14th December.** Luxury coaching and best seats in the house. The perfect pre-Christmas tonic. **Departs Hornby 12.00 mid-day**

And

**Cumbrian Coast steam train excursion on Saturday 4th April 2020.**

Includes 2 hour break in Carlisle before a scenic journey along the coast and around Morecambe bay. To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the iconic **Brief Encounter** film we have reserved seating in our own 'Hornby' dedicated carriage on this spectacular steam special which departs Carnforth at 11.00am. Return 6.00pm.

Last few places available.

Members, friends and guests all welcome.

For further details of any of these events please contact:

**Roger, Hornby Lunesdale Probus Club on 015242 22283. Email [hornby.carts@ic24.net](mailto:hornby.carts@ic24.net)**

## WENNING VOICES

Meet every **Thursday 7.30pm - 9.30pm** at St. James the Less Church, Tatham.

Whether you're a nightingale or a corncrake, just come along when you can.  
There's room in the Wenning Voices' nest for all.

£2 per week includes tea/coffee, biscuits and a chat.

## HORNBY PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

**WHAT A FEAST** we on our September trip to Scorton Barns for Afternoon Tea. We had a delicious meal and nearly all came home with doggy bags as well. Highly recommended to anybody who missed it. The scenic tour around the Glasson/Cockerham area made an interesting & enjoyable change to our usual routes. Tremendous thanks to Kath for all the extra work involved - it was well worth your efforts!

**COFFEE MORNING** Thank you to everyone who supported our September Coffee Morning, which was much enjoyed by so many people. As this was our last one for this year, it's time to give a HUGE thank you to the team who have worked so hard to make these mornings go so smoothly this year: Barbara, Beryl, Brenda, Doreen, Eileen, Elsie, Ethel, Josie, Kath, Meg & Shirley, + the willing volunteers who have given us a hand when we have needed it: **THANK YOU!**

**OCTOBER TRIP** This year our **Autumn Tints Tour** to Penrith & Silloth will be on **Tuesday, 8th October**, leaving Hornby at 10am & returning by 5pm. There will be a stop for lunch and a stop for tea. The cost is £6 to members & £8 to non-members. If you have not yet been able to book, you can catch Kath in the Institute Reception on Tuesday & Friday mornings. As a last resort, you can call Kath on 015242 21845.

**POTATO PIE SUPPER** This popular event in our calendar will be held at 7pm on **Tuesday, 12th November** in Hornby Institute. Tickets for the meal will be £8 per head & Kath will be taking bookings & payment in the Institute Reception on Tuesday & most Friday mornings from 22nd October. We will play a half-card of Bingo afterwards.

**GAMES EVENINGS** Our **October Whist & Dominoes** evenings in Hornby Institute will be on the **5th & 19th**, starting at 7pm. Admission (including light refreshments & 2 free raffle tickets) is only £2. Everybody very welcome.

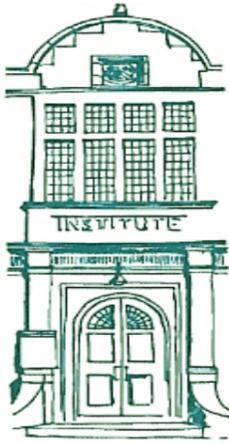
## MOVIES AT LOWER TATHAM CHURCH

Movies start again this Autumn on Fridays at Lower Tatham Church.

Dates for your Diaries are **11th October, 8th November and 6th December**  
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**HORNBY VILLAGE TRUST  
2019 UPCOMING EVENTS**

**5<sup>th</sup> October - Book Fair**  
10am-4pm  
Refreshments served all day

**19<sup>th</sup> October - HVT Jumble Sale**  
2-4pm  
50p entry

**26<sup>th</sup> October - Pre-Loved Wedding Event**  
12noon - 3pm

**5<sup>th</sup> November - Bonfire & Fireworks**  
In the Field by the River  
Bonfire Lit: 6.30pm. Fireworks: 7pm  
£2 Adult £1 Children

**15<sup>th</sup> November - Murder Mystery**  
**'The Body On The Black Pearl'**  
7pm  
Tickets £25 to include 3 course meal

**23<sup>rd</sup> November - Jazz in Hornby Returns with The Jazz Worriers**  
8pm (Bar Opens 7.30pm)  
Tickets £12.50

**30<sup>th</sup> November - Christmas Craft Fair**  
10am-2pm  
Refreshments served all day

**7<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Bingo**  
Eyes Down 7.30pm (Bar Opens 7pm)  
£1 per book

**31<sup>st</sup> December - New Years Eve**  
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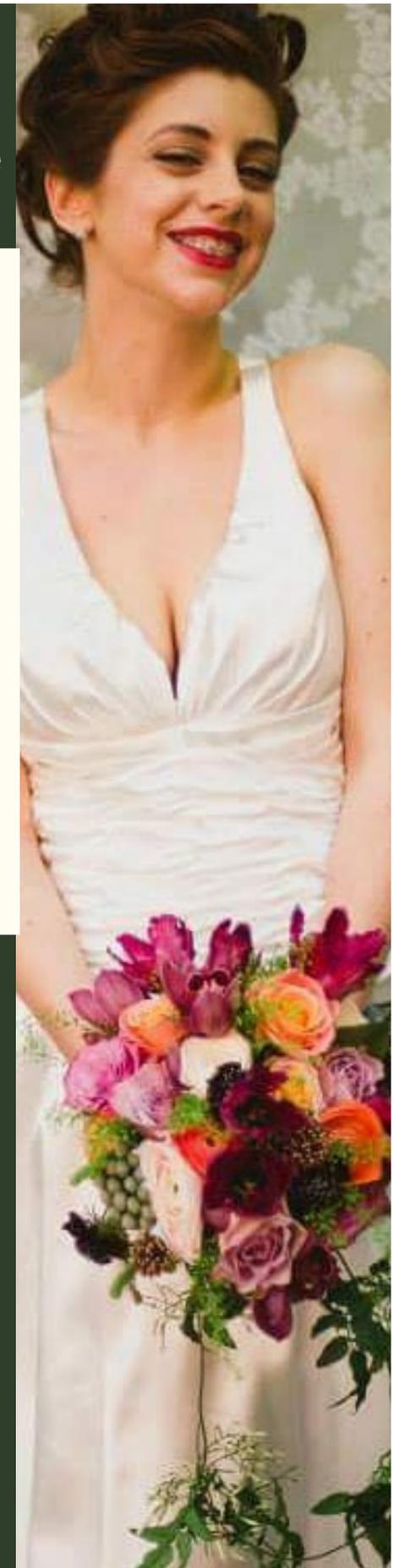
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