

A photograph of a vast field of yellow rapeseed flowers in full bloom. In the foreground, a single flower stalk rises vertically, showing several bright yellow flowers and buds. The background is a dense sea of similar flowers stretching to the horizon under a blue sky with scattered white clouds.

# THE MELLING CHRONICLE

May 2025

Craft Day  
Movie Night: The Brutalist  
Cooking Corner...A Special Breakfast



# The 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)

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## ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH

We hope that you will have had a good Easter and may have had the opportunity to come to one of the church services held during this Christian festival.

As with many organisations, a church can only be sustainable with the active support of people within the community. Over the past 3 years, since the appointment of Reverend Jane, a range of services has been introduced at St. Wilfrid's in Melling, in our combined Parish of Tunstall, Melling and Leck and in the wider Benefice.

In addition to Morning Service (on the first Sunday of each month) and Holy Communion (on the third Sunday) at St Wilfrid's, Rev Jane says Morning Prayer on week days, rotating across the 6 churches.

Shorter services, designed specifically for young children and families, such as: **Sunday@4, Messy Church and Wild Church:** are held throughout the Benefice.

**Encounter:** is a more informal service, held at Leck on the third Sunday evening of each month.

**Youth Groups:** for 10-14 year olds, are held monthly in Wray and Leck churches. The aim is to offer a wide variety of services and opportunities to meet.

Full details are found in The Bell newsletter or online at East Lonsdale Benefice

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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The AGM of the parish council and the Annual Parish will be held on **Tuesday 13th May**.

Starting with the public forum at 6.00pm. The AGM will start immediately afterwards, and by 6.30pm at the latest, the Parish Council meeting will then follow.

As well as the usual ongoing matters, there will be updates on matters raised at the last meeting.

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### MELLING VILLAGE HALL PUB NIGHT



Friday 2nd May, doors open 7.30pm  
Friday 6th June, doors open 7.30pm.

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

**MOVIE NIGHT** Making use of our audio-visual equipment:



### THE BRUTALIST

16th May 2025

Doors open at 7pm and  
the film starts at 7.30pm.

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- Big Breakfast.
- Quiz with pies, peas and proper puds.
- A film with afternoon tea and prosecco...



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

	Pub Night	2nd May 2025	Friday 7.30pm
	Film Night	16th May 2025 "The Brutalist" (a week earlier than usual due to the Bank Holiday)	Friday 7.30pm
	Craft Day	28th May 2025	Wednesday 10am - 4pm
	Pub Night	6th June 2025 (with live music and Lasagne supper (veg & gf available))	Friday 7.30pm
	Film Night	20th June 2025 "A Complete Unknown"	Friday 7.30pm
	Craft Day	25th June 2025	Wednesday 10am - 4pm
	Pub Night	4th July 2025 (enjoy a burger on Independence Day!)	Friday 7.30pm
	Film Night	18th July 2025	Friday 7.30pm
	Craft Day	30th July 2025	Wednesday 10am - 4pm



## EASYFUNDRAISING FOR THE VILLAGE HALL

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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.



## ARTICLES AND PHOTOGRAPHS!

Have you taken a recent photo of somewhere in our beautiful villages, or the surrounding area, that you think could appear on the cover, back cover or inside the issue somewhere?

Preferably it should be a high resolution digital image. Everything will be considered, you can choose to be credited or not.

If the photo is seasonally relevant that's even better.

Any interesting articles would also be most welcome.

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*Thursday: Morning (9am - 12.30pm )*

### COOKING CORNER ... A SPECIAL BREAKFAST!:

#### ASPARAGUS WITH SMOKED SALMON, POACHED EGG AND HOLLANDAISE SAUCE

##### INGREDIENTS

- 500g asparagus spears, ends trimmed
- 200g baby leaf spinach
- ½ tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 tbsp white wine vinegar
- 4 fresh medium eggs
- 120g mild smoked salmon
- 4 tbsp hollandaise sauce

##### METHOD

1) Bring a pan of water to the boil. Simmer the asparagus for 2 minutes, then drain and plunge into a bowl of cold water to stop it cooking any further.



1) Wilt the spinach with a splash of water in a large pan, then leave to drain over a sieve to remove any excess liquid off

2) Heat the oil in a wide griddle pan and cook the asparagus spears for 3-minutes, until there are dark golden griddle marks all over. Keep warm.

3) Bring another, large, pan of water to the boil, add the vinegar. Crack an egg into a small bowl or ramekin. Using a slotted spoon, swirl the water so that a whirlpool forms, then carefully pour the egg into the water. Cook for 3 minutes, then remove with a slotted spoon and drain on kitchen paper.

4) Repeat with the remaining 3 eggs.

5) Divide the asparagus between 4 plates, then top with the spinach, poached egg, smoked salmon and hollandaise sauce.



## LUNESDALE PROBUS CLUB

As I write this, the lovely spell of fine weather has broken and rain is running down the windows, children's holidays are being spoilt, an economic dispute between the two great powers is causing shock waves around the stock markets of the world. Worrying times at many levels! But all this pales into insignificance compared to the impact of the Great War, raging across the globe but particularly in Europe a hundred or so years ago!

Anne- Marie Michel's talk to us on the impact of that war on Art and Artists brought home to all of us just how wide reaching the effects of that conflict were and remain to this day. It was perhaps the artists who were the first to see that this war was radically different, that no longer could war be portrayed as glorious and heroic, that the reality was cruel, brutal, merciless. and degrading. Despite having their works censored by the government, they continued to record with merciless clarity the true nature of modern industrialised warfare. Even artists such as John Singer Sargent, darling of the wealthy for his society portraits, were affected as his powerful Gassed Soldiers shows. Nobody at our meeting can not have been moved by that painting. The freshness of the images, now a century or more old was astonishing and a powerful reminder in these uncertain times, filled with conflicts around the earth, that sadly we have learned nothing and that the War to end Wars was alas anything but.

Bank holidays interrupt our schedule so our next meeting is not till **May 19th** when we will be addressed by an old friend **Bernard Thompson** on the submarine war in the Atlantic during the Second World War: hmm!

As ever, all welcome to our meetings at the Institute in Hornby, 10am for coffee and biscuits, 10.30am for the meeting.

Hoping all have enjoyed a happy Easter.

*John Poole (Secretary)*  
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All spaces must be booked in advance to avoid disappointment!

For more information on what we have on over the May Half Term, please visit our website or Facebook Page.

Thank you for your continuous support!



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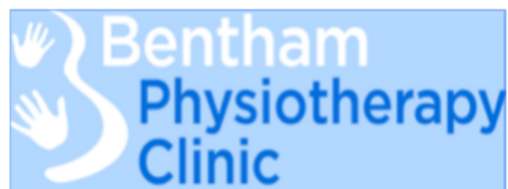
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JULY 12th	4-6 miles	JENNY H ( 015242 21690)
JULY 26th	6-8 miles	CHRIS ( 0711 384 888)
AUGUST 9th	4-8 mile (only one walk this month)	APRIL AND JOHN (07929 004215)
SEPTEMBER 13th	4-6 miles	JENNY H (015242 21690)
SEPTEMBER 27th	6-8 miles	CATH AND NICKY (cathsexton16@icloud.com)
OCTOBER 11th	4-6 miles	HAZEL (hazel.ellerbysayer169@icloud.com)
OCTOBER 25th	6-8 miles	PETER EDGE (015242 22176)
NOVEMBER 8th	WALK-AGM and lunch	COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 13th	4-6 miles	IAN SHUTTLE (07572 914 693)

### 2024 COMMITTEE

Chair: Jenny Herd

Secretary: Peter Edge

Treasurer: Chris Kynch -

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### 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

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## HORNBY PENSIONERS - MAY 2025

### DOMINOES AND WHIST EVENINGS

These evenings will begin at 7pm in Hornby Institute.  
For information regarding these events, please contact:

**Eileen Barton on 07780461517**



- **May 10th: Dominoes and Whist.**
- **May 24th: Dominoes.**

On 8th April Karin Stennett, fundraiser for St, John's Hospice, gave a most informative and comforting talk on the extensive care and provision given for the people of the North West. Only one quarter of their funding is provided by the NHS, the rest has to be met by donations and fund -raising events. They are appreciative of any help that we can give, particularly of our time. Thank you, Karin.

### MAY 10TH: COFFEE MORNING.

This will be held on the lower floor of the Institute and as usual it is an opportunity to catch up with friends and enjoy each other's company over tea or coffee. Donations for the raffle and for the produce stall are always gratefully received.



### MAY 13TH: REVIEW

There will be the 2nd part of the Review of the event that took place in Hornby in 2006. The first part was shown in May last year and was a reminder of the chance that we had, to see and to hear some of the wonderfully talented people living in our community at the time.

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