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Queen's Platinum Jubilee
The Mystery of the German Lady
Village Show Schedule

The Melling Chronicle

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021-22

FROM THE CHAIR OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Following official advice and Covid-19 guidelines, the statutory Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council were held in the Village Hall at 6.00pm on Thursday 27 May 2021. All subsequent Parish Council meetings have been held in the main room of the Village Hall.

We express our thanks and best wishes to Jo Bayes, who retired from the Parish Council in 2021.

OUR VILLAGE HALL

We are pleased to note the return of full-scale activities in the Village Hall, and we thank the Melling Institute Management Committee, including councillor Sandra Towers, for bringing the place to life again.

THE MELLING CHRONICLE

We wish to thank editor Anthea Carter for another year's sterling work in producing an attractive and readable parish magazine, and the team of volunteer distributors, without whom the Chronicle would not reach our letterboxes. We also thank the advertisers in the Chronicle for their continuing support.

ST WILFRID'S SCHOOL

Once again, we congratulate all at St Wilfrid's School for all they have done, in difficult circumstances, to ensure continuity of education for local children, and to provide a stimulating programme of activities beyond the classroom. We are always happy to read about the school's activities in the Melling Chronicle.

ST WILFRID'S CHURCH

We welcome the reopening of our church to one and all, and we extend a warm welcome to Revd Jane Lee, the new Vicar for the Benefice of East Lonsdale.

VILLAGE LENGTHSMAN

We wish to thank Paul Williams, our contracted Lengthsman, for his energetic work on open spaces in our parish, where we have to contend with increasing erosion, blockages and flooding as a result of more extreme weather events.

FLOODING IN MELLING AND IN WRAYTON

Much of the necessary work on gulleys and watercourses adjacent to or under the roadway is done by the local authority. The Parish Council makes representations to Lancashire County Highways to include in their budget work to remedy the problem of flooding on the roadway in Back Lane, Wrayton, which has been exacerbated in recent years by extreme rainfall events.

MELLING GREEN

The Parish Council keeps its management of Melling Green under review, and welcomes advice and support from residents and local organisations. The Parish Council repeats its invitation to anyone who may be interested in forming an open group of residents who would meet to pool ideas and suggestions.

COUNCILS AGAINST NOISE AND SPEED (CANS)

The Parish Council is represented by councillor Howard Lower on this Action Group, which has maintained its campaign to reduce speeding and other problems caused by motorcycles in the Lune Valley, North Yorkshire and South Lakes. We welcome the fitting of parts of the A683 between Caton and Wrayton Lane End with solar powered road studs, enabling the installation of average speed cameras.

WORKING TOGETHER

In my Report for 2020-21, I referred to the close cooperation between all parties which ensured the speedy rebuilding of part of the wall at 10 Gillison Close (after demolition by a bus) containing Melling's post box, and the clearance (after demolition by a lorry) and rebuilding of the bus shelter at Wrayton Lane End (completed in September 2021). I wrote that 'With goodwill and co-operation, much can be achieved!'

As I step down from the office of Chair of the Parish Council, I wish to thank my fellow Councillors for their constructive and good-humoured approach to all that we (try to) do. I am confident that my successor will benefit from such support. This year as last, I thank Claire Helme, our Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer, for all the ways in which she has eased our path and kept us on the right track.

David Nott, Chair, Melling-with-Wrayton Parish Council

“At the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 5 May 2022, councillor Sandra Towers was elected Parish Council Chair. I congratulate Sandra on her election, and wish her all the best for the years ahead.”



CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

AND

MELLING VILLAGE HALL'S CENTENARY

FRIDAY 3 JUNE 2022

BBQ, fun races, displays, afternoon tea

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4.00pm afternoon tea in the village hall. Bar 4.00pm -10.30pm

MELLING THROUGH THE AGES EXHIBITION

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it would help if we have an idea
how many are attending.

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DEAR DOG WALKERS

Please remember to take home your pet and anything else they have deposited.

This recent package was left close to the public footpath stile in the middle of our hamlet, and whilst we thought it may be collected, on perhaps a return journey, six hours later it was still there. It was eventually cleared by a caring villager.

This is not acceptable! Please respect our surroundings and take responsibility for your Dog.

Thank you!

Many thanks, Howard



MELLING VILLAGE HALL: PUB NIGHTS ARE BACK! Summer Pub Nights

Our Pub nights continue through the summer on the first Friday of every month.

3 June
1 July
5 August
2 September

A range of beers, wines and soft drinks, table football, pool, darts, dominoes and music.



THE MYSTERY OF 'THE GERMAN LADY', MADAME C. RUMPPFF

Visitors to the History section of our village website will be familiar with GEK's article '**Madame Rumph, the Iron Cross nurse**' and her humanitarian role in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71.

Her life is an intriguing story, all the more so because of the many gaps in it! Would further research help to fill some of these gaps, and increase our understanding of this remarkable woman?

A new article on our village website, **Clementine Louise Rumpff, 'the German lady'**, presents the results of this research. Yes, some gaps in her time-line have been filled, and we can read some of Clementine's own words in articles and letters. But we are faced with a familiar dilemma - the more we know, the more we realise there is still to know!



One key document is, alas, out of our (financial) reach: three unpublished volumes of memoirs, *Madame Rumpff's Diary of War of 1870-1*, written after her arrival in Melling in 1887. This precious document is no longer in Melling, or even in England, but in New York, where it is available from a seller of rare books at the modest price of \$15,000...

Clementine drew on these memoirs for a fascinating series of articles published in the *Blackburn Weekly Standard* between January 1893 and June 1894, in which she takes her readers on an epic 7-month journey (August 1870 to March 1871) to military hospitals, first in Germany and then in war-torn France, where she served as a Red Cross nurse. In the 1860s, she had trained at the pioneering nursing school established in 1860 by Florence Nightingale at St Thomas's Hospital, London.

In her eleven years in Melling (1887-98), Clementine conducted a copious correspondence, only two items of which are currently in the Melling archive (these are reproduced in the website article).

If anyone has information that might lead to tracing more of Clementine's letters, do please get in touch!

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We all enjoyed the return of the Scarecrow festival in May. We worked with Tatham Fells School to create 'the Queen's Jubilee Afternoon Tea'. We hope you got a chance to see it and we were very pleased to win the schools' entry and to give lots of people the chance to take selfies with the Queen.



Our infants thoroughly enjoyed a trip to the museum at Fleetwood. They were learning about seaside holidays in the past and enjoyed a traditional Punch and Judy show. They flew a kite on the beach and worked together to make a fantastic mosaic for the classroom.



The Joy of a Punch and Judy Show!

We also had our first craft café with Rev Jane as she came in for worship and held an after-school club. The children learned about the ascension and made a model of Jesus ascending into heaven.

In the middle of a busy term we had a one-day monitoring visit from OFSTED. We were pleased they recognised some key features of our school '**pupils feel happy, safe and secure in school**'

'Leaders have provided an ambitious and exciting curriculum', 'Pupils of all ages develop a real love of reading', 'Pupils enjoy learning' and 'Pupils are respectful towards adults and each other.'

The Juniors have been kept busy with sporting events. They enjoyed an afternoon of running at Tatham Fells in the Lune Valley Schools Cross Country Championships and a morning of Cricket at Over Kellet for the Lune Valley Schools Cricket Competition.

Y6 pupils completed their bikeability training. They all passed with flying colours despite it being a little rainy on the days, they kept on cycling. The instructor commented that they were the best group she had ever taught - so polite and well behaved. Well done Y6 we are proud of you!

Mrs Ip, Headteacher



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VILLAGE SHOW

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH 2022

Please detach this from your June issue of the Chronicle and keep it in a safe place!

Let's make this a fun event and we can only do that if everyone takes part so start planning, collecting, planting and making!

JUNIOR

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| J 01 | 2 pieces of traybake (different varieties, named) |
| J 02 | 3 decorated cupcakes |
| J 03 | 4 of my favourite biscuits (at least 2 varieties, named) |
| J 04 | A plant you have grown in a container |
| J 05 | A sunflower (flower on a cut stem) |
| J 06 | Something new from something old - upcycled or recycled item |
| J 07 | A poster to celebrate the Centenary of Melling Village Hall. |
| J 08 | A painted and/or decorated pebble |
| J 09 | A vegetable / fruit / pasta monster. |
| J 10 | Virtual pet show (Provide 3 photos) |

VEGETABLES

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| V 01 | Four potatoes (any colour) |
| V 02 | Three carrots with tops |
| V 03 | Three beetroot |
| V 04 | Six runner bean pods |
| V 05 | Six French bean pods |
| V 06 | Six pods of peas |
| V 07 | Three courgettes (maximum of 150mm in length) |
| V 08 | One cucumber |
| V 09 | Four tomatoes (with attached calyx) |
| V 10 | Three onions |
| V 11 | Any other vegetable |
| V 12 | Mixed vegetables (3 different, two of each) |
| V 13 | Heaviest vegetable |
| V 14 | Funniest vegetable |
| V 15 | Mixed herbs—collection of five fresh herbs in a vase or vases (to be named) |

FRUIT

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| F 01 | Four plums |
| F 02 | Three eating apples |
| F 03 | Three cooking apples |
| F 04 | Three pears |

News From Melling And Wrayton

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| F 05 | A small bowl of soft fruit (with stems)—one variety |
| F 06 | A small bowl of soft fruit (with stems)—mixed varieties |

FLOWERS

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| X 01 | Three flower stems (the same variety) |
| X 02 | Three flower stems (three different varieties) |
| X 03 | A jam jar of mixed garden flowers |

PRESERVES (Made after 01/09/2021, clearly labelled and dated)

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| P 01 | A jar of jam |
| P 02 | A jar of jelly |
| P 03 | A jar of marmalade |
| P 04 | A jar of chutney |
| P 05 | A bottle of drink (one bottle, in a clear, non-branded, bottle, e.g. parsnip wine, cider, sloe gin, elderflower cordial, etc.) |

ARTS AND CRAFTS

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| A 01 | A soap carving |
| A 02 | A painted and/or decorated pebble |
| A 03 | Needlecraft |
| A 04 | Knitting/crochet |
| A 05 | Any other handicraft |
| A 06 | A photograph taken in the Melling with Wrayton parish |
| A 07 | A collage made with items collected in Melling with Wrayton parish |

BAKING

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| B 01 | Four chocolate brownies, cut approx 2" x 3" (5 cms x 7½ cms) |
| B 02 | Four scones (all the same variety, to be stated) |
| B 03 | Four biscuits (all the same variety, to be stated) |
| B 04 | Lemon Drizzle Cake—1lb loaf tin |
| B 05 | Three pieces of tray bake (all the same variety, stated) |
| B 06 | My disaster |

The idea of the show is to put on a fun event celebrating the Village Hall Centenary, however here is the “small print”

- The decisions of the judges and organiser are final.
- Junior categories are free to enter, all others 50p per entry.
- Final timings etc will be published, along with another copy of this schedule in the September edition of the Melling Chronicle.

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- ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- 2 tbsp. mango chutney
- 1 - 3 tbsp. sultanas, or to taste
- 500g shredded cooked chicken

METHOD

- 1) Mix the mayo, curry powder, cinnamon, chutney and sultanas together and season with black pepper.
- 2) Add the shredded chicken and stir to coat in the sauce. Stir in 2 tbsps. water to loosen if needed, then season and serve as desired



HEATHER PRIESTLEY 6.1.26 TO 19.4.2022

Heather was born in Shoeburyness before living in Wimbledon, where she attended Primary School, when her father worked in Winston Churchill's War Office. Then the family moved north to Bentham where she went to Settle High School, catching the train daily and walking from Giggleswick Station to school. After this they spent some years in Chester before returning to Bentham.

Heather and Leonard met and married in 1947, living and farming in Lowgill until 1992 when they retired from farming and moved to Melling where they immersed themselves in village life. This included taking a large part in organising the Village show which Heather enjoyed immensely.

As a member of the WI, when the Melling branch tired of paying regular amounts of money to the Head Office, Heather was an enthusiastic proponent for forming their own Ladies Group, the Thursday Group, and resigning from the WI. This was very successful and continued through the years until the arrival of COVID-19 plus various other factors led to the reluctant disbanding of the Thursday Group, much to Heather's disappointment.

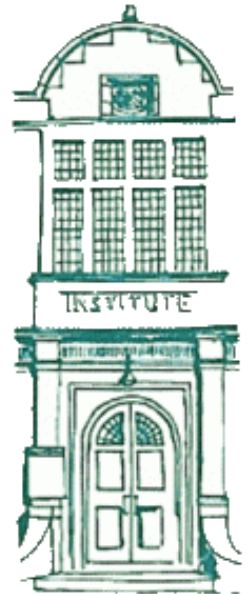
Heather died in the Home where she lived, and her daughter Carol and son Nigel were able to be with her for the twelve days before and when she died. She had a gentle death, slipping peacefully away.

HORNBY PENSIONERS

EVENTS DURING JUNE

Dominoes Evenings will be held on alternate Saturdays on the ground floor of The Institute, beginning at **7pm**. Those evenings being on **JUNE 11th and 25th**.

If you are tired of having little to watch on T.V. on Saturday nights, or you are in need of some company for a natter and a laugh, why not come along. The evenings are lighter now and venturing out is not quite so daunting. No previous experience of the game is needed and everyone is welcome.



PENSIONERS OUTINGS....HOORAY!!

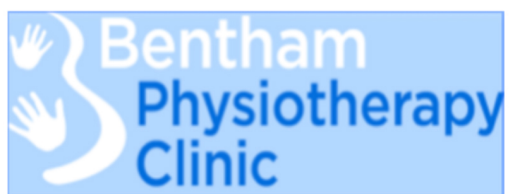
It is time to shrug off, the admittedly attractive, ties that bind us to the lovely environs of Hornby and once again to explore some pastures new.

Our first excursion is to the lovely Lake district area of Coniston on **Tuesday 14th June**. The cost of which will be £12 for members and £14 for non members. It will be a full day out, leaving at 9am from Hornby Bank, picking up at Hornby Church, followed by the Institute. The bus will also stop at Brookhouse bus stop and Caton Institute if necessary and return by 7pm at the latest.

There will be an optional boat trip on Coniston water at an extra cost of £10, if anyone would like to take part in that. However please note that this is not recommended for people with mobility difficulties. The return journey will be via Ambleside, where a stop will be made at Hayes Garden Centre.

Tickets for this excursion will be available from Kath Helme, at the Institute, on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Please book early to avoid disappointment.





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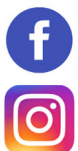


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TUNSTALL WI

It has been a busy three months at Tunstall WI. In March we went to Wray Institute where we joined our friends at Wennington & District WI for our annual joint meeting. After hearing a talk by Chris Conder, one of the founders of B4RN we all enjoyed an excellent buffet supper prepared by the ladies of Wennington & District WI.

In April we welcomed back Andy Lowe. Andy is one of our favourite speakers and has entertained us on a number of times with talks on the Lake District. On this visit he talked about the industries of the Lake District throughout history. Also in April the members of Tunstall WI came together at the Highwayman for a most enjoyable evening. Our Spring Meal is an annual event which was much missed during the last couple of years.

In May another old friend returned to give us a talk. Pat Ascroft MBE is an indefatigable fund raiser for Mencap and her many adventures give her plenty of material for her extremely interesting and humorous talks. On this occasion she delighted us with an account of her experience with a horse drawn caravan in Ireland.

Our next meeting is on June 8th when our guest speaker will be Joanne Halliwell talking about the life of a servant in the 17th century. At this meeting we shall also take the opportunity to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with cake and prosecco.

In addition to monthly meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at Tunstall Village Hall we also have a Book Discussion Group who meet regularly to talk about favourite books and also a Coffee Club who meet every month at the Highwayman. Why not come along to a meeting and find out if the WI is for you?

Sheila Mitchell, President

JAZZ IN HORNBY ... FRIDAY 24TH JUNE

Due to *The Tenement J.B.* having had to disband, I've booked ***DecoDelight***, our friends who have entertained us on two previous gigs. So we'll be treated to light hearted songs from Dave Lindup & Rosie Harrison, who lead the front line on trumpet and alto sax - all very foot tapping!

Usual venue: The Village Institute, Main Street (A683) LA2 8JR. Tickets £15, on the door or ring 015242 22227. Doors & bar open from 7.30pm, music from 8pm.

HORNBY LUNESDALE PROBUS CLUB

JUNE MEETINGS..

Lunesdale Probus Club is holding regular meetings once again and enjoying a programme of diverse and interesting presentations and events.

During June we have two very different subjects and speakers. On **Monday 6th June** the subject couldn't be more topical 'Current trends in energy supplies'. Our speaker Brian Acott for many years had a consulting business advising Commercial, Retail and other areas on energy policies, this promises to be a lively meeting.

On **Monday June 20th** we welcome Commander Bernard Thompson RN. recently retired as Chief of Staff, Naval Regional Command to tell us all about Lt Cmdr. John Bridge GC GM. An ex Lancashire schoolteacher who became one of WW2s most highly decorated naval heroes as a Bomb Disposal Officer in the Blitz and a clearance Diver.

Hornby Lunesdale Probus Club meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month. Members, guests, friends and visitors are always welcome to join us at the Hornby Village Institute at 10.30 hrs for coffee and chat before each meeting.



For further details or any information on this or other Lunesdale Probus Club matters please contact me at any time: *Roger Carter. Hon.Secretary. 015242 22283*

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MELLING VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

THE WINNERS May 2022:

R. Brook - Thompson.	£30
D. Simons.	£10
H. McGachie.	£10

THE ROTARY CLUB OF LUNESDALE

It was a pleasure to support and take part in The Flower Festival at St John The Baptist church Low Bentham. It was held on Easter Sunday and Monday on a lovely sunny, warm day. The event was well attended and visitors enjoyed the imaginative floral creations on display from numerous local groups. Delicious cream teas were an added attraction!

Members enjoyed an excellent talk about "Project Trust" by Maya Clarke at the meeting on 28th May. This charity offers young people aged 17-25 years in the UK and Europe the opportunity to explore their potential through a teaching or youth development placement in Africa, Asia or Latin America. Several members have visited other Rotary clubs in our area who have been celebrating a Charter evening. Our own Charter evening was on 5th May. It was the club's 47th Charter celebration. President John Clare welcomed numerous family members, friends and Rotarians from other clubs for the occasion at the Hornby Institute. Everyone present enjoyed an excellent meal and the entertainment provided by the vocalist Rachel Mercer with a variety of classical, country, swing, ballads, folk and pop music.

As I write this we are looking forward to Saturday 14th May at the Hornby Institute for an evening of Rock'n Roll with "The Defenders". It will be a great evening with this very popular group. All profits from the evening will be donated to NW Cancer Research.

Stay well, stay safe, Lilian

HORNBY DISTRICT RAMBLERS 2022 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	TEL.NO.
JUNE 11th	5 miles	Jenny Herd	Crosby Ravensworth	015242-21690
JUNE 25th	7-8 miles	Richard Kenyon	To be decided	01524221579
JULY 9th	5 miles	Joan Mitton	To be decided	015242 -43520
JULY 23rd	7-8 miles	Chris Kynch	Dunsop Bridge	01524 771744
AUGUST 6th	5 miles			
AUGUST 20th	7-8 miles	Jenny Herd	Low Bentham to Bog Stone	015242 21690
SEPTEMBER 10th				
SEPTEMBER 24th	7-8 miles	Chris Kynch	Sunbiggin Tarn	01524 771744
OCTOBER 8th	5 miles	Carole Bayne	Arnside to Far Arnside & Copriidding Wood	
OCTOBER 22nd	7-8 miles	Peter Edge	Troutbeck Area	015242 22176
NOVEMBER 12th		Jenny Herd	WALK -AGM and lunch	
DECEMBER 10th	5 miles	Joan Mitton	To be decided	015242 43520



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Session Times - Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

- Morning session: 9am - 12.30pm, £14 (includes lunch period)
- Afternoon session: 12.30pm - 3pm, £10
- Full day: £24

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