



# THE MELLING CHRONICLE

November 2022

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## MELLING ST WILFRID CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**‘FOR THE LOVE OF LEARNING, FRIENDSHIP AND FAITH.’**

The infants have been testing materials to find out their properties. Are they waterproof or absorbent? They have also been learning about tens and units and about life in the Bible.

The juniors have been learning about our impact on the environment and the water cycle. They gave presentations to the class on the impact of Global warming. This links in with the decarbonisation project Melling School has been chosen for. Watch out for the solar panels, new windows, doors, roofing, insulation and an air source heat pump heating system. It's going to be busy but exciting to watch the developments moving the school forward. We are also



looking forward to the playground and pathways around school being resurfaced. All the projects are due to be completed by April. We also managed the time to fit in a rugby tournament at Wray- great teamwork all round.







## **100** MELLING VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

We have our first winners of the season however there is still chance to enter the draw - £10 will secure entry for the rest of the season. We have room for 10 more so if you wish to join contact M. Toase - 21002.

The committee thanks those who have collected on our behalf, the funds raised in this draw contribute to the upkeep and running costs of our Village Hall.

The winners for September are :

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|-------------|-----|
| H. Gardner  | £27 |
| R. Jones.   | £9  |
| G. Cashman. | £9  |

The winners for October are :

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
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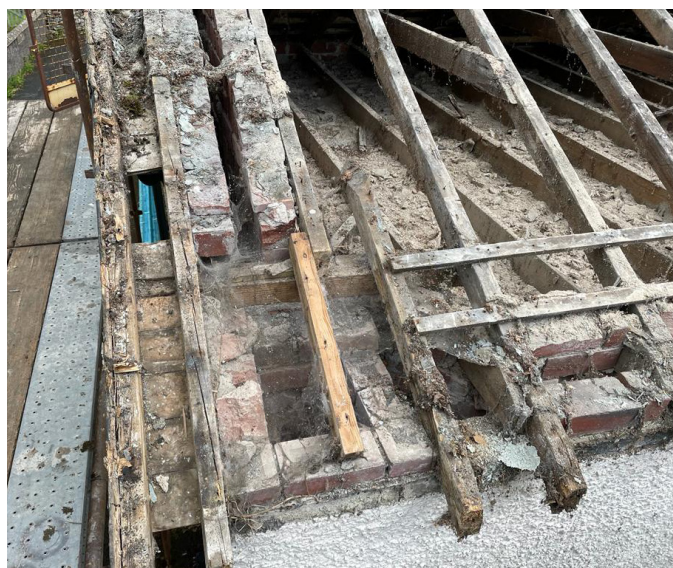
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## MELLING VILLAGE HALL ROOF REPAIRS

There were few good things about Covid-19 but one unexpected benefit was

government grants for village halls. We have Adrian Francis to thank for spotting these and making timely applications. Whilst bigger halls found their grants quickly swallowed up by overheads, the management committee at Melling Village Hall have long been used to running on a shoestring. This meant we had money to spare and it couldn't have come at a better time.



The rotten timbers!

The leaking roof over the kitchen was long overdue for replacement. Over the years, former long-serving committee member John Lowery had volunteered his time to make repairs to the barge boards and soffits, often providing the materials as well. However, recent storms had displaced some slates and areas of timberwork were now beyond patching. With fine weather in May, Alpha Roofing were able to completely strip the roof, revealing more hidden decay. The old timberwork was stripped out and new joists fitted where needed, along with all new barge boards and soffits. All the outer timberwork was replaced with Accoya, which has a 50 year above ground rot guarantee. This modified wood is sustainably sourced with FSC® certification and has minimal environmental impact throughout its entire life.

The valley gutters between the kitchen and the main roof were also well past their intended life, so all new leadwork was installed. The roof lacked felt and the pargetting had mostly fallen off the underside, so the best new breathable felt was fitted, which prevents condensation which can occur with bitumen felt.



The damaged roof



Many of the original slates were dressed and reused, with the addition of a quantity of carefully matched reclaimed ones. The old slate nails were galvanised, which rot - these were replaced by copper with a much longer life but are four times the price! An unexpected problem we found was that the ridge tiles were the wrong pitch, leaving the slate nails underneath exposed - each a potential leak, so they too were replaced.



The wrong pitch ridge tiles!

The total cost was just over £7,500 (far more than the hall's pre-Covid cash reserves). The end result is a high quality new roof restored to its original appearance. With a bit of luck it will be good from another hundred years. Now the roof is sound, we just have to tackle the rising damp!



The new roof, all done,

# News From Melling And Wrayton

## MELLING VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

**BOOK NOW!!**

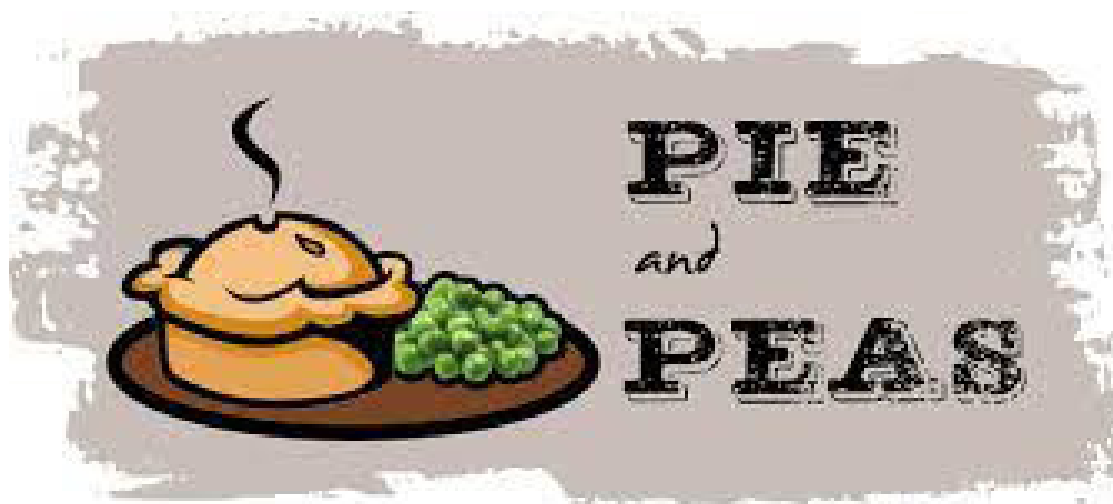
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### **PUB NIGHT WITH A DIFFERENCE!!!**

Due to high demand our **PIES, PEAS AND PROPER PUDS NIGHT** makes a return.

Yes there will be Bread and butter pudding amongst a wide selection of puds all served with custard! Vegetarian and GF options available please let us know!! AND a quiz to help your digestion - with wonderful prizes!!

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**11 NOVEMBER 2022**

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### **PUB NIGHT WITH 'UNTETHERED'**

Our last pub night before Christmas but we start the Christmas spirit with **UNTETHERED**. Music, Christmas songs, jokes and readings. Mulled wine, mince pies. 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00). Donations will be forwarded to a Christmas Charity.





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A big thank you to everyone who supported the Quiz Night, in aid of St. Wilfrid's Church, last month, which raised over £500 for church funds. It was an enjoyable evening, with very challenging quiz questions. Those who attended will be brushing up on their knowledge of chemical formulae as I write this! As the basic running costs of the church are currently over £1000 each month, we are very grateful to all of the support we receive, throughout the year, from people in the community.

The next event will be the **Christmas Fair, on Friday 25th November**, in the Institute. The fair is gaining a reputation for quality gifts from local producers. A good source of early Christmas presents. The fair will run from **4-8pm**, allowing families to come along after school and into the evening. Refreshments will be served so why not join us for something to eat and drink, whilst browsing? The grand raffle will be drawn during the evening. Tickets for this are already on sale in local outlets or from church members. Contact JAC Beeson for more information on 21638.

Now that our vicar, Jane, is settled in, we are back to a pattern of regular services, along with some new ones, offering a wide variety of opportunities to worship. The church is open daily for private prayer and reflection. Sunday services in Melling are at **9:30am (Morning Worship) on the first Sunday of the month**, and **11:15am (Holy Communion) on the third Sunday**. A **mid-week Holy Communion service** is held at Tunstall Church each Wednesday at 10:30am and Jane says morning prayer on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays throughout the Benefice. **(This will be in Melling during the week of 21st November at 9am)**. Sundays@4 is a new service, aimed at families but all are most welcome. The services are short, around 30 minutes, with activities & light refreshments. This month's Sunday@4 services are at Wray on 6th November and Low Tatham on 27th, both at 4pm. There will be additional services for Advent and Christmas, including a 'Midnight in Bethlehem' service, at 9pm on Christmas Eve, in Melling. Details of all services are posted in the church porch and on our Facebook page. *Cathy Brough - Church Treasurer*

### A BIG THANK YOU FROM ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH

Each of those people have an area they are responsible for and mow every ten days or so throughout the season

I would like to thank the following people for their sterling work cutting the church yard grass and keeping it tidy throughout the growing season.

**William, Ian, John, Sam, Andrew, Huw, Colin, Steve, Carl, Rob**

With thanks, Gordon





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### INGREDIENTS

- 100g butter
- 100g golden caster sugar
- 6 apples, cored and cut into wedges
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- Handful pecans, toasted and chopped

### METHOD

Heat the butter and sugar in a pan set over the fire or a medium heat. As it begins to bubble and turn golden brown, add the apples and cinnamon and cook for 5 minutes, turning to coat the apples in the toffee mix.

Stir in the pecans. Serve immediately with giant chocolate cookies and ice cream.



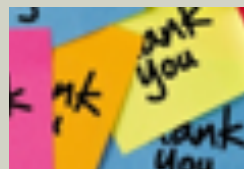
## EXCITING NEWS FOR THE MELLING VILLAGE HALL

Following the preparation and submission of a bid to the Lancashire Environmental Fund the Village Hall committee is delighted to have received a grant of £30,000.

This is  
to fund  
Phase 1 of

an ambitious improvement programme for the back of the hall comprising an enlarged kitchen and new bar facility. We are also seeking grant funding for Phase 2 which will include a new committee room, storage area and improvements to the toilet facilities.

We are delighted that we can now make a start on improving our Village Hall in this, our Centenary year.



There have been several neighbourly deeds that need a mention:  
those who ...

- Regularly watered the flower tubs at the village hall

This is a regular feature in the Chronicle—why not email [mellingchronicle@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mellingchronicle@yahoo.co.uk) if you want to give someone a mention.



In aid of St Wilfrid's Church, Melling



# Christmas

## Gift & Craft Fair

### Melling Institute

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November  
4pm ★ 8pm

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# News From The Neighbours

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### EVENTS DURING NOVEMBER

Dominoes Evenings will be held on alternate Saturdays on the ground floor of The Institute, beginning at 7pm Those evenings being on **November 12th and 26th.**

No previous experience of the game is needed and everyone is welcome.

### POTATO PIE LUNCH

This will be held in the Institute on **Tuesday 8th November** at 1pm and will be followed up by entertainment, from “Maurice the Postman and friends”.

Tickets for this occasion will be at a cost of £9 and will be available from Kath Helme, at the Institute, on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. If you have difficulty in getting to the Institute, in order to book, please ring Kath on 07597774681.



## 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.      |
|---------------|----------|-------------|---------------------|--------------|
| NOVEMBER 12th |          | Jenny Herd  | WALK -AGM and lunch |              |
| DECEMBER 10th | 5 miles  | Joan Mitton | To be decided       | 015242 43520 |

Where the area is '*to be decided*', contact the leader.

A contribution of £3 per person for the greater distances and £2 for the shorter distances towards fuel costs is expected for these walks.

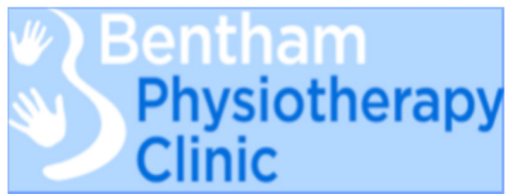
If you have any concerns regarding the terrain or the estimated time of return, please contact the leader.

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# LUNESDALE PROBUS CLUB

## NOVEMBER UPDATE

Lunesdale Probus club continues its programme of interesting and entertaining speakers and subjects over the winter months.

### MONDAY NOVEMBER 7TH

We will welcome back **Sam Ashton - Growing up in Hornby.**

This will be a real living history experience and we invite anyone interested to come along and join us for this keynote session.

We are sure Sam will have plenty to say about past, present and future of rural life in the lune Valley..



### MONDAY NOVEMBER 21ST

Another returning speaker, **Steve Halliwell - My life as a history detective.**

How to research local history featuring the life and times of Moses Holden. 1771-1864 a self-educated genius.

Guests very welcome to all our speaker sessions.

**Lunesdale Probus Club meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month.**

Guests, friends and visitors are always welcome to join us at the Hornby Village Institute at 10.30am for coffee and chat before each meeting.

No obligation - just come along and enjoy a warm welcome and a nice social break from routine.

For further details or any information on this or other Lunesdale Probus Club matters please contact -

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### LUNE VALLEY COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL - HORNBY

#### KIRBY LONSDALE WINTER WARMER PARTY NIGHT!

Like everyone else we are working hard to save energy without affecting services to our community.

To help raise money to meet further expenditure we have a **Winter Warmer party night on Saturday 19th November**

Starting at 7pm in the Lunesdale Hall, Kirby Lonsdale and featuring the fantastic *Jetsons* playing hit songs of the 1950s and 60s .

With bar and grand raffle enjoy a great night out, sing along and keep warm on the dance floor and help keep our lovely family-friendly pool afloat. All proceeds to the Lune Valley Swimming Pool. 'NRG' Fund.

Tickets are just £10.00 from Tourist Information Centre, Kirby Lonsdale or Hornby Swimming Pool reception..



Our last Splish Splash fundraiser sold out very quickly- - Don't miss this one -we'd love to see you.

Kirby Lonsdale Tourist Information - 29 Main Street - Tel 015242 97177.

For all Hornby Pool general enquiries and tickets please contact Georgia or Scott on 01524805666

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### THE ROTARY CLUB OF LUNESDALE

A note for your diary - on **Saturday 10th December** at 7.30pm the Club will host a **Christmas Carol Concert by The Kendal Male Voice Choir** in the Lunesdale Hall, New Rd, Kirkby Lonsdale, LA6 2BG, watch out for posters giving details.

One of the biggest problems the world is currently facing is protecting environments against global warming. We have all seen the dreadful scenes on TV of raging fires, devastating storms and huge areas suffering the effects of catastrophic flooding. These appalling events beg the question "What can we as individuals do against such overpowering forces". At the club meeting on 6th October a discussion was held to examine this very question. Governments around the world are slow to take on board the huge but growing problem and some even seem unwilling to accept that it is happening. Rotary has, as a worldwide organisation, adopted the Environment as its 7th Area of Focus. With this very much as a priority the club has arranged a second public meeting (the first was held a year ago) ) to be held at the Hornby institute on Wednesday 15th February when environmental issues will be debated by agricultural and environmental experts. If you are interested then watch out for further details early in the new year. Meantime if you want to try a few simple ways to help eliminate these problems, if only in a small way, here are a few suggestions:

Use reusable bags, cartons and drinks containers, recycle, save electricity especially by turning off unnecessary lights, save water - both of the latter will save you money. Walk whenever possible rather than take the car- another benefit from this saving is of course you will benefit from some exercise. Reduce the amount of printing you do or print on both sides of the paper. Take a look at "fast web.com" for the fast 8 simple ways to help the environment. These are just a few simple ways that each of us, as individuals, can do our bit to help save the environment and our beautiful planet.



*Stay safe stay well. Lilian*

### TUNSTALL WI

The members of Tunstall WI welcomed a representative of St John's Hospice to their September meeting. Louise Barker gave an informative and interesting talk on the work done by the Hospice in supporting both patients and their families. Also in September, the WI held a coffee morning at Tunstall village hall in aid of Lancaster CancerCare. As well as coffee and homemade biscuits, there was a cake stall, tombola, raffle and book stall. Also visitors were invited to guess the weight of a splendid fruit cake, the lucky winner taking home the cake.

**Thanks go to all those involved who helped to raise an impressive £516 for the charity.**

Tunstall WI does not hold a meeting in October but instead the members celebrated the WI's 78th birthday with a meal at the Lunesdale Arms. Tunstall WI was formed towards the end of the War in 1944 and at that first meeting 49 ladies joined. Those early archived records make interesting reading with speakers giving talks on Household Repairs and The American Woman at Home. There were also competitions with a prize for the Best Wartime Cake and the best Easter Flower Arrangement.

In November members will gather for the Annual Meeting and hear reports from the Treasurer, Secretary and President as well as electing the President for the following 12 months. This will be followed by entertainment and refreshments.

**Tunstall WI meets at 7.30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at Tunstall Village Hall.** Why not come along to one of our meetings? I can guarantee a warm welcome to all our visitors.

*Sheila Mitchell (President)*





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