

# MELLOR Parish Council

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## ***Celebration of 90th Birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II***

Mellor Parish Council wanted to mark this milestone in Her Majesty's life and decided it would be appropriate to present a Commemorative Medal to each child at St. Mary's School.

The photo shows Mellor Parish Council Chairman, Cllr. Bernard Murtagh presenting a medal to Mrs. Christine Taylor, Headteacher, with 3 pupils & Cllr. Ian Moss in attendance.

**MELLOR SCHOOL REUNION AT THE BEGINNING OF JULY— SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE DETAILS**

## **WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN MELLOR?**

The Parish Council raises a precept each year, which is for amenities in the village. This means that, in addition to having the grass cut, this newsletter can go to all properties in the parish

However it also means that money can be spent to improve the village, provided this is in a planned way, under legal restrictions. Therefore Mellor Parish Council would like to know what YOU would like to see, so it can be part of a short and long term plan. It may be that you want more benches (where?), or a Coat of Arms on a sign (maybe schoolchildren could design?), or a transport scheme to be used by children in school holidays?

or new play equipment  
(for what age—pre-school or more a youth shelter area?)

***In order to bring about the changes YOU want, Parish Councillors need to know what those changes are, so please contact any of the Councillors or the Parish Clerk (details can be found on page 3)***

## **APPEAL FOR LEADERS**

As you all probably know Mellor guides is part of a worldwide organisation which in the UK has 450,000 members aged between 4-25. Here in Mellor there is a Guide unit for 35+ girls aged between 10-14 and senior section unit for 15 of girls 14+, all run by volunteers

We meet regularly at Mellor Village Hall and do a range of activities, from cooking (indoor and out) camping, and last year's annual report will give you some of the flavour of all we do -As for the future we have a full programme planned including evening visits to Waddow hall for activities, outdoor cooking at Witton park and a camp in July.

We are also looking for volunteers 18+ who would be willing to take on some part of the Leadership role for each unit. Ideally they can work alongside the current team with a view to taking over the Leadership role from July 2017 as that is when our existing leadership plan team to retire. If you can help or wish to discuss this further, please call me Hilary Wensley on 01254 580819 or look at the national Girlguiding web site [www.girlguiding.org.uk/](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/)

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**Snippets from the Minutes!** Parish Council are in discussions with Mellor Community Association who wish to be able to sell alcohol at up to 12 functions per year. Village Halls are a wonderful community asset, but need funds and volunteers to ensure their survival.

There will be a new Parish Notice board near the War Memorial and the smaller sized one will be re-sited, probably near the shops on Carter Fold.

Following guidance sought from Lancashire Association of Local Councils, it has been established that benches can be donated or sponsored by individuals or organisations for the benefit of the community and would not be considered to be a conflict of interest

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**Highways Matters:** Parish Council, with neighbouring Parish Council, Borough Councillors & County Councillor Alan Schofield are seeking to work with Lancashire County Council as the Spine Road bisecting BAe Enterprise Park moves forward.

Speeding measures to encourage more responsible driving, particularly along Mellor Lane will hopefully at last be implemented soon, including a “Gateway Scheme” for Mellor Lane.

**Potholes & Drains** Potholes in the parish, as well as throughout the County continue to concern residents. A number of drains have been blocked over the winter, which means excess water is then further damaging roads. However, **ANYONE** can report potholes or blocked drains to Lancashire County Council, whose responsibility these matters are and Mellor Parish Council would urge all residents to do so, but also to keep the reference given, in order to build a picture of the overall problem.

The Parish Council can then take this series of references up with LCC.

Highways at LCC sent an update in March 2016: their target of repairing all actionable defects to roads & foot-paths is 20 working days. Whilst it is accepted that the winter weather this year has been exceptional, it may be that you, as residents, find this figure difficult to agree with. However, the **target** is for **actionable defects**.

**REMEMBER : ALL RESIDENTS / ROAD USERS CAN REPORT DEFECTS, LCC MAY NOT ACT IF THEY DON'T KNOW ABOUT A DEFECT—HAVE YOU REPORTED ANY??**

**There are a number of ways to do so, but please remember to keep the reference log for that defect—you can track it on line for progress & it will help to build up a picture of defects in Mellor.**

**To report any routine highways defects including potholes, blocked gullies & broken street lights, let LCC know via their website: [www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads)**

**Alternatively you can email details to [highways@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:highways@lancashire.gov.uk)**

**If you don't have internet access, you can ring 0300 123 6780**

**BUS SERVICE :** Following the Special Meeting in January (when it looked as though there would be no Bus Service at all through Mellor) the Parish Council with support from Nigel Evans and especially LCC Cllr. Alan Schofield sought to have some service re-instated and thanks are due to Darwen Coach Services for providing this subsidised, but more limited service. Whilst this may not be as well as hoped for, it is under review and as with so many services, if not used, the future may be bleak.

**DO YOU USE THE BUS SERVICE? IF SO, WHY and DOES IT MEET YOUR NEEDS or COULD IT BE BETTER?**

**IF YOU DON'T USE IT, WHY NOT? THE SERVICE IS SUBSIDISED, BUT NEEDS TO SHOW THAT IT IS NEEDED. IF THE SUBSIDY IS WITHDRAWN, THE SERVICE CANNOT RUN. PLEASE LET PARISH COUNCILLORS HAVE YOUR VIEWS.**

**LCC CLLR SCHOFIELD IS ON A WORKING PARTY TO CONSIDER ALL OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN LANCASHIRE AND THEREFORE KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT WORKS / DOESN'T WORK & WHY IS VITAL FOR CORRECT DECISION MAKING.**

## Parish Council Membership

### USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS:

Cllr Mr Bernard Murtagh (CHAIRMAN)	68 St Mary's Gardens	01254 492131
Cllr Mrs Stella Brunskill	Oulton, Myerscough Rd, Mellor Brook	01254 812354
Cllr Mrs Margaret Johnson	14 Mellor Brow	01254 813638
Cllr Mr Nick Marsden	8 Glendale Drive	01254 814215
Cllr Mr Alan Upton	53 Whitecroft Lane	01254 812730
Cllr Mr Noel C Walsh	Bench Mark Barn, Elswick Lodge	01254 813365
Cllr Mrs Margaret Young	15 St Mary's Gardens	07711 209901
Cllr Mrs Pat Young	The Old Foundry Stanhill Lane, Oswaltdtwistle	01254 351516
Mrs. Dot Crooks	59 Mellor Brow	01254 812021
Mr. Ian Moss	15 Hob Green	01254 813581
Mrs Teresa Taylor (Clerk)	Seed House Farm, Potters Lane, Samlesbury	01772 877248

NIGEL EVANS MP

Constituency Address:

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**Ribble Valley Borough Councillors**

NOEL C WALSH: Bench Mark Barn, Elswick Lodge,  
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Mellor Brook, tel: 01254 812694

email: [stellabrunskill@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stellabrunskill@hotmail.co.uk)

### Parish Council Meetings for the next quarter:

Thursday 2nd June

Thursday 7th July

Thursday 4th August

All are held at 7pm in the Methodist Church, Mellor Lane.

**All are welcome to attend the Public Session at the start of each meeting to raise any items of concern**

**Website:** [www.mellorpc.org.uk](http://www.mellorpc.org.uk) **You can also contact us by email at** [enquiries@mellorpc.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@mellorpc.org.uk)

Agendas and Minutes of all Parish Council meetings can be viewed on the website. They are also available in Mellor Library, or by making an appointment with Parish Clerk, Teresa Taylor on 01772 877248

To view all planning applications for the parish, use the link below and insert Mellor for the location:  
[www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/planningApplication/search](http://www.ribblevalley.gov.uk/planningApplication/search)

## ROUND & ABOUT IN MELLOR

It may be that you enjoy a walk around Mellor, if so, perhaps you would like to be more involved in your own village. This year, for the first time, Mellor Parish Council decided it was time to celebrate just what a lovely village Mellor is, and therefore Mellor has been entered in Lancashire's Best Kept Village Competition. This is judged on the WHOLE VILLAGE, looking for absence of weeds and litter, on roads, verges and in hedges etc., well cared for private properties, including the condition of grounds, hedges, walls, garages and other outbuildings, maintenance and tidiness of community buildings such as village halls, their car parks and railings & other public monuments such as war memorials; the cleanliness of bus shelters and telephone kiosks; well maintained open spaces, playing fields and children's play areas; condition of commercial premises and shops, including window displays and signs, and the maintenance of all places of worship, churchyards, cemeteries and grounds.

If EVERYBODY does their bit of cleaning & tidying, who knows what will happen when the judges come round—somewhere between 4th June and 17th July?

ALSO—Calling all walkers — the Public Footpaths in Lancashire are to be assessed, to ensure any which are known are included on the Definitive Map. Please have a look at [www.mario.lancashire.gov.uk/agsmario](http://www.mario.lancashire.gov.uk/agsmario) and if you use a footpath which is not on the Definitive Map, evidence needs to be collected in order to ensure future corrections. The Definitive Map may be inspected, by appointment at RVBC office.

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**PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST MARCH 2016 : Dear Residents**

As we approach the end of this civic year, I am pleased to take this opportunity to update you on what has been happening on the Parish Council during 2015-2016. Members continue to meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm in the Methodist Church. Our meetings are open to the public and residents of the parish are welcome to come along and raise matters of interest to them in the public session. For the coming year, we have increased our monthly meetings to also include August as this proved to be a busy period last year. This now takes us to eleven meetings each year, with only January being the month we do not meet.

**A year of change** Following the general election in May 2015 the following councillors were re-elected unopposed and accepted the following roles at the Annual General Meeting held on 14th May 2015

Councillor

Mr Bernard Murtagh	Chairman
Mr Nick Marsden	Vice Chairman
Mrs Margaret Young	Playground Officer
Mr Noel C Walsh	Press Officer
Mr Alan Upton	Viewpoint
Mrs. Margaret Johnson	Tree Warden
Mr Bernard Murtagh	Ribble Valley Liaison Representative
Mrs. Margaret Johnson	Mellor Community Association (MCA) Representative
Mr Nick Marsden	Road Safety Liaison Officer
Mr Bernard Murtagh	Memorial Gardens
Mrs Margaret Johnson	“ “
Mr Nick Marsden	Finance Group
Mr Alan Upton	“ “
Mr Noel C Walsh	“ “
Mr Nick Marsden	Planning Group
Mr Alan Upton	“ “
Mr Noel C Walsh	“ “
Mrs Margaret Young	“ “

Knowledge and experience in local matters is a most valuable resource to the council. Therefore in fulfilling the council's quota of ten councillors, as of May 2015, members were delighted to co-opt Mrs Pat Young, the council's former Chairman of 8 years and Borough Councillor Mrs Stella Brunskill both of whom have contributed so much to the council in their individual roles over the years. Of equal value are our two new councillors Mrs Dot Crooks and Mr Ian Moss who were warmly welcomed as co-opted members when joining in June 2015. Their commitment and enthusiasm to serve in the community has been evident throughout the year and is much appreciated by all.

The start of the civic year also saw Mrs Teresa Taylor begin as Parish Clerk from 1st June 2015, succeeding the combined roles of Mrs Fiona Murtagh who had undertaken the duties of clerk for the previous year and Mr Chris McDonald as Responsible Finance Officer (RFO). Special mention must also be given to Chris, having been the Parish Clerk for over 12 years before 'semi-retiring' to cover the RFO position only; Chris left a legacy of robust financial health for the council on his retirement and his sound advice and experience was much valued by all.

Amidst all the changes to personnel on the council, 2015-2016 has also marked a year of change in other council processes. Supported by the guiding hand of the clerk, council members are to be commended for how they have adapted to the change in how we administer the planning applications which are now processed online rather than the paper trail previously used. Residents are reminded that all applications are available to access via the Ribble Valley Borough website at [www.ribbonvalleyborough.gov.uk](http://www.ribbonvalleyborough.gov.uk). These will include reference to the recommendations given by the Parish Council for those applications we are requested to comment upon.

The website has also been given a mini makeover this year and alongside the parish and library notice boards it continues to be the place to access the forthcoming agenda and minutes of meetings, past newsletters and financial documents in an electronic format. The website is currently short of high quality pictures of the village that would be suitable to use as part of the site banner – so if there are any professional photographers who are happy to share their images please do get in touch.

**So...what else has been going on then?** (Chairman's Annual Report, continued)

As in previous years, the council has continued to work in partnership with Lancashire County Council, Ribble Valley Borough Council and other agencies to support the delivery of local services to the parish. It was particularly gratifying to receive the support of MP Nigel Evans when plans to discontinue the local bus service emerged late last year. Likewise the response from local residents who attended the special meeting in January and signed the petitions around the village. It is good to report that a core service has been retained between Mellor and Blackburn, albeit at a reduced service than it was before. The council will remain vigilant in keeping watch on how the service continues, and I encourage residents to get in touch should any further disruption or threats to the service occur again.

Speeding and the increasingly poor state of the roads have also been a regular issue raised by the council. I must express my appreciation to County Councillor Alan Schofield who has been most attentive to the community in his support of these issues on our behalf. I also commend the responsiveness of local residents in taking the time to raise the profile of these issues both to the parish council and to the relevant local authorities.

The ground work around the War Memorial gardens has developed into a longer-term project than first envisaged. A small group of volunteers come with bin bags, garden tools and a few jokes (you know who you are!) to clean and tidy up the grounds at regular times in the year. Others come unannounced, often to help prepare the area for the Remembrance Service to which we all owe our thanks. The bulb planting day last autumn began the start of the planting programme and was also well attended. Again I express my thanks to everyone who gave of their time and effort. However, to keep on top of the grounds throughout the year far more pairs of hands are needed. If you are interested in being involved please get in touch.

There are a number of benches coming up for either repair or replacement and so an evaluation of current village furniture is underway. Updating the children's play area on St Mary's Gardens is another long-term development being looked into. If you have any suggestions of your own or ideas you would like to raise please feel free to come along to the public session when we meet on the first Thursday of the month, or get in touch with myself or any of the parish councillors (*CONTACT DETAILS ON PAGE 3*).

**Money Matters**

Guided by the Annual Budget which sets out our spending plans the Council is committed to keeping running costs and expenditure at a responsible level. Internal and external audit ensures that our books and associated matters are in order. Details of the financial records for the year 2014/2015 are available for viewing on the parish council website at [www.mellorpc.org.uk](http://www.mellorpc.org.uk). Residents will be aware that the amounts payable to the Parish Council are consolidated and collected on our behalf by Ribble Valley Borough Council. It is worth noting that the council tax valuation bands for each property in Mellor are still based on the open market capital value as at 1 April 1991 and may therefore be subject to review in the future.

For the financial year 2015/16, and for the second year running, Mellor Parish Council levied a precept (charge) of £14,300, a reduction from £15,000 in 2013/14.

Mindful of the continuing economic difficulties facing Mellor residents the council approved the precept remain unchanged again for 2016/17. The precept compares favourably with the levy set 10 years ago of £16,000.

	2016/17	2006/07	
Band A	9.62	10.71	This letter would not be complete without giving full recognition to each member of the council who give so generously of their time and skills in service to our community. They are a great bunch of people to work alongside and I cannot praise them highly enough. This sentiment is echoed to the many residents who take the time to do those jobs that often go unnoticed, but are a necessary help to everyone.
B	11.22	12.49	
C	12.83	14.28	
D	14.43	16.06	
E	17.64	19.36	Gratitude must also be expressed to the local clergy for their commitment amidst very busy schedules to open the general monthly meetings.
F	20.84	23.20	Lastly but by no means least I mention the professional support and guidance that the clerk has given to me and to the council. On behalf of all council members I commend her for the tremendous job she has accomplished in this, her first year in the role of Parish Clerk.
G	24.05	26.77	
H	28.86	32.12	

With best wishes,

Bernard P Murtagh (Chairman)

### **Mellor School Reunion Weekend Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd July 2016 All Welcome!**

Calling all past and present pupils, families, staff, governors, friends and **all musicians!** You are warmly invited to attend The Grand Reunion at the school on the first week end in July. The fun will begin with a Sports Day on Friday 1st July at 1.30pm - 5pm, with individual races followed by Parents v. Childrens games on the field.

Afternoon tea will be served and the school will be open to view photographs, DVDs and memorabilia of the school throughout the decades.

As the school has a strong musical tradition, Saturday 2nd July will be dedicated to music and dancing and celebrations will begin in the afternoon.

**Members of our school orchestra invite any instrumentalists of all ages (Grade 3 Standard upwards, please) from the community to play along with them and a local jazz community orchestra who will also carry out a separate performance.**

Other musical items will involve the school choir and small school ensembles.

We would also like to attract past pupils who have set up their own musical ensembles.

**Anyone wishing to join rehearsals for this, please ring the school on 01254 812581 or [jm@mellor.lanacs.sch.uk](mailto:jm@mellor.lanacs.sch.uk) for further details.**

**PLEASE NOTE First Rehearsal Monday 23rd May, 7.00pm in school.**

The Friends of St Mary's school (FOSMS) will serve a barbecue and drinks. Please bring your own chairs/picnic rug. Again, the school will be open all afternoon and evening for families to view the memorabilia in every classroom.

To close the weekend, there will be a service in St Mary's Church at 10:30am on Sunday 3rd July and all are warmly invited.

### **Mellor Allotment Association**

The 2015 harvest did quite well but not as good as 2014. Most members tend to grow the same basic crops year after year, may be changing the variety sometimes to overcome a pest problem or to try a new taste. Our latest new plot holders who started in January 2015 produced some excellent results. as well as admiring the wonderful view we have from our plots. The half plot which became vacant in November was let in response to an advertisement in the Spar and The Village Hall.

This past winter has been very wet and cold with only moderate frosts which hopefully will have killed off the bugs. Now is the time to commence planting starting with Potatoes, Shallots, Onions and Garlic, although there are many seeds already sown and are growing in greenhouses ready to be transplanted. We now hope for drier, warmer weather so that final preparations' can be made to the beds ready for the new crops

At the time of writing we have no vacant plots, but if anyone would like their name put on the waiting list,

#### **Report for 1<sup>st</sup> Mellor Guides and Hob Nobs—BUT NEW LEADERS WANTED—COULD YOU HELP?**

**Jan 2015 - Dec 2015—Just a few of the highlights!**

Overall another busy Guiding year for 1st Mellor Guides and Mellor Hob Nobs. This year our leadership team has expanded to include Charlotte Hunt and Gemma Gill. We also continue to be supported by a successful rota of parental help which means that we are able to provide a wide range of activities for all our girls.

**Guides** : Ready Steady Cook Patrol Cooking Competition, Worked for and obtained Communication Badge, Had a visit from a Mobile Sky at night Planetarium, Sports and activities from Lancashire Boys Club Global Adventures Badge, Fundraising for the British Heart Foundation & for a Shelterbox.

**Hob Nobs** : Megan Riddell and Madeline Noblett were selected for an International trip to Armenia in 2016

**Baden Powell Challenge Awards** to Hannah Dixon and Tessa Dockerill : They celebrated with a meal at Mezzo.

Mellor Hob Nobs all the above PLUS East Lancashire Hospice said: *September 18, 2015* ·

*A massive thank you to Mellor Hobnobs Senior Section group who did a great job last night at working out how to put up two large gazebos that have been donated to the hospice. They colour coded everything so that they can be put up quickly and easily so that we can hold events in the garden even if it rains! Fab job girls!*

Assisted as young leaders in the unit on a rota basis - running full evenings of activities that they had already tried and tested.

Five of us completed the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

# Kids Korner

This quiz is open to children 12yrs old and under who live in Mellor.

## NAME THE SHOP

Example: Q) The Nation's Own Shops?

Answer ) British Home Stores (BHS)

1. An insect & a long line of people?
2. These are made for walking?
3. Follows On?
4. Spicy Foreign Food?
5. A mineral spring?
6. Wet Rocks?
7. Associated Dairies?
8. Small Forests?
9. Sensible Fruits?
10. A bush with spikes weighs this?

## National Trust—50 Things To Do Before you're 11 3/4

### Adventurer

1. Climb A Tree
2. Roll Down a Really Big Hill
3. Camp Out In The Wild
4. Build A Den
5. Skim A Stone
6. Run Around In The Rain
7. Fly A Kite
8. Catch A Fish With A Net
9. Eat An Apple Straight From A Tree
10. Play Conkers

### Discoverer

11. Go On Really Long Bike Ride
12. Make A Trail With Sticks
13. Make A Mud Pie
14. Dam A Stream
15. Play In The Snow
16. Make A Daisy Chain
17. Set Up A Snail Race
18. Create Some Wild Art
19. Play Pooh Sticks

### Ranger

21. Pick Blackberries Growing In The Wild
22. Explore Inside A Tree
23. Visit A Farm
24. Go On A Walk Barefoot
25. Make A Grass Trumpet
26. Hunt For Fossils And Bones
27. Go Star Gazing
28. Climb A Huge Hill
29. Explore A Cave
30. Hold A Scary Beast

### Explorer

41. Plant It, Grow It, Eat It
42. Go Swimming In The Sea
43. Build A Raft
44. Go Bird Watching
45. Find Your Way With A Map & Compass
46. Try Rock Climbing
47. Cook On A Campfire
48. Learn To Ride A Horse
49. Find A Geocache
50. Canoe Down A River

## TODDLER GROUP AT MELLOR METHODIST CHURCH

The Toddler Group continues to meet on a weekly basis on Thursday afternoons, from 1.00pm to 3.00pm during school term time. We have a wide age range, from newborn up until pre—school.

The families appreciate the warmth and friendliness of the group. Everyone is made very welcome, especially first time mums and newcomers to the village.

The sessions follow a similar routine each week with a craft table being the most popular – both for the children and their parents/grandparents! This is followed by snack time when the children all sit down together which is lovely to see. Refreshments for parents/grandparents are also available. We finish the session with a story and singing. Lots of friendships have been made at the group and we continue to flourish with good numbers. This is our fourth year although it doesn't seem any time at all since we stepped out in faith when we started the group. It started as once a fortnight, but for the past 2½ years we have met weekly. God is good: He has blessed Mellor Methodist Church family with the Toddler Group, as now some families have started to come to Sunday School which is held on the first Sunday each month at 10.30am.

With love, hope, peace and joy,  
Fiona Moretta (Family Worker)

### Tracker

31. Hunt For Bugs
32. Find Some frogspawn
33. Catch A Falling Leaf
34. Track Wild Animals
35. Discover What's In A Pond
36. Make A Home For A Wild Animal
37. Check Out The Crazy Creatures In A Rockpool
38. Bring Up A Butterfly
39. Catch A Crab
40. Go On A Nature Walk At Night



**National  
Trust**

**TICK THEM OFF  
AS YOU DO EACH ONE**

# No Winners!

There were no entries in the Junior Quiz in Issue 109, Why not have a go this time? As usual, there is a prize for the winner.

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**GOODBYE** Sadly, following a period of ill health, Canon Dr. Sue Williams has decided to leave St. Mary's Church & Vicarage at the end of April. Since the Ecclesiastical Parish is in a United Benefice with Samlesbury & Balderstone, it may be a while before her successor is appointed. Meanwhile we wish her well & pray for her as a new period in her life of ministry begins.

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## **Sunday Services**

St Marys CE Parish Church, Church Lane @ 10.30am and 6..30pm

Mellor Methodist, Mellor Lane @ 10.30am

St Mary's RC Parish Church, Osbaldeston @ 10.00am

St Leonards CE Parish Church, Balderstone @ 8.30am and 10.30am

St Leonard the Less CE Parish Church, Samlesbury @ 11.00am

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## **VILLAGE GROUPS & ORGANISATIONS**

**Mellor Babies and Toddlers (term-time):**

(Thur 1-3pm @ Mellor Methodist—weekly):  
Fiona Moretta 07946 085 811

**Mellor Pre School:** Angela Hetherington-Fogg 812875 /  
Beryl Nugent 812056

**Little Angels:** Rita Gorman 812566 /  
Margaret Baldwin 812360

**Beavers / Cubs / Scouts:** Susan Middlemass 812642

**Rainbows:** Lynn Fish 813591

**Brownies:** Michelle Venn 812711

**Guides:** Hilary Wensley 01254 580819

**Vision (Youth Fellowship) :** Debbie Chadwick 812091

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## **LOCAL SERVICES**

**POTHLES (Lancashire County Council)**

tel: 0300 123 6780 email: [highways@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:highways@lancashire.gov.uk)

**RVBC Emergency Number for nuisance problems, flooding, lost dogs etc.**

Monday to Friday and weekends after 5pm tel: 01200 444448

**Waste and Refuse / Hedgerows and hedges / General**

**Enquiries to RVBC:** tel: 01200 425111

**Street Lighting**

(need location & street lamp no)

## **Citizens Advice Bureau**

Blackburn branch: Central Library, Town Hall Street, BLACKBURN. Tel: 08442 451 293. email: [info@blackburncab.org.uk](mailto:info@blackburncab.org.uk)  
Clitheroe branch: 19/21 Wesleyan Row, Parson Lane, CLITHEROE. Tel: 01200 428966. web: [www.ribblevalleycab.com](http://www.ribblevalleycab.com)

## **Mellor Library**

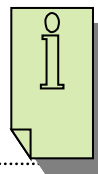
tel: 0300 123 6703

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## **Mellor Doctors Surgery**

tel: 01254 812810

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Please let us know if your contact details have changed from those we have listed here.

If your group or organisation is missing—please get in touch to send in your details.

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**Mellor Juniors Football Club:** Carol Williamson 07974 258 148 or Richard Lucas 01254 580658

**Mellor Allotments:** Meryl Rishton 01254 245460

**Mellor Bowling Club:** Chris Walton  
[cjwalton66@gmail.com](mailto:cjwalton66@gmail.com)

**Mellor Community Association (Village Hall):**  
John Hymas 813282

**Mellor Connections:** John Hymas 813282

**Mellor Village Show:** Marjorie Nicholson 814121 /  
Dot Crooks 812021

**Luncheon Club:** Judith Marr 812741

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tel: 0845 053 0011

**Council Tax**

tel: 01200 414450

email: [ctax@ribblevalley.gov.uk](mailto:ctax@ribblevalley.gov.uk)

**The Dog Warden**

tel: 01200 414464

**Planning**

tel: 01200 414499

email: [planning@ribblevalley.gov.uk](mailto:planning@ribblevalley.gov.uk)

**Police:** In EMERGENCY dial 999, otherwise 101



Since 2016 marks 400th Anniversary of Death of William Shakespeare, the theme for this Issue's Quiz marks this.

1. Which character finally killed Macbeth?
2. Which Shakespearean prince's mother was called Gertrude?
3. What was Romeo's surname?
4. Regan was the daughter of which Shakespearean king?
5. Which Shakespearean character killed his wife Desdemona?
6. Who was the first of the conspirators to stab Julius Caesar, Brutus or Casca?
7. Which of Shakespeare's plays takes place on a ship and an island?
8. Who was the moneylender in Shakespeare's "Merchant Of Venice"?
9. Which king did Henry VII defeat at the Battle of Bosworth Field?
10. In which Shakespeare play would you find Bottom?
11. What is the name of the ghost that haunted Macbeth?
12. What is the name of the king of the fairies - he appeared in Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream?
13. Which Shakespearean character has the largest speaking part?
14. Who was the fat, good-humoured braggart in Shakespeare's Henry IV and The Merry Wives of Windsor?
15. According to Shakespeare, Caliban was a 'Savage and deformed slave' in which play did he appear?
16. Which of Shakespeare's plays begins with the words 'If music be the food of love, play on. Give me excess of it'?
18. In Julius Caesar what are the names of the wives of Caesar and Brutus?
19. Who said 'A horse, a horse. My kingdom for a horse'?
20. Which Shakespearean play is set in Sicilia and Bohemia?

If you have a quiz you would like to donate, please send to Teresa Taylor, or E:mellorpc@outlook.com

It will be gratefully received!

This quiz is open to Mellor residents only. Please send your answers to:

Teresa Taylor, Seed House Farm, Potter Lane,  
Samlesbury, Preston PR5 0UE

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#### JUST FOR FUN WORDSEARCH

Again, this has a Shakespearean Theme

Hidden in the wordsearch (up, down, across, diagonally back & forth) are the Shakespearean characters listed below.

*But the unused letters will give you the title of one of the Bard's plays*

ARIEL, AUTOLYCUS, BOTTOM, CALIBAN, CORIOLANUS, ELBOW, FALSTAFF, HAMLET, IAGO, IRAS, JULIET, LEAR, MACBETH, MALVOLIO, OTHELLO, PARIS, PUCK, ROMEO, SHYLOCK, TIMON

#### CONGRATULATIONS

to Miss Wilson, of Glendale Drive,  
winner of Issue 109 Quiz

**The Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust's Third Big Farmland Bird Count** took place between 6 and 14 February 2016. Here's what was seen by the nation's farmers:

More than 970 farmers took part, 130 different species were recorded, Herefordshire had most returns (66 farmers) The survey areas included important environmental features such as hedges, woodland, ponds, grass margins, ditches and trees. More than 50% of participants were providing some form of seed feed for birds, either as wild seed mixes, by scatter feeding or by feeding via hoppers. The five most abundant birds seen (which is different from the most commonly seen birds) were starlings, woodpigeons, fieldfares, rooks & lapwings. Seven species were recorded for the first time in 2016 : these included black grouse, lesser redpolls, red grouse and snow buntings. The number of raptors seen this year was ten, whilst four owl species were also recorded. There were 25 Red List species recorded, including fieldfares, house sparrows, starlings, yellow hammers and song thrushes. ("Red List" is the highest conservation priority species, needing urgent action)

## MCA NEWS—edited highlights!

Whilst I was getting my thoughts together for this update the sad news came through of the death of Mrs Marjorie McNicol. Marjorie was one of the driving forces behind the Mellor Sports and Social Club which later evolved into Mellor Community Association. It is through the hard work of people like Marjorie that we now have our village hall and, just as they no doubt were faced with the “you won't be able to do that” brigade, we have challenges to overcome as we maintain and develop that legacy for current and future residents of our village.

Our hall manager David Woodward does a tremendous job keeping everything in good order but again our fixtures and fittings are getting old and we have started planning for a phased renovation of the critical parts of the hall including sound-proofing between the main hall and the balcony areas and better access. Although well maintained, the inside of the building is looking dated and doesn't have all of the modern facilities needed nowadays. We are currently speaking with a number of providers to bring WiFi into the hall to enhance our services. Just keeping the hall operating for business as usual costs typically around £650 per month, our income is almost entirely from our hall users and our thanks go out to you for continuing to support the hall.

We were delighted to receive a donation earlier in the year from a local resident, who wishes to remain anonymous, which along with a donation from Mellor Connections and the generous support of the British Heart Foundation, enabled us to acquire a Public Access Defibrillator and to fund a series of first aid courses. Regular hall users will have seen the illuminated yellow box by the main doors. If you are interested in receiving training for use of a defibrillator, please get in touch.

We have several new regular users to go alongside our established groups like the guides, badminton, bowls, zumba, drama and singing. We publish an updated diary of what's going on in the hall which you can access on the web at; <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embedsrc=mellorvh@gmail.com&ctz=Europe/London>

We also have a facebook page where you can post messages and should by the time you are reading this have re-launched our website.

**If you've not tried it yet, we have a “pop-up” cafe on the first Saturday in every month and would love to see you there.**

**Remember, Mellor Community Association only exists for you, its members, whether you're new to the village or a born and bred “Mellor Poot” you have a say in what we do. Please let us have your opinions and thoughts. You can contact us via facebook, drop a line into the post-box inside the hall or email me directly at [johnhymas@aol.com](mailto:johnhymas@aol.com).**

Thanks to John Hymas, Chairman of MCA

## MELLOR VILLAGE SHOW Sunday 4th September 2016 2.00pm

Trophy presentation 3.45pm by Mrs. Christine Taylor  
**SEE FULL SCHEDULE FOR DETAILS OF RULES**

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**Any Queries Please Tel.  
M. Nicholson 814121 or  
D. Crooks 812021**

### Section 1 Flowers & Plants

- 1.A Rose
- 2.A Vase or Bowl of Roses (up to 5)
- 3.A Vase of Sweet Peas
- 4.A Vase of Dahlias (1-3 blooms)
- 5.A Bowl of floating flower heads
- 6.A Vase of mixed flowers without added foliage
- 7.Sprigs of Lavender
- 8.Container of 3 stems, any 1 variety, not classified above
- 9.Vase of 3 hydrangea flowers
- 10.A Bonsai Tree
- 11.A Flowering Plant
12. A Single Cactus/Succulent or a display of Cacti / Succulents

### Section 2—Floral Arrangements

13. Floral arrangement in teacup & saucer
- 14.Floral arrangement : HM the Queen's 90th birthday
- 15.Floral arrangement : Beatrix Potter 150th anniversary
- 16.Miniature arrangement
- 17.Arrangement of foliage only

### Section 3 Fruit & Vegetables

- 18.3 Tomatoes (any variety)
- 19.3 Potatoes (any variety)
- 20.3 Onions (any variety not to exceed 8oz each)
- 21.3 Onions (any variety each over 8oz)
- 22.3 Root Vegetables, tops to be left on
- 23.Collection of fruit and/or vegetables (4 kinds, 3 of each)
- 24.Any other vegetable (not in Classes 18–23) up to 3 of one variety
25. Longest Runner Bean
26. 4 Different Herbs

(displayed in a vase or jar)

### Section 4 Home Produce

27. A Jar of Homemade Marmalade
28. A Jar of Homemade Jam /Jelly
29. A Jar of Homemade Lemon Curd
30. 6 Decorated Cakepops
31. A Small Wholemeal Loaf
32. 4 Fruit Scones
33. A Victoria Sandwich
34. 4 Chocolate Brownies
35. 6 Ginger Biscuits

### Section 5 Photography

**Maximum 18cms x 13 cms**

36. Subject : Flower(s)
37. Subject : Texture(s)
38. Subject Bridge(es)
39. Subject : Sheep

### Section 6 Assorted Crafts

40. An exhibit of Tapestry / Hand Embroidery / Cross Stitch
41. A miniature item in any medium
42. A hand knitted / crocheted item
43. An item of jewellery
44. A handmade greetings card
45. You've Made It—Let's see It!

### Section 7 Children's Section

**Age Groups :**

**(4-6 Yrs) (7-9 Yrs) (10—12 Yrs)**

- 46 A Lego Model
47. A Decorated Pebble
48. 3 Decorated Cakepops
49. An Imaginary Animal made from fruit and/or vegetables
- 50 You've Made It—Let's see It!

# Mellor Scarecrow Festival

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> & Sun 17<sup>th</sup> July

Prizes for;

- best under 12
- best shop/business
- champion scarecrow

Entry forms available in village shops soon, £5 per household with all proceeds going to Mellor Village Hall

Saturday BBQ and Bar



## *Mellor Connections*

For those that don't know of us, Mellor Connections is a social network centred around Mellor. It's free to join and we organise a range of community wide and targeted events. We are strictly not for profit group, and all surplus income generated from our events goes to charity.

As a result to the hard work and organisational skills of our steering group (Carolyn Hymas, Gill Hargreaves, Janet Creane, Mary Holmes and Mavis Williams) and the participation and generosity of our members we have to date raised and donated £4750 to charities ranging from North West Air Ambulance to The Blackburn Free Project. We were also very happy to contribute £200 to Mellor Village Hall towards their efforts in securing a Public Access Defibrillator.

With a year of so many enjoyable times it's very difficult to pick out a highlight. However in terms of village wide participation and impact I would have to say

that our Scarecrow Festival must come close to the top! On the back of last year's success I'm delighted to say that we are busy planning a repeat for this year but intend to run it over the whole weekend of Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July – look out for more details around the village and get your thinking caps on. Last year the Scarecrow Festival raised over £1500 and we would love to better that this year.

Our Singing For Fun group continues to flourish and we have “performed” this year at the Mellor Methodist Church Carol Service, The Lammack Festival and East Lancs Hospice. The singing group meets every Tuesday evening in the Village Hall at 7.00pm, if you fancy giving it a go we'd be delighted to see you there. A massive thanks to our teacher, Faye Bailey, for her permanent good humour and patience with us!

One of the really good things about Mellor Connections is the way it brings people together with no obligation on the individual to get more involved than they want. We have people who take part in our walking group who don't sing, people who come along to our “dining club” who don't walk and people who come to our cake clubs who only eat cake.

**If you would like to join Mellor Connections get in touch with me by email at [johnlhymas@aol.com](mailto:johnlhymas@aol.com) and we will send you a copy of our events calendar and put you on our mailing list.**

There have been so many people involved this year, from everyone who dreamt up and then made those fantastic scarecrows to those who have contributed time and effort to our guerrilla gardening and litter picking. A massive thank you one and all

## What's Been Happening in Mellor?

### "Little Angels"

Since the group started in 1998 we have continued to meet at 2.15pm in the Narthex on the last Tuesday of each month during school term time.

A short, informal 'assembly' is taken by Margaret and Rita before the children play with toys and the adults enjoy a chat with refreshments prepared by Hilda & Gillian. We are encouraged by the regular attendance and support of our parents and grandparents; also, we are appreciative of the interest shown and help given by our friends in the congregation especially Mrs. Norah Alcock. We were saddened by the death of Mrs Irene Holt who was a founder member and wonderful supporter of 'Little Angels'. She has left us with some happy memories of her love and kindness.

### Mellor Luncheon Club

The Club currently has 16 members who attend regularly for Friday Lunch. We have a happy band of cooks & helpers who work on a rota, I cook with 2 helpers each week. For our outing in October we went to Dunham Massey in Cheshire, a National Trust House with extensive gardens & deer park. In recognition of the Centenary of WW1, part of the house had been converted back to how it was as the Stamford Military Hospital. Everyone enjoyed an extremely interesting day out, and many thanks to all concerned.

Judith Marr

## Mellor Indoor Bowling Club

### MELLOR JUNIORS FC

Club continues to grow, with teams from Under 6 to Under 16 playing in East Lancashire Football Alliance, Central Lancs JFL and Accrington & District JFL. As always we welcome new members to the club, please check our website for contact numbers of team managers at [www.mellorjuniorsfc.co.uk](http://www.mellorjuniorsfc.co.uk) Following a very promising start with glorious Autumn weather the 2015/16 season ground to a virtual halt in November with unprecedented rainfall making pitches throughout the County unplayable. Consequently many fixtures still to be played. Younger teams (U7-U9) were able to play throughout as their fixtures are played indoors.

Martin Smith (a founder member of the Club) and Chairman for the past 3 years has a new challenging role as Club Development Officer,

During the past twelve months some new residents of Mellor, Olga and Ray Black, have joined the Club, as has John Barlow, who lives in Whalley. They have all done bowling previously and have smoothly merged into the ways of the Club. We welcome them and hope they enjoy their indoor bowling with us. The Club now has 34 members.

Our competition results for the past year are as follows: Irene Graham and Terry Rackley defeated Tony Dixon and Ian Moss in the final of the Doubles League. In the Bernard Garlick Singles Competition final Chris Walton beat Marjorie Ashurst. The winners of the Summer Supper Competition were Barry Baldwin and Gordon Livesey who defeated Joyce Jackson and Ian Moss in that final and Mavis Boyle with Chris Walton defeated Margaret Baldwin and Irene Graham in the Christmas Supper Competition final.

During the period April to October the Club organised, as in previous years, outdoor bowling sessions once a month on Sundays. These are quite popular and will again be taking place at Roe Lee Bowling Club in 2016. The sessions enable Club members who are not regular outdoor bowlers to join with those who do play outdoors in friendly games on a crown green.

The Club has a few places for new members. If you would like to try indoor bowling, you can attend up to three sessions before deciding to join.

Chris Walton  
Secretary

He also remains actively involved with the Pitch Working Group.

Richard Lucas was voted in as Chairman and Mark Andrews was voted in as Vice Chair. Other officers and roles remain in place, and we are happy to welcome new faces volunteering to become involved.

Our Annual Festival of Football is scheduled for Sat 18<sup>th</sup> and Sun 19<sup>th</sup> June at Whinney Lane. The Golf Day and Sporting Dinner will again be held at Wilpshire Golf Club on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, with Speaker Steve Kindon and Comedian Josh Daniels.

**All Enquiries/tickets available from Martin Smith 07973226645**

In September/October we will again be inviting local Year 1 children to attend football coaching sessions in the Village Hall, with a view to forming the Under 7s team for 2017. Fliers will be circulated to the schools in September.

Please see website [www.mellorjuniorsfc.co.uk](http://www.mellorjuniorsfc.co.uk) for contact details of Officers & Managers

## MELLOR FRIENDSHIP TRIP

Ian Moss, assisted by his wife, Joan, organised a day trip by coach in November 2015 for 47 friends to St. Nicholas' Market, York. Everyone enjoyed the day out, some visited the Minster, some sailed on the River, some shopped and had a nice leisurely lunch, others visited the Christmas Market, the main theme was to enjoy ourselves & we certainly did! It is hoped to arrange another "Mellor Friendship Trip" later this year.

### Indoor Bowling, cont'd

The first is without cost. We meet Wednesdays 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm and Fridays 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm throughout the year. Please bring along some indoor shoes to change into (to protect a mat's playing surface). You would be most welcome at the Village Hall to have a go at bowling and partake of some refreshments.

Chris Walton  
Secretary