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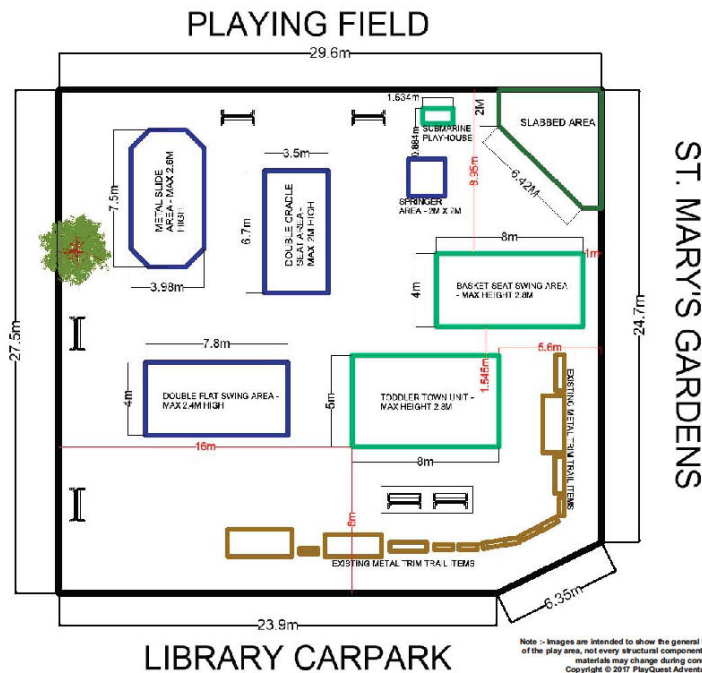
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CHURCH & GRAVEYARD



MELLOR PLAY AREA – UPGRADE PLANNED! This still takes time!

Following the consultation back in June when all residents were asked to come along to an Open Meeting, the Parish Council has worked hard to try to achieve many ideas which came forward.

The feedback suggested that some would like additional facilities for older (teenage) young people, however there is not space for this at St. Mary's Gardens.

BUT there may well be room for teenage sized facilities at Mellor Village Hall, due to its greater space. You can see contacts for the Village Hall elsewhere in this newsletter—why not go along, get involved—it is YOUR Village Hall, there for you, as residents to use and to assist with.

Drainage to has to be the first priority, as we all know just how wet the Play Area is and until drainage is improved, there is no point putting in new equipment.

Residents agreed that the Parish Council should improve the equipment and therefore a grant application was submitted to the Lancashire Environmental Fund. This proved successful and, provided the Parish Council contributes £3,300, the Fund will award £30,000.

Further, BAE MAI Fund and Wincanton Logistics have each given £1,500 and Thwaites Brewery has promised £2,000 with £400 to come from the County Council Parish Champion, Cllr. Paul Rigby.

All of this means that a major project is will start as soon as it's suitable for Dixons Drainage Ltd to get on with the first stage.

You may have noticed that the gate between the rear of St. Mary's Churchyard has been rehung.

New, additional fencing will be erected in order to exclude dogs and increase safety for families; the gate will assist with this. On page 9 in the newsletter you can see some of the new features planned.

Snippets from the Minutes! Parish Council agreed that Mellor Community Association will continue to be able to sell alcohol at up to 12 functions per year.

Have a look at the new website <http://e-voice.org.uk/mellorvillagehall> to find out more
LANCASHIRE BEST KEPT VILLAGE Mellor Parish Council once more entered this competition, as all take pride in looking after their surroundings, keeping it all tidy. The results have just been announced, sadly without success for Mellor.

POLICE MATTERS

Have you met the Police Community Support Officer?

PCSO 7143 Caroline Pemberton is based at Clitheroe Police Station, and she covers Wilpshire and Mellor. She is a local lass who works alongside PC Lee Forshaw.

For non urgent matters, and to give information, it is better to call 01200 458766 or Email RibbleValley.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk.

If a criminal activity is ongoing, ring 101, or for emergency, ring 999

MELLOR LIBRARY & DOCTOR' S SURGERY

Many residents have expressed concerns about the future of Mellor Library, and particularly the possible closure of the Doctor' s Surgery inside the building. Fear Not!

Newsletter Editor has been in contact with Lancashire County Council, Cllr. Alan Schofield, who has taken up this matter, and with the Practice Manager to find out the true situation.

Good News—despite the fact that, as we go to press, the Surgery is closed, this is temporary. Maintenance work to the outside of the building is due to be started next month, by Lancashire County Council. The Practice Manager & Dr. Randall have given assurances that, far from closing the Surgery, they wish to carry out improvements to the inside as well. However they are currently waiting for County Council in order to plan the internal works.

Thanks are due to Cllr. Schofield for continuing to press for actual progress. The long dead but hazardous tree stump outside the building is also due for removal.

Potholes & Drains

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

Parish Council Membership

Cllr Mr Bernard Murtagh (CHAIRMAN)	68 St Mary's Gardens	01254 492131
Cllr Mrs Stella Brunskill	Oulton, Myerscough Rd, Mellor Brook	01254 812694
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. Mr. Michael O'Grady	21 Elswick Gardens	01254 812031
Cllr Mrs Pat Young	The Old Foundry Stanhill Lane, Oswaltdwistle	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

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ALAN SCHOFIELD:

email alan.schofield@lancashire.gov.uk

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NOEL C WALSH: Bench Mark Barn, Elswick Lodge,
tel: 01254 813365

STELLA BRUNSKILL: Oulton, Myerscough Road,
Mellor Brook, tel: 01254 812694

email: stellabrunskill@hotmail.co.uk

Parish Council Meetings for the next period

Thursday 7th December 2017

NO MEETING in January 2018

Thursday 1st February 2018

Thursday 1st March 2018

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 **You can also contact us by email at** 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

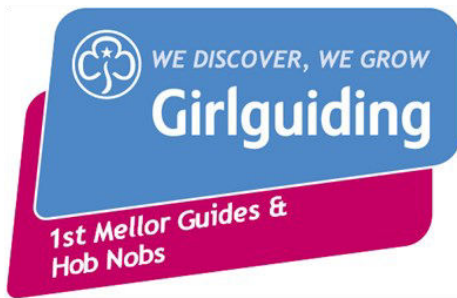
Mellor War Memorial

Thanks are due once more to Ribble Valley Borough Council. Mellor Parish Council obtained a grant to ensure further low maintenance planting is carried out. This work has now been done & thanks to the generosity of the local landscape contractor who carried out the planting, this area will be kept tidy until winter comes in.

Concern has been expressed about the pointing of the flags around the Memorial. This work is in hand, to be completed in time for Remembrance Day.

Remembrance Day 11th November 2018 The Centenary of Armistice Day will fall on a Sunday and it is appropriate that this special day is marked even more significantly. Do YOU have any ideas of how?

UPDATE ON MELLOR GUIDES & HOB NOBS



Aug 2017

Dear All,

Last year I wrote to Guide and Hob Nob parents, the Community Association, and the Parish Council explaining that the current leadership team at Mellor Guides and Hob Nobs (Senior Section) will retire at the end of July 2017. I also circulated to the residents of Mellor the need for us to recruit more leaders if the units are to continue.

I am delighted to be able to inform you that we have been successful in finding leaders to enable Mellor Guide Unit to continue in to the future.

As from **Aug 1st 2017** Helen Adams will take responsibility for leading and running the Guide unit meeting at Mellor Village Hall.

Helen's contact details are [Email **helendentith@btinternet.com**](mailto:helendentith@btinternet.com)

Helen will be supported by Alice Eccles who is also a Mellor Rainbow leader and Gemma Gill.

The other piece of good news is that by recruiting Helen and Alice it has enabled Judith, Charlotte, Rob, and myself to continue to run Mellor Hob Nobs (Senior Section) on a fortnightly basis.

Helen and I will be working closely to ensure that Guiding in Mellor continues to flourish.

I know that you will give Helen and the new Guide leadership team your support and encouragement.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hilary M Wensley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line underlining the name.

Hilary Wensley Guider In Charge 1st Mellor Guide and Hob Nob Units

01254 580819

INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

The Bowling Club Report was not available for March edition of the Newsletter, but came in later, so here it is!

Report to Mellor Parish Council March 2017

We have had to say a reluctant goodbye to Chris and Margaret Walton who are leaving the area to go and live in Ilkley. They have both been keen members of the club and Chris has been Secretary for a number of years. We will miss them both but wish them every happiness in their new home.

Paul Roscow is now Chairman, Gordon Livesey, Secretary & David Bedford continues as Treasurer.

The Club currently has 33 members.

Our competition results for the past year are as follows: Tony Dixon and Joan Moss defeated Marjorie Ashurst and Margaret Walton in the final of the Doubles League. In the Bernard Garlick Singles Competition final Terry Rackley beat Tony Dixon. The winners of the Summer Supper Competition were Joan Barnes and Janet Hilton who defeated Margaret and Barrie Baldwin and Terry Rackley with Sheila Parker defeated Irene Graham and Gordon Livesey in the Christmas Supper Competition final.

As in previous years, during the period April to October, the Club organized outdoor bowling sessions once a month on Sundays. These are quite popular and will again be taking place at Roe Lee Bowling Club in 2017. 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. The first is without cost. We meet on 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 Mellor Village Hall to have a go at bowling and partake of some refreshments.

Gordon Livesey

Secretary

Tel : 01254 812140

MELLOR VILLAGE SHOW REPORT & NEWS

The Show now has a facebook page at www.facebook.com/mellorvillageshow.
If you would like to help with the 2018 Show, or have any queries, please contact—
M. Nicholson on 814121 or D. Crooks on 812021.

The Village Show, held on Sunday 3 September now in its 28th year, was once again displaying many amazing talents. It was great to see so many visitors to the show, most also enjoying the tea and cakes available in the cafe.

The committee would like to thank all those who helped to make the show such a success. To those who brought entries to the show, the craft section was particularly well supported and there were lots of delightful entries in the children's sections too. Thank you to the stewards, the judges and the 'behind the scenes helpers', without you there would be no show. Also thank you to Accrington and District Bonsai Society who brought along a selection of their bonsai trees.

*A special thank you to Heidi Jay-Smith from Mellor Beauty Studio
who presented the trophies.*

TROPHY AND PRIZE WINNERS WERE :

Best in Show	Judy Cronshaw
Best in Flowers/Plants	Lyndsay Vause
Best Foliage/Flower Arrangement	Judy Cronshaw
Best in Fruit & Veg	Joan Garratt
Best Home Produce	Corinne Seedall
Best Photography	Lyndsay Vause
Best Craft	Marlene Cookson
Best in Children's Section	Charlie Day
Most Enthusiastic Entrant	Leanne Dory
Visitor's Choice	Chris Davis
Children's Prizes	
Age 4-6 years	Emily Goodwin
Age 7-9 years	Jim Hogg
Age 10-12 years	Charlie Day

Date for your diary -

The show next year will take place on Sunday 2 September 2018. If you haven't previously visited the show come along and have a look, there is something for everyone. If you would like to enter, show schedules and entry forms are available from early June in local shops.

Putting together a show like this takes a great deal of time, effort, skill and commitment and the Show Committee are to be congratulated and thanked for all they do.



FOR THE FALLEN The famous war poem was written by Robert Laurence Binyon (this image is by artist William Strang) and published in *The Times* on 21st September 1914.

Laurence Binyon composed his best known poem while sitting on the cliff-top looking out to sea from the dramatic scenery of the north Cornish coastline. A plaque marks the location at Pentire Point, north of Polzeath. However, there is also a small plaque on the East Cliff north of Portreath, further south on the same north Cornwall coast, which also claims to be the place where the poem was written.

Born in Lancaster in 1869, Laurence Binyon was keeper of oriental prints and drawings at the British Museum when the First World War began in August 1914. He was an established and well-respected scholar, poet and author.

The poem was written in mid September 1914, a few weeks after the outbreak of the First World War. During these weeks the British Expeditionary Force had suffered casualties following its first encounter with the Imperial German Army at the Battle of Mons on 23rd August, its rearguard action during the retreat from Mons in late August and the Battle of Le Cateau on 26th August, and its participation with the French Army in holding up the Imperial German Army at the First Battle of the Marne between 5th and 9th September 1914.

Laurence Binyon was too old to enlist in the military forces but he went to work for the Red Cross as a medical orderly in 1916. He lost several close friends and his brother-in-law in the war.

Laurence said in 1939 that the four lines of the fourth stanza came to him first. These words of the fourth stanza (in bold in the adjoining text) have become especially familiar and famous, having been adopted by the Royal British Legion as an Exhortation for ceremonies of Remembrance to commemorate fallen Servicemen and women.

After the war, Binyon continued at the British Museum until his retirement in 1933. He was appointed professor of poetry and literature first at Harvard and then Athens and died following an operation in 1943.

For The Fallen

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
England mourns for her dead across the sea.
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill; Death august and royal
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres,
There is music in the midst of desolation
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted;
They fell with their faces to the foe.

**They shall grow not old, as we that are left
grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years
condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the
morning
We will remember them.**

They mingle not with their laughing comrades
again;
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes
profound,
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,
To the innermost heart of their own land they
are known
As the stars are known to the Night;

As the stars that shall be bright when we are
dust,
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain;
As the stars that are starry in the time of our
darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain.

LIVE ON 

There were no entries in the Junior Quiz in Issue 110, or in 111 so the Editor has decided to give the quiz a rest for a while. *Let us know what you think.*

Contacts and information

Sunday Services

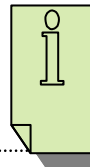
St Marys CE Parish Church, Church Lane @ 9.30am ONLY
 Mellor Methodist, Mellor Lane @ 10.30am
 St Mary's RC Parish Church, Osbaldeston @ 10.00am
 St Leonards CE Parish Church, Balderstone @ 9.30am ONLY
 St Leonard the Less CE Parish Church, Samlesbury @
 11.00am

Mellor Library

tel: 0300 123 6703

Mellor Doctors Surgery

tel: 01254 812810



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.

VILLAGE GROUPS & ORGANISATIONS

Mellor Babies and Toddlers (term-time):
 (Thur 1-3pm @ Mellor Methodist—weekly):
 Helen Bottle E: kelvinandhelen@gmail.com
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

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

Mellor Allotments: Meryl Rishton 01254 245460

Mellor Bowling Club: Gordon Livesey 812140

Mellor Community Association (Village Hall):
 John Hymas 813282

Mellor Connections: Carolyne Hymas 813282

Mellor Village Show: Marjorie Nicholson 814121 /
 Dot Crooks 812021

Luncheon Club: Judith Marr 812741

Mellor St. Mary's CE Primary School : 812581

Headteacher Ms. J. Embley-Peers

LOCAL SERVICES

POTHLES (Lancashire County Council)

tel: 0300 123 6780 email: 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)

tel: 0845 053 0011

Council Tax

tel: 01200 414450

email: ctax@ribblevalley.gov.uk

The Dog Warden

tel: 01200 414464

Planning

tel: 01200 414499

email: planning@ribblevalley.gov.uk

Police: In EMERGENCY dial 999, otherwise 101
 PC 2200 Alison Hargreaves and
 PCSO 7721 Jules Regan tel: 01200 458766

Citizens Advice Bureau

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

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!

The Quiz is taking a well earned rest this edition



The image above shows a Playquest Toddler Town in wood. Mellor Parish Council agreed that the use of recycled plastic would be longer lasting & therefore better for the environment but the Toddler Town could be enjoyed by many young residents, for many years to come, and so was chosen.

The image below is the Jigsaw Bench, again in recycled plastic to go in the corner, where the sandpit used to be.

The observant readers will note that these images are not to scale!



FROM RECENT PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Dog Fouling

Sadly, despite the views expressed at Parish Council meetings, by residents and to Councillors as they travel around the Parish, some very inconsiderate & irresponsible dog owners continue to put others health & safety at risk, in addition to committing a criminal offence.

“Poo” bags have been placed at various strategic points around the village, but unless those offenders are prepared to use them, and dispose of them properly, there is little point. Parish Clerk has a supply of bags!

However, Ribble Valley Dog Wardens (with the backing of Head of Environmental Services) want to know who the culprits are. If you see owners not picking up their dog’s mess, report them!

Tel 01200 414468

OWNERS - REMEMBER

YOUR DOG -

YOUR MESS -

YOU CLEAN IT UP.

BETTER FOR ALL OF MELLOR!

Gardening Tips for Autumn

Nowadays winter doesn't seem to come like it did back in the 1950's when I lived past the village of Tockholes. We were snowed in every winter, once for a whole week in 1962/3, but our winters are usually so much milder now. That means better conditions for slugs & snails to flourish!

How to reduce these pests? The best way is to look for why they are in your garden in the first place. Slugs love warm, damp environments, feed at night so want to hide in a safe place in daytime. Snails carry their homes on their backs, so will feed in daytime without the same need to hide away from us. All.

It seems the secret is to remove the places they hide—easier said than done if you grow leafy vegetables, but plant onions or chives around soft greens like lettuce & spinach then use sheep wool pellets as a barrier.

Now tidy up—raise any pots onto “feet” to reduce damp hideouts, don't leave plastic bags or sheeting lying around, clear away dead leaves & flowers to a sealed black compost bin & weed regularly.

There are some plants slugs & snails don't like, so consider planting some, such as Ajuga reptans, Lady's mantle, Japanese Anemone, Aquilegia, Astilbe, Astrantia, Bluebells, Daffodils, Epimedium, Euphoria, Ferns, Foxgloves, Hardy Geranium, Geum, Heather, Hellebore, Sweet Rocket, Pulmonaria, Perennial Poppy, Sedum, Grasses such as Panicum, Miscanthus, Carex & shrubs such as roses, Weigela, Cornus, Hydrangea, Philadelphus, Viburnum, Azalea & Rhododendron (to name but a few)

If any of these tips work—do let us all know!

Consumer Advice

Are you getting too much junk mail? Sales calls?

To reduce the amount of **personally addressed** junk mail coming through your door, contact:

The Mailing Preference Service

DMA House

70 Margaret Street

LONDON

W1W 8SS

Tel 0845 7034599

[Www.mpsonline.org.uk](http://www.mpsonline.org.uk)

Put a notice in your window, or next to your letterbox stating that leaflets are not welcome

To reduce the amount of **unaddressed** leaflets which are delivered by Royal Mail, contact :

FREEPOST RSTR-YCYS-TGLJ

Royal Mail Door to Door

Opt-Out

Kinsmead House

Oxpens Road

Oxford

OX1 1AA

Tel Helpline 01865 796 964

Email : optout@royalmail.com

To reduce the amount of **unwanted telephone sales calls**, contact:

The Telephone Preference Service

DMA House

70 Margaret Street

LONDON

W1W 8SS

Tel 0845 7034599

[Www.tpsonline.org.uk](http://www.tpsonline.org.uk)

It may take 28 days to reduce the telephone calls. If they continue after that, obtain an address for the caller, send a recorded letter requesting that they stop. If the problem persists, advise them you will report the matter to Telephone Preference Service, when you can complete a complaint form, which they will investigate & pass on to the Information Commissioner's Office at www.ico.gov.uk who may decide to enforce action.

From the Archives

Looking through some old newsletters, requests were put in for old photos & memorabilia of Mellor. The responses were most interesting to read, including a list of all those who went to War a century & more ago ; many did not return & those who did must have been scarred for life, mentally if not physically.

Are there any volunteers who wish to research those from the Mellor community who gave so much? If so, please contact the Parish Clerk (details p.3) who has a list of their names.

Ancestry On Line

Alternatively, you may be interested in researching your family tree, or your house. Did you know you can use ancestry.co.uk in the library without cost?

Why not pop in & find out?

Borrow a book whilst you're there! There's lots for all ages, as well as books, you can use or borrow CD's , get a knitting pattern, learn about gardening & then how to cook what you've grown— get a library card today— just take along proof of residence & the world can be your oyster (yes, there are travel books too!)

You'll be amazed!!

Mellor Village Hall Update

Mellor Community Association

The Open Day we held earlier this year was really well attended - it was fantastic to see so many people from the village coming along to hear about, and more importantly have the opportunity to input into, the plans for our Village Hall.

The interest shown was an invaluable support for our successful funding bid to the Lancashire Environmental Fund, and work is scheduled to start early in the New Year on a new ground floor entrance to the main hall including better disabled access and toilets. The building work also forms "phase 1" of our plans for environmentally friendly heating and other improvements to the fabric of the building. It should also mean we won't need the sandbags every time it rains!

We also got lots of feedback about what you, our members, need and want from the association as we move forward. As a result of the feedback received a number of new activities have come on stream - the outside tennis courts have been fully refurbished and a 5 a-side football area marked out, we've also seen the successful launch of walking netball, table tennis, adult drama, pickleball and Saturday morning chess coinciding with the monthly pop-up cafe.

With the exception of a small number of events put on by the association - for example the Christmas Concert with Balderstone Brass Band coming up on 11th December - it's important to remember that MCA is only responsible for making facilities available for you to use. It's the hard work and dedication of a small army of user groups that actually delivers the amazing range of activities that go on every day of the week. Thanks to you we're delighted that the hall is now one of the most used village halls in the area - the full diary can be found on

our new website at <https://e-voice.org.uk/mellorvillagehall/>

As we continue securing the long term future for the hall we would really like to hear from you, the association's members, with your ideas and thoughts about what types of facility should be available in the village. Please let us know what you think - you can discuss ideas on our facebook page, email us at heartofmellor@aol.com or drop a line into our postbox in the hall entrance.

Mellor Brook is a village which straddles the borders of the Boroughs of [Ribble Valley](#) and [South Ribble](#) in [Lancashire](#), England.

The village of Mellor Brook is approximately 4 miles (6 km) north-west of [Blackburn](#). The geographical area of Mellor Brook is quite small, covering an area of approximately 4 square miles (10 km²).

There is a bakery located in the heart of Mellor Brook. The bakery is well known and successful and started in the village, eventually moving its main operation to nearby [Ramsgreave](#), but still retaining its original village shop. The shop's pies are a favourite of the English fashion designer, [Wayne Hemingway](#). In recent years both the village's newsagent and Post Office have closed.

In 1808/9 the road ([A59](#)) from Mellor Brook to Clitheroe was opened as a toll road hence the position of the toll house at the top of Higher Commons Lane.

Preston New Road ([A677](#)) between Blackburn and Preston, followed in

1824 and hence Branch Road, getting its name because it joined the two turnpike roads, opened at the same time.

The village also has a thriving community centre; it is thought the building came into existence in June 1823 when a plot of land was assigned to a group of gentlemen on which they could build an independent place of worship. The building was purchased by the Church of England in 1833 and it was proposed that it be used during the week as a schoolhouse. The premises became known as St Saviours Chapel, Mellor Brook. The building was used as a primary school right until 1962 after which time the Church allowed it to be sold to the parish councils of the area.

In 1966 Mellor Brook Community Centre came into existence and has been such ever since. *This article is taken from wikipedia*



What is In The Know? Lancashire Constabulary is committed to involving the community in the policing of Lancashire. We believe that by improving the flow of information between the community and its police we can all make a greater impact in the prevention and detection of crime and anti-social behaviour

In The Know is a free service that allows the police and selected partners to send you information and updates about what is happening in your area, keeping you In The Know. It also allows you to reply to messages and participate in the exchange of information with Lancashire Police and Neighbourhood Watch.

As a registered recipient you will not only benefit from two way messaging but may also hear about positive police action in your community, help identify suspected or wanted criminals or learn about community groups, events or meetings in your area.

This service is not monitored 24/7 and is not for reporting crimes or incidents.

To sign up to In The Know visit www.lancashire.police.uk/help-advice/in-the-know :

the sign up process takes about five minutes.

Mellor Brook Community Centre—History

(from www.mellorbrook.org.uk)

On the 24th June 1823, an indenture was made between Thomas Turner and his wife Mary, both from Balderstone, and William Eccles of Blackburn. This indenture was for a parcel of land in Balderstone at a yearly rental of £3-2s-10½d, the lease to last for 2,000 years. By November of the same year, Mr William Eccles assigned this plot of land to the following group of gentlemen, namely:-

The Reverend George Payne, M.A.
John Biggar, draper.
Ralph Abbott, warper.
William Hacking, cotton manufacturer.
William Howle, schoolmaster.
James Cunliffe, banker.
Banister Eccles, cotton manufacturer.
James Hargrave Wraith, chemist and druggist.
Alexander McGhie, draper.
John Abbott, bookkeeper.
John Eccles, cotton manufacturer.
George Knox, draper.
(All of above coming from Blackburn)
James Dilworth, factor.
William Woodcock, timber merchant.
(both from Preston)
William Barton, farmer.
James Bailey, farmer.
(both from Balderstone).

- who wished to build a Chapel to be used for Divine Worship according to the doctrine and practice of protestant Dissenters and who claimed the principles of being Independents.