

MELLOR Parish Council

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REMEMBRANCE DAY 2018

Mellor Parish Council was approached to arrange a special, community led, all age, Commemoration of the Centenary of Armistice Day.

It was decided from the start that this should particularly consider the young people of the area.

It was also decided to encompass not only Mellor itself, but also Mellor Brook, Balderstone & Osbaldeston. Considerable work went into the details for the day. Pupils & Staff from all three primary schools in Mellor, Balderstone & Osbaldeston have been learning about the Great War, which showed in the displays seen in St. Mary's School on the day, as well as the beautiful individual ceramic poppies made by each child at St. Mary's School, Mellor.

Church Services were held in each Parish, then many came together in the rain to lay at least 20 wreaths at Mellor War Memorial, to remember The Fallen. in a Service led by Rev. Jefferson (St. Mary's) & Rev. Smith (Mellor Methodist)

The Millstone at Mellor generously provided soup & bread, which was much enjoyed in School, whilst looking at the displays & memorabilia. Grateful thanks go to Balderstone WI & volunteers for the tea, coffee & cake which followed. Local musicians from Mellor provided background music throughout, and they were accompanied by St. Mary's Choir who led community singing of songs from WW1 era.

Many volunteers brought this event together, and thanks are due to them all, however the lighting of the Beacon on Mellor Moor would not have been possible without Will Guilfoyle and he is therefore to be singled out for thanks & praise.
Mr. Bill Thompson of Mellor Brow has been to every Beacon event since 1937!!

SECURITY CAMERAS! Parish Council agreed to support Mellor Community Association with the placing of security cameras. Information collected will be used as evidence leading to prosecution. This is in response to complaints about recent antisocial behaviour & dog fouling. Residents are reminded that allowing dogs to foul without picking up can incur fines of 1000 POUNDS for EACH offence.

Have a look at the new Village Hall website <http://e-voice.org.uk/mellorvillagehall> to find out more

Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition—sadly Mellor was again not a winner.

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.

Unfortunately Clitheroe front desk is no longer open, but the station is manned.

For non urgent matters, and to give information, it is better to

call **01200 458766** or Email **RibbleValley.NPT@lancashire.pnn.police.uk**.

THIS INCLUDES REPORTING OF ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (not dog fouling, though)

WHAT HAS MELLOR PARISH COUNCIL DONE LATELY?

As you go around Mellor, you will hopefully see a number of changes in Mellor—some are not particularly significant (e.g. Plaques on benches) but some of the benches have been replaced too.

The old notice board which was sited at the War Memorial was moved to Carter Fold, by the shops and a replacement one erected. The War Memorial has had re-pointing to the flagged area, which will be cleaned up in readiness for the Remembrance Day Services. The area to the rear has had vegetation cleared, with planting to the front areas.

Mellor Play Area – has had much more work done than can easily be seen! The vital drainage works are not visible, but already seem to have made a significant difference., whilst the fencing means a much safer environment for children to be within and dogs excluded. Grateful thanks are expressed to the locals who rehung & painted the gate to the churchyard, and to the gentleman who removed the log beam which was identified as unsafe during the Annual Inspection.

Potholes & Drains—a Reminder!

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 813663
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, Oswaltdtwistle	01254 351516
Cllr. Mrs. Dot Crooks	59 Mellor Brow	01254 812021
Cllr. Mr. Ian Moss	15 Hob Green	01254 813581
Mrs Teresa Taylor (Clerk)	6 Chatburn Avenue Clitheroe BB7 2AU	01200 422607

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 9 Railway View, CLITHEROE, BB7 2HA
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 Mellor Brook, tel: 01254 812694
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Parish Council Meetings for the next period

Thursday 6th December 2018
 NO MEETING in January 2019
 Thursday 7th February 2019
 Thursday 7th March 2019

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 01200 422607

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

Remembrance Day 11th November 2018 The Centenary of Armistice Day fell this year on a Sunday and it is appropriate that this special day was marked even more significantly. The events in Mellor have been planned for some time & it is hoped you have felt that due respect has been shown for those who paid the ultimate price. Part of the preparations included an attempt to establish the names of all those lost—not just the names on Mellor War Memorial, but any others identified in the surrounding area. After all, the men who went to War did so for all the villages—it did not matter whether they lived in Mellor, Mellor Brook, Balderstone or Osbaldeston—surely the least we can do is remember them & be thankful.

In case you missed the list of names on display in school, please turn to pages 9 & 10

UPDATE ON MELLOR CONNECTIONS

Mellor Connections is an informal social group open to anyone in Mellor and surrounding areas. We hold a number of different events throughout the year and although there is a small charge for some of these we are a not for profit group and all surplus income goes to a range of local and national charities.

Since we started about 4 years ago we have raised just over £12,000 which has gone to charities such as The Blackburn Free Project, The Air Ambulance, MacMillan Nursing, Headway Brain Injury Association and here in Mellor we continue to support and contribute to our fantastic facilities at Mellor Village Hall.

Although we're delighted to have been able to support these worthwhile charities, our primary purpose is to bring people together in the village through a range of social events; dinners, talks on points of local interest, and walks in the area.

We currently have about 65 people in the group who dip in and out as things interest them personally. There's no pressure on attending regularly and the only cost is the "pay and play" payment for those activities for which we levy a charge.

We are currently pulling together our calendar for 2019
If you would like to receive a copy contact me by email
to johnlhymas@aol.com and I will put you on the circulation list.
John Hymas

CHRISTMAS SERVICES for MELLOR CHURCHES

SUNDAY 9th December 3.00pm Christingle Mellor METHODIST CHURCH

FRIDAY 14th December 7.30pm Carol Service at MELLOR METHODIST with Mellor Choir

SATURDAY 22nd December 4.00pm Nine Lessons & Carols St. MARY'S

MONDAY 24th December 4.00pm Christingle Service at St. MARY'S

6.30pm CHRISTMAS COMMUNION at WILPSHIRE METHODIST CHURCH

11.00 pm Start—MIDNIGHT COMMUNION at St. MARY'S

TUESDAY 25th December 9.30a.m. Christmas Communion at St. MARY'S

9.30am CHRISTMAS MORNING WORSHIP at LAMMACK METHODIST CHURCH
(Lammack Road, Blackburn BB1 8LA)

CHRISTMAS MORNING WORSHIP 11.00a.m. at WILPSHIRE METHODIST CHURCH
(Ribchester Road, Blackburn BB1 9JH)

SUNDAY 30th December 11.00am —Joint Benefice Service at SAMLESBURY PR5 0UX

LOCAL ELECTIONS in MAY 2019

Mellor Parish Council will be part of the Local Election Programme for the coming year.

This may seem a long time off, but will soon be here!

“What does this mean for me?” You may well ask!

But local decisions are made at a local level, so if you care about your environment, why not get involved?

So, what does a Parish Council do? Your council is a corporate body, & the first tier of local government; therefore its decisions are the responsibility of the whole body. The Parish Council has some powers, including the power to raise money (through the precept, which is part of Council Tax) and some powers to spend this public money, within the powers laid down in law. These (directly or via financial support) could include :

- **An evening bus taking people to the nearest town**
- **Pond clearing**
- **Equipment for a children’s activity group**

Can it have any bearing on my life? If you want it to do, definitely **YES!** The Parish Council is made up of people with different backgrounds, enthusiasms, interests & skills. Some work with ideas, whilst others may be very practical: some like accounts, others prefer reports.

The key is that a range of skills is needed to pull together as a team.

The job of the Council is to represent the interests of the whole community. Understanding the needs of different groups within the community (e.g. young and elderly people) is an important consideration. There will occasionally be a conflict of interest e.g. parents of young children and dog walkers may have differing views on uses for grassed areas in the Parish, but hopefully with open discussion such matters can be resolved.

Are there any rules for Parish Councils to follow? **YES**—in short, a Council must do what the law requires it to do, but only what the law permits & it cannot do anything unless permitted by legislation. (or it could be charged with acting *beyond its powers*).

There are numerous specified rules which must be followed, including holding at least 4 meetings per year (including the Annual Meeting) & appointing officers for carrying out the Council’s functions. In Mellor Parish Council’s case, this means a Parish Clerk who also acts as Responsible Financial Officer.

Council meetings must be open to the public (unless a sensitive matter is to be discussed) & the Council needs to comply with all appropriate legislation, including General Data Protection Rules.

It’s important to remember that the rules are to protect people’s rights (including yours) and to give confidence that the Council is properly run.

So, now you have had a think, how do you get involved?

Did you know that Mellor Parish Council has not had a contested Election for at least 20 years? Why not?

There are places for 10 Parish Councillors at Election Time but if there are 10 people or fewer who stand for election, they will automatically be elected. If there are vacancies, the new Parish Council may co-opt others who are willing to stand.

Can I stand for Election?

To stand for election to become a parish councillor you must be: At least 18 years old on the day of your nomination, and a **British** citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any other member state of the European Union., living within 3km of the Parish Boundary

How do I stand for Election?

Ribble Valley Borough Council Returning Officer will issue forms following the announcement of the date of the Election. Parish Clerks will have more information nearer the time.

MELLOR VILLAGE SHOW REPORT & NEWS

The show next year will take place on Sunday 1 September 2019. 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.



The Village Show was once again displaying many amazing talents.

It was great to see so many visitors to the show (the most ever), 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 and most of all thank you to all those who brought along the many entries, to Blackburn Horticultural Society for providing a very interesting display and to Balderstone Brass Band for providing some delightful musical entertainment.

A special thank you to Jane Coar from Jane's Hairstylist, in Mellor, who presented the trophies.

TROPHY AND PRIZE WINNERS WERE

Best in Show	T Rackley
Best in Flowers/Plants	Peter Kelsall
Best Foliage/Flower Arrangement	Janet Creane
Best in Fruit & Veg	John Vause
Best Home Produce	Linda O'Shaughnessy
Best Photography	Elizabeth Turton
Best Craft	Jane Coar
Best in Children's Section	Charlie Day
Most Enthusiastic Entrant	Liane Doree

Children's Prizes

Age 4-6 years	Emily Forrest
Age 7-9 years	Erin Whalley
Age 10-12 years	Charlie Day

Date for your diary - The show next year will take place on Sunday 1 September 2019.

If you would like to help in any way with the Show next year, please contact

D Crooks on 812021 or M Nicholson on 814121.



*John McCrae
in uniform,
circa 1914.*



It is thought that doctor John McCrae (30 Nov. 1872 - 28 January 1918) began the draft for his famous poem

“In Flanders Fields” on the evening of the 2 May, 1915 in the second week of fighting during the Second Battle of Ypres.

John McCrae was serving as a Major and a military doctor and was second in command of the 1st Brigade Canadian Field Artillery. The field guns of his brigade's batteries were in position on the west bank of the Ypres-Yser canal, about two kilometres north of Ypres. The brigade had arrived there in the early hours of 23 April 1915.

It is believed that the death of his friend, Alexis Helmer, was the inspiration for McCrae's poem “In Flanders Fields”. The exact details of when the first draft was written may never be known because there are various accounts by those who were with McCrae at that time.

✦ One account says that he was seen writing the poem the next day, sitting on the rear step of an ambulance while looking at Helmer's grave and the vivid red poppies that were springing up amongst the graves in the burial ground.

✦ Another account says that McCrae was so upset after Helmer's burial that he wrote the poem in twenty minutes in an attempt to compose himself.

A third account by his commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel Morrison, states that John told him he drafted the poem partly to pass the time between the arrival of two groups of wounded at the first aid post and partly to experiment with different variations of the poem's metre.

On January 28, 1918, while still commanding No. 3 Canadian General Hospital (McGill) at Boulogne, McCrae died of [pneumonia](#) with "extensive pneumococcus meningitis". He was buried the following day in the [Commonwealth War Graves Commission](#) section of [Wimereux Cemetery](#), just a couple of kilometres up the coast from Boulogne, with full military honours. His flag-draped coffin was borne on a [gun carriage](#) and the mourners – who included [Sir Arthur Currie](#) and many of McCrae's friends and staff – were preceded by McCrae's charger, "Bonfire", with McCrae's boots reversed in the stirrups. Bonfire was with McCrae from Valcartier, Quebec until his death and was much loved.

McCrae's gravestone is placed flat, as are all the others in the section, because of the unstable sandy soil.

IN FLANDERS FIELDS POEM

By Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae

**In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the dead: Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset
glow,
Loved and were loved: and now we
lie
In Flanders fields!**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you, from failing hands, we throw
The torch: be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies
grow
In Flanders fields**

Bene n Beer

Benedictine is a popular tippie in Lancashire, due to its strong ties to the region after the soldiers of the East Lancashire Regiment (who were stationed at the birthplace of Benedictine, Fecamp, Normandy, during the First World War) drank Benedictine and hot water to keep them warm in the trenches. The Regiment loved the drink so much they brought it home after the War, and the region has been drinking “Bene ” ever since!

Clitheroe based Bowland Brewery is officially partnering the tippie by issuing a special limited edition winter warming ale— “The Mullered Monk ”

LIVE ON 

The Editor has decided to give the quiz a rest for a while. *Let us know what you think.*

Contacts and information

Sunday Services

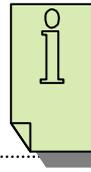
St Marys CE Parish Church, Church Lane @ 9.30am ONLY
 Mellor Methodist, Mellor Lane @ 10.30am
 St Mary's RC Parish Church, Osbaldeston @ 10.00am
 St Leonards CE Parish Church, Balderstone @ 9.30am ONLY
 St Leonard the Less CE Parish Church, Samlesbury @
 11.00am

Mellor Library

tel: 0300 123 6703

Mellor Doctors Surgery

(Barbara Castle Way) **Tel: 01254 617101**



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: Helen E: helendentith@btinternet.com
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):
 Bookings: Janine 07561 538314

Mellor Connections: John Hymas 813282

Mellor Village Show: Marjorie Nicholson 814121 /
 Dot Crooks 812021

Mellor Village Hall : Janine Foster 07561 538314

Luncheon Club: Judith Marr 812741

Mellor St. Mary's CE Primary School : 812581

Headteacher Ms. J. Embley-Peers

LOCAL SERVICES

POTHoles (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
 PCSO Caroline Pemberton 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

**NAMES OF THOSE FOUND FROM
MELLOR, MELLOR BROOK,
OSBALDESTON & BALDERSTONE
WHO DIED IN OR DUE TO
WORLD WARS**

**This year especially since it is 100 years since
the Great War ended, we should think of all
those who gave
their lives for us.**

*If you have a chance, go to the Imperial
War Museum, either at Salford Quays, or
in London. The displays & detail including
War planes & a tank are well worth a visit.*

SURNAME	RANK	First Name	Date of Death
BARNETT	Private	Frank	28.01.1917
BARNETT	Lance Corporal	Herbert	19.01.1918
BEGGS	Private	Harry	01.07.1916
BILLINGTON	Private	Joshua	28.06.1918
BIRTWISTLE	Lieutenant	Norman MC	08.10.1918
BLACKBURN	Private	John	20.02.1917
BRATHERTON	Private	Joseph	14.06.1944
BRIGG	Lance Corporal	Unknown as yet	
BROTHERS	Captain	Malam (Max)	28.05.1917
BROWN		Joseph	Unknown as yet
BULMER	Private	Lewis	29.10.1918
CAMPBELL	Sergeant	John Bertram	12.06.1942
CARR	Private	Thomas Arnold	30.05.1919
CHARNLEY	Private	Richard	29.10.1919
CHEW	Ord. Seaman	W.	16.05.1918
CLARKSON	Private	James	26.09.1916
COAR	Private	John	18.05.1917
COAR		Richard	Unknown as yet
COLLINSON	Private	John	12.03.1918
COOK	Ord. Seaman	Eli Kenyon	15.10.1918
COUPE	Lieutenant	Thomas Harold	26.07.1917
CRANK	Flying Officer	James Shackleton	06.10.1944
DALE	Private	William	12.10.1917
DEAN	Private	Henry Wilcock	01.08.1917
DIGGLES	Driver	Wallace	02.01.1941
DITCHFIELD	Gunner	J M	06.09.1920
EASTWOOD	Sergeant (Air Gunner)	Thomas Philip	19.10.1944
ECCLES	Second Lieutenant	John David	29.05.1940
ECCLES	Flight Lieutenant	Godfrey Brian AFC	30.08.1944
EDDLESTON	Private	Frank	21.04.1921
GILLET	Private	Joseph	11.12.1917
GILLIBRAND	Private	John	31.07.1917
GILLIBRAND	Lance Serjeant	Joseph	06.06.1944
GILLIBRAND	Private	Thomas	10.10.1917
GREENBANK	Private	Isaac	05.07.1918
GREENBANK	Private	Thomas	10.10.1917
HAMER	Gunner	Alfred	03.10.1918
HAMER	Corporal	Norman Hilton	26.10.1917
HARGREAVES	Private	Fred	18.09.1918
HARTLEY	Second Lieutenant	James Harold	22.01.1917
HAWORTH	Leading Aircraftman	Frank	15.04.1944
HAYTHORNTHWAITE	Flying Off	Charles William (Sam)	17.08.1944
HEATH	Flying Off	John Ettock DFM	20.02.1945
HINDLE	Private	Richard	20.08.1916
HOLDEN	Private	Edward	16.07.1944
HOLDSWORTH	Private	Joseph	30.11.1917
HOLGATE	Lieutenant	Donald Wilcock	05.10.1943
HOPWOOD	Private	Albert Edwin Baron	23.08.1918
HUGHES	Stoker 1st Class	James	31.05.1916
HULL	Private	John James	13.04.1918
HULL	Private	Richard	05.09.1918
JACKSON	Private	Ernest	21.03.1920
JACKSON	Air Mech 1st Class	George Frederick	07.11.1918
JENNINGS	Sergeant	Edward	27.11.1918
JONES	Sergeant	Lloyd	28.05.1941
KNOWLES	Private	John Thomas	28.04.1917
LAMB	Sergeant	James Gordon	02.03.1943
LEAVER	Officer Cadet	Noel Stanley	28.06.1943
LEAVER	Fusilier	Walter	26.11.1942

The Fallen (Continued)

LORD	Private	Thomas Edward	106.1917
MARLOR	Private	Sam	17.11.1918
MARSDEN	Stoker 1st Class	Joseph	31.05.1916
MARSH	Sapper	Robert	05.12.1919
MARTIN		Henry	
NORTH	Private	G	16.02.1919
NORTH	Gunner	Henry	07.10.1944
NORTH	Corporal	John J	21.03.1918
PEARSON	Private	George Pickup	18.10.1916
PHILLIPS	Civilian	Edward Warburton	16.04.1941
POMFRET	Sub Lieut (A)	James Drake	15.09.1941
PYE	Private	Edward	22.03.1918
ROBINS	Nursing Sister	Mary Jennette	04.11.1918
ROSSALL	Gunner (Signaller)	Robert	24.08.1918
ROSSALL	Gunner	Thomas	11.05.1917
SEFTON	Private	Francis Henry	18.10.1918
RUSHTON	Private	Thomas	09.10.1915
SINGLETON	Private	William	09.03.1917
SLATER	Ginner	Ernest	02.11.1918
SLATER	Private	John James	05.03.1921
SLATER	Private	Richard	24.04.1917
SOWERBUTTS	Private	John	23.08.1917
SOWERBUTTS	Gunner	Thomas	26.06.1917
SOWERBUTTS	Flying Off (Pilot)	Thomas	11.12.1943
SOWERBUTTS	Private	William Henry	24.04.1918
STELL	Private	Thomas Edward	21.03.1918
STIRRUP	Air Mech 3rd Class	J	11.10.1918
STONES	Flight Sgt	James Cartmell	10.08.1944
SUTTON	Sergeant	Frank	28.03.1916
SUTTON	Gunner	John	23.01.1947
THOMPSON	Lieutenant	Reginald	23.10.1916
THOMPSON	Sub Lieut (A)	Richard	26.10.1942
TOMLINSON		Alfred	
WADDINGTON	Private	William	09.06.1917
WALMSLEY		John	
WALMSLEY		Joseph	
WATSON	Major	Peter Browning	03.11.1944
WEST	Rifleman	Albert Edwin Baron	24.03.1918
WHALLEY	Gunner	Fred	15.08.1918
WHALLEY	Private	James	25.04.1918?

ROC Viewpoint on Mellor Moor

Recently the Editor went for her first walk on Mellor Moor & was astounded! If you have not been, why not? The 360 degree view is superb.

There is a post there & Parish Council (along with a lot of help from a resident) has just had the plaque renewed. Details are as follows:

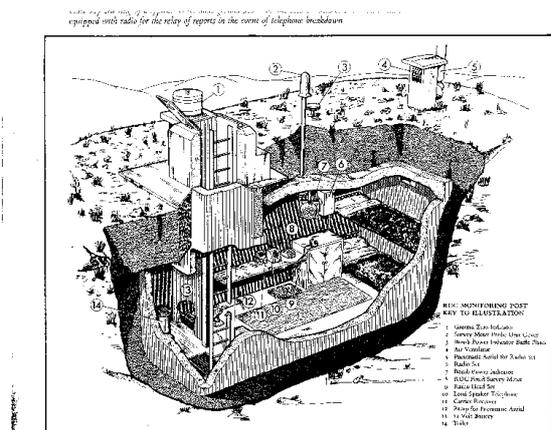
Royal Observer Corps Underground Nuclear Monitoring Post.

This concrete structure formed the entrance to an underground monitoring post that would have been manned by the Royal Observer Corps during times of potential nuclear attack.

Built in 1959 and closed in 1968 the underground structure has now been sealed, the drawing below shows the layout of this compact construction. It had its own source of power, ventilation, communications, sanitation, food and water. Manned by three people, who would have had to remain in the post for at least 2 weeks, it was equipped to report nuclear explosions, with readings of the blast pressure, power and flash.

This post, along with over 1,500 others throughout the UK would then be able to track and report any nuclear fallout, keeping the local population informed of the level of danger.

Thankfully this network of underground monitoring posts have only ever been used for training and exercises.



This location, with its outstanding views, was also the site of a Roman signalling station overlooking the village of Ribchester from about AD80.

During the Second World War, an above ground lookout post was built here by the Royal Observer Corps for spotting, identifying and tracking hostile or friendly aircraft.

From the Archives

The Sisters of Nazareth have just celebrated 100 years of caring for older people in Blackburn.

Their former Nazareth House Care Home, in Preston New Road, at Beardwood, is currently undergoing a transformation into a modern-day retirement village, but if you look closely you can find links with its past.

The site was once the home of brewer Daniel **Thwaites** II, which he had built in 1858 and named it Beardwood Cliff. It was subsequently purchased by the Thompson family who made their fortune in cotton, but when John Thompson died he expressed a wish that the house would be sold for a charitable purpose.

Around this time, in December 1912, the nuns from the Sisters of Nazareth had moved to Blackburn, at the invitation of the Bishop of Salford, and were living in two rented houses in St Alban's Place.

Conditions were cramped as the five Sisters set about caring for their first vulnerable children, and elderly residents, from areas of poverty and hardship within the town. Five years later, in 1917, when there were 35 people in their care, it was suggested they move to Beardwood Cliff, which they bought for £4,200, and renamed Nazareth House. Two rooms were converted into a chapel, some upstairs rooms became the convent, and the stables and garage were converted to classrooms.



The Thompson family memorial in St. Mary's Churchyard includes the inscription for Lieutenant Reginald Thompson, of Beardwood Cliffe. He died on 23rd October 1916 & is named on Thiepval Memorial to the Missing from the Somme.

Gangs Target Vulnerable Teenagers

This was the headline in a recent Clitheroe Advertiser, but is there a problem in Mellor?

Recent events in Mellor, featured on social media suggest that there may be. Drug paraphernalia has been found on several occasions in Mellor & teenagers are abusing the new Play Area equipment in the early hours of the morning. Who are they?

Are they from Mellor? Do YOU know them? Are they your friends or relatives? Should we care? The answer must be YES!

Police have issued warning signs for parents to spot if their child is being exploited to transport drugs. Lancashire Police are in the middle of a crackdown on County Lines drug gangs. Gangs often use young or vulnerable people to work as drugs runners—transporting & storing drugs & cash. They use a dedicated mobile phone line to co-ordinate illegal drug dealing with customers in towns miles away. The runners have often been recruited using intimidation, deception, violence, debt bondage or grooming. During the grooming process, victims are likely to commit criminal offences, thus they can then be further intimidated. Recruits are usually young, and may be as young as 10. Those who have other issues e.g. Learning difficulties may be specially vulnerable, but the victims may be anyone in your community. This can only be combated if we all understand the exploitation, recognise how to spot the signs & then act upon it if we think exploitation is taking place.

Intelligence from the community to the police is key.

The warning signs may include:

- Going missing from home or school absence with no explanation
- Mixing with new friends parents do not know
- Experimental drug use, often cannabis
- Having more than one mobile phone
- Appearing nervous, scared, evasive and / or secretive
- Suffering injuries they cannot explain adequately
- Having tickets for train / coach travel

If you have any concerns about the young or the vulnerable being targeted, please speak to the police, either directly, or anonymously through

Crimestoppers <https://crimestoppers-uk.org>

0800 555 111

In over 30 years our guarantee of anonymity has never been broken. You can fill in our easy online form, or speak to a member of our team on the phone. or call us anonymously any time, day or night or, if you have internet access, you can fill in the secure form on line.

Let's all work together to try to solve this issue.

Is Your Garden Ready for Winter?

Net the Pond—if you forget, you will be fishing out soggy plants all winter

Cut, Clean & Clear—cut back plants, clear out the shed & greenhouse before storing away everything for winter.

Don't let leaves build up—They'll soon turn slippery when wet. Instead, gather them up & store in bin bags with small holes in—then you will have leaf mould—a great soil improver!

Plant spring bulbs—If you love to see those first colours in spring, you need to get those daffodils, tulips & hyacinths in now, before it's too late!

Protect the plants—The first frost could kill your favourite foliage! Any plants at risk need to be indoors.

The Silver Line operates the only confidential, free helpline for older people across the UK that's open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The helpline number is: 0800 4 70 80 90.

We also offer telephone and letter friendship schemes where we match volunteers with older people based on their interests; facilitated group calls; and help to connect people with local services in their area.

Our specially-trained helpline team:

Offer information, friendship and advice.

Link callers to local groups and services.

Offer regular friendship calls.

Protect and support older people who are suffering abuse and neglect

68% of calls to the helpline are made at night and weekends.

Who can call the helpline?

The Silver Line is a helpline for older people.

We have no strict age limits but the people we speak to are over 55. So, if you think it's for you, it's for you.

WINTER FUEL PAYMENT

If you are of State Pension Age you should be eligible for the Winter Fuel Payment. This is an annual payment of between 100 & 300 pounds.

You will be paid automatically between November & December if you have claimed before & are in receipt of State Pension or possibly some other benefit. If you are unsure, or wish to make a claim, call the **Helpline on 03459 151515**

Clear away garden items- Pack away any items which would be damaged by the winter weather; if the furniture & BBQ won't fit in the now tidy shed, at least cover them up properly.

Remember the wildlife—Don't forget to leave out seeds for the birds, as well as fat balls & fresh water.

Use some colour! - Lots of foliage has been glorious in autumn, but now think about colour for winter—maybe plant some heathers, which come in a wide range of colours. Winter Aconites have cheery, yellow buttercup like flowers, whilst Cyclamen come in red, pink & white. They look fantastic under trees, or in pots. Winter pansies, both large & more delicate will make you smile, with their individual, happy smiling faces.

Ideas— Get a seed catalogue or library book to whet your appetite for Spring!

Keep Warm This Winter

Now that the winter has come upon us, a few tips which we all know, but sometimes forget!

Some will save money too!

- Close the curtains at dusk to keep the heat in
- Only use the amount of water you need when boiling the kettle
- Have regular hot drinks & at least one hot meal a day if possible, this helps keep energy levels up
- Wear several light layers of warm clothes (rather than one chunky layer) Air traps between layers, keeping you warmer
- Keep as active as possible
- Don't leave electrical appliances on standby (Saving 80 pounds)
- Turn off lights when not in use & fit energy saving bulbs (Saving 15 pounds)
- Never leave mobile phones on charge overnight
- There may be grants available to help make your home more energy efficient
- Do not block radiators with furniture, but put foil from DIY stores behind radiators
- Did you know that all United Utilities customers (so, everyone in Lancashire who pays for their water) can get a FREE pack of energy saving products (including a handy shower timer) to help you save money?
- Ring 0800 822 3922 or order online at www.unitedutilities.com

Ask your energy supplier if you are entitled to a WARM HOME DISCOUNT This is a discount of 140 pounds on your energy bill over the winter months. Those who receive the Guarantee Element of Pension Credit are eligible, as are other low income & vulnerable households. Call the Warm Home Helpline on 0345 603 9439 if you need advice.