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Thursday Bingo Night

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Saturday Morning.

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Editors Notes

Dear Readers,

I hope you have enjoyed the first summer leaflet, which has been put together by a group on the Parish Council.

This is free for all and focuses on our village life.

We are proud of the village of Melling and it's community spirit and hope this will continue to grow.

We are approaching Autumn and Winter and as the seasons are changing, we wonder what climate change has in store for us.

Enjoy and look forward to our Christmas lights and the focus of Christmas spirit in our great village.

Best Wishes,
Sue Ledgerton, Chairman

Holy Rosary Services

Since the retirement of Fr. Des, services that were held at St. Mary's Aughton, will now be held at Holy Rosary Church, Altway, Old Roan, Aintree. L10 2LG, by Msgr. Philip Inch.

Service Times

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 10.30am



NEIGHBOURHOOD POETS

Thomas, Our Church Mouse

Oh boy, oh boy, do I feel good
My pantry's full of lovely food
The shelves are stocked with jars of jam
Oh, what a lucky mouse I am
We've had the Harvest Festival
The children sang, the choir as well
And all the people, shy and bold
Sang hymns and songs, some new, some old.
And many little children brought
Their gifts to God, with blessings sought
To thank Him for He sent the rain
The sunshine too, to swell the grain
And boy, oh boy, my house is full
Of prize winning vegetables



Oh Autumn

Oh Autumn, there you go. There you go,
showing us how to shake it off.

To teach us to have faith
in each new cycle.

New growth will come again.

Hello Winter.

Oh Autumn, there you go,
your displays of bare beauty, here,
for now, gone is your golden,
green glory.

Your colours of orange and red
run through my mind and I find
myself dancing through leaves on crisp days,
memories of old ways flood me
and I am transported on a ride, back through time,
a journey through the growth of my own soul's
garden.

I think about the branches of my own tree
and I remember...

Rooted and planted my feet are thee
grounded I am, my roots run deep
and I to the land,
my connection I keep ...



Kate Elder Fuller

Alex Nimmoisan, Author from Melling

Alex has recently written a novel that dives deep into the story of the Titanic, with a few twist and turns along the way! You can order his book now on Amazon!

Resilience

A brotherhood bound in steadfast trust,
six hearts united, as brothers must.
Three women beside them, fierce and true,
their strength the anchor the storm never knew.
A voyage of splendor, destined to fall,
the Titanic—unsinkable—answering fate’s call.
When steel met ice and the night grew cold,
their bond was a fire no ocean could hold.
Survival was more than the breath they kept,
it lived in the vows their souls had wept:
No one forgotten. No one betrayed.
Together we stand, come dark or wave.
This journal beats with a living flame,
of loyalty, heartbreak, hope reclaimed.
Not just a story, but spirit and breath—
Resilience born in defiance of death.

Alen Nimmo



Join Us For A Community Litter Pick

We are keen on seeing our community clean, safe and tidy as well as engaging with the residents who live here so we decided to do some litter picking every quarter. It'd be great if you could join us on

**Thursday October the 23rd, 11am -1pm.
(weather permitting)**

Meeting at the Bootle Arms and then gathering back there for a well deserved cup of tea and a biscuit!

All equipment is provided.

We will be picking down Weavers Lane this time as it really does need some attention and with the Bootle Arms kindly offering refreshments, we felt this was a perfect way of giving back all round.

We will organise a family litter pick in the next quarter.

If anybody would like to coordinate their own, we have all the equipment which can be loaned on request.

Don't forget if you see any fly tipping or really grotty areas you can report them to Sefton council using the My Services portal on the website.

“ Let's be part of the solution, not the pollution.”

What's On

Afternoon Teas at the Tithebarn

Every Thursday, 12 til 2pm.

Tea, coffee, sandwiches and cakes.

All welcome.

No charge but donations welcome.

In Year 7 or above? Bored???

Want to make new friends??

Melling Youth Club

Every Wednesday 6.30 – 8.30pm at Caunce Hall
(on Waddicar Lane)

Follow us on Facebook Melling-Youth-Group

Scouts on Friday

Melling Scouts Hall

Cubs 6.30 – 8pm

Scouts and Explorers 8pm – 10pm

Pensioners Club

Every Tuesday afternoon
at the Ratepayers (MRCA)



Village Harvest Festival



Sunday 26th October

**Service at St Thomas Church
10.30am to 11.30am**

**Harvest Hotpot,
Tea, Coffee, Cake
at Melling's Tithebarn
12pm – 2pm**



All Welcome



Melling Parish Council currently has vacancies for new Parish Councillors. If you are interested in doing something positive for your community and would like to apply for one of these positions please register your interest with the clerk by email to: clerk@mellingparishcouncil.uk

MELLING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF MELLING PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON 9th SEPTEMBER 2025 AT MELLING PRIMARY SCHOOL, WHEELER DRIVE, MELLING

Present: Cllrs: Ledgerton (in the chair), Ashburner, Baker, Fuller, Harrison, Rogers and Todd.

3385: Apologies for absence.

None.

3386: Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 8th July 2025.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 8th July 2025 be approved as a correct record.

3387: Declarations of interest - Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Melling Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011.

None.

3388: Public participation.

A resident attended to express a continued interest in the casual vacancies and was provided with further information.
Representatives from the nursery school attended to provide an update on their plans to expand the nursery provision.

3389: Casual vacancies.

RESOLVED that the casual vacancies be noted.

3390: Policies and Procedures.

RESOLVED that the Disruption at Meetings policy be approved without amendment.

3391: Remembrance wreath.

RESOLVED that a donation of £50 in respect of a remembrance wreath be approved.

3392: Christmas light positions and switch on date.

RESOLVED that:

1. Spiral lights only be placed on Prescott Road and the remaining motifs (with the exception of Rock Lane where the motifs are designed for the specific columns in that area) be mixed between Waddicar Lane and Spencers Lane;
2. The switch on date to be 14th November 2025; and
3. A request be put in to Sefton to also switch on the lights on the Christmas tree on the village green on the same day.

3393: Reports of meetings.

Cllr Harrison has met with an engineer in respect of the broken bridge on the footpath at the end of Chapel Lane after the end of the new footpath. This appears to be general wear and tear that will be reported to Sefton MBC.

The leaflet working group confirmed that the next edition was due to be sent to the

printers in the next week.

Cllr Fuller reported on the litter pick carried out last month and confirmed plans for another litter pick on 23rd October along Weavers Lane and that as this was a roadside event it wasn't suitable for children to attend.

Cllr Rogers advised that the managers of the Ratepayers club had indicated they would be agreeable to a noticeboard being put up outside the building.

3394: Correspondence.

Cllr Ashburner reported on continuing issues with the 345 bus not dropping off on Wheeler Drive with no information being given to passengers about this.

Cllr Rogers requested that the estimated 30 children attending the judo club at the Tithebarn be included in the distribution of the Christmas gifts. This was agreed by the clerk under delegated authority as the existing budget was likely to cover these additional gifts.

The clerk reported on correspondence from a resident regarding the maintenance of the defibs within the parish and that efforts were ongoing to engage with the Bootle Arms and the Horse and Jockey to get their defibs back on the central register.

The clerk also reported on correspondence regarding excessive noise from the Horse and Jockey and this was noted to have been likely to have arisen from a one off event.

3395: Planning Applications.

RESOLVED that the applications in the schedule circulated be noted.

3396: Ongoing work at Fox House Farm.

Cllr Baker had received confirmation that a planning officer had visited the site and confirmed that it was not being converted for residential use.

RESOLVED that no further action was needed at this time.

3397: Accounts paid and for payment.

RESOLVED that the amounts listed on the schedule be paid.

J Farrar – Clerk to the Council.

Local Information

Melling In Bloom rely on volunteers, they give away their spare time to make our village a nicer place but sometimes there's not enough people power on the ground to do even the watering tasks! Never mind the hard work!!

Could you give a little of your time to help keep Melling Blooming? Perhaps to water a flower planter near you or to get the kids involved with the planting when it is time? If time is thin and you'd still like to support, you can show your thanks and make contributions here:

Melling In Bloom

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We really are grateful for all their efforts!

The old building of St Kentigans on Waddicar Lane is now **Melling Community Church** aka **The Hub**. They have various activities on through the week including Sunday service. All are welcome.

- **Monday** – Melling Community Gospel Choir practice at 7.30pm
- **Tuesday** – Hobby Hut at 10am
- **1st Tuesday in the month** – Communion and Prayer Meeting at 7.30pm
- **Wednesday** – Toast Wednesday 10am (collection for the food bank). Mini Makers at 6.30pm
- **3rd Thursday of every month** is 'Shoot' photography club 7.15pm
- **Sunday worship** – quiet reflective service at 9.30am. Informal service with coffee, chat, music and thought for the day at 10.30am

To find out more information please to their website at www.mbch.co.uk

The local **Tithebarn** is available to hire for parties and events. All enquiries to the Tithebarn Committee at mellingtithebarn@outlook.com

There are weekly classes at the Tithebarn.

Dance is on Wednesdays at 7pm to 8pm.

Jilly's Yoga is on Thursdays from 6.45pm to 8.15pm.

Doteki Judo is Monday and Friday 7pm to 9pm.

Children age 5+ is at 7pm and then from 8pm

it's the adults starting at ages 12+

If you have not been before, the first class is free.

Monthly Bingo at the **Ratepayers (MRCA)** by Janet Paul. All proceeds go to charity and community funds. (Thanks Janet for all your efforts in the community).

Prize Bingo for £10 all in 12pm – 3pm

Everyone welcome for bingo, raffle, tea, coffee and cake

The dates are:

Friday 26th of September

Friday 31st of October

Friday 21st of November (Christmas Special)

Melling Ratepayers is available to hire for private functions.

All Sky and BT sports televised on big screens.

Social events as advertised.

To find out more contact them on 0151 5463676

They also have a weekly bingo on Thursday nights at 8pm and Tai Chi every Saturday 11.30am – 12.30pm.

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POP QUIZ

1. Who was the first act to appear on Top Of The Pops?
2. What year was I'm A Celebrity first broadcast
3. What was the name of the deprived London district that Call The Midwife was set?
4. What type of animal was Blue Peter's first pet called Jason?
5. What was the name of the tower block where Del and Rodney lived, in Only Fools and Horses?
6. Which sports quiz was presented by Sue Barker between 1997 and 2001?
7. Which member of The Beatles appeared in Liverpool based sitcom Bread?
8. In what fictional town is Dad's Army set?
9. Who was the first host of Stars In Their Eyes?
10. In Mrs Brown's Boys what is the name of Mrs Browns best friend and neighbour?

Answers on page 16.

Is That A Fact?

In the 2001 Census the population of Melling was 2,810 that rose to 3,493 in the 2011 Census and then rather surprisingly the figure decreased to 3,353 in the most recent Census of 2021 ...

52.4 % are Women and 47.6% are men

I am sure most of those living here will agree that we are very lucky to live in such a nice, not so little village!

If your special day is in this quarter...

Happy Birthday to you!

October's main stone is Opal and it's birth flower's are Marigold and Cosmos. **November's** main birthstone is Topaz and it's birth flower's are Chrysanthemum and Peony. **December's** main stone is Turquoise and it's birth flower's are Holly and White Narcissus.

Simple recipes taken from a leaflet created by the people of Melling.

Main Course Recipe - Carrot and Leek Soup

1 medium onion

8oz of sliced carrots (not too thick)

2oz of leeks (1 inch slices)

1 and a half pints of veg stock (2 stock cubes)

10z of porridge oats

1tblsp of cream or plain yoghurt (if desired)

Saute the onion in a tblsp of veg oil then add the carrots, leeks and veg stock.

Bring to the boil and allow to simmer. When the vegetables are tender add seasoning to taste. Add the oats and cook for a further 3 to 4 minutes. At this stage the soup can be liquidised or left chunky.

Stir in the cream (if using) and heat for 1 more minute.

This is a quick, thick and nourishing soup to which you can add more stock if you wish. Serve with crusty bread and enjoy!

Sweet Recipe – Caribbean Cream Trifle

Chocolate Sponge or Swiss Roll, Raisins, Bananas, Rum, Orange Juice, Walnuts, Custard, Double Cream, Desiccated Coconut, Coffee.

Soak raisins in rum overnight.

Take chocolate sponge base, add raisins, walnuts (chopped) and orange juice. Then a layer of sliced banana and desiccated coconut.

Make the custard, add 1 teaspoon of coffee dissolved in 1 tablespoon of hot water, add it in then pour over.

Whipped cream on top and decorate with banana, coconut or chocolate.

A non-alcoholic alternative is to soak the raisins in a few drops of vanilla or almond extract and hot water to plump them up!

1st and 2nd MELLING BROWNIES (circa 1970s)

During the 1970's, Melling had two Guide Companies and two Brownie Packs. The average number of girls in a Brownie Pack was 24 but, such was the demand for places, at one time we had two Packs of 36 each.

I was in my early 30s when I became a Brownie Guider. After one meeting at the Scout Hall, where we were based with kind permission of the Scouts, my daughter Janet together with her friend Jane, came home with the urgent request that Brown Owl had to leave and if no-one came forward to help, there would be no more Brownies in Melling. Jean Calderbank, Dorothy Leatherbarrow, Joan Prescott and I hurried along to the Scout Hall and thus became Brownie Guiders: Joan by testing Brownies for the Cookery Badge in her own kitchen and Jean, who had been a Brown Owl before, took on that role. Dorothy and I became her helpers. Aintree and Maghull had Guides and Brownies (the pre-Brownies called Rainbows hadn't begun at that time). We were the "piggy in the middle" so became affiliated to Maghull. Much later, Jean and Dorothy retired so I became Brown Owl, but had to acquire that position by courses and an enrolment ceremony to make it official.

If we had wanted to take Brownies on holiday or go camping we would have needed to have a Camping qualification and as we had husbands and families and didn't want to give up our precious couple of weeks holiday, we didn't have this. On one occasion there was a long County weekend for Brownies in Blackpool which we went to, but had a Guider "in charge" from Maghull who had this qualification. Maybe some of our "old" Brownies still here in Melling will remember this. We travelled by coach on Friday and stayed until Sunday

afternoon. We slept in dormitories, and each day was planned with lots of interesting activities with evening entertainment, and I think the food was good. When it was time to go home on Sunday, I think we Guiders were rather tired.

Over the years, we went to many organised events, either with the District or County. There were so many Brownie packs throughout the region and organising these events must have been very difficult. In appreciation of our time and efforts, occasionally we had a Guiders free day where we could try some fun things. Once, in Skelmersdale, there was a day where we could choose different activities, eg a taster of scuba diving in the pool, canal boat equipment painting, e.g. a small kettle, mug, small pail, and archery.

It has always been difficult to find volunteers for most activities which are worthwhile, and when it was my turn to retire it proved hard to find anyone to take over. Several leaders came and went over the years and now, sadly, there are no Brownies or Guides in Melling. Very fortunately, girls can now be part of the Scout movement but of course this wasn't so years ago.



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Answers for the quiz:

1. Dusty Springfield
2. 2002
3. Poplar
4. Cat
5. Nelson Mandela House
6. 1997- 2001
7. Paul McCartney
8. Walmington-On-Sea
9. Lesley Crowther
10. Winnie

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**Melling Tithebarn Committee are looking for
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**If you would like to make a difference to the Community, are
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