

Welcome to the April 2025 edition of your United Benefice magazine.

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St Leonard's Balderstone



St Mary's Mellor



St Leonard the Less  
Samlesbury



## ***Light Reflections...The Gospel*** **“Let your light shine...” (Matthew 5.16)**

In the Daunton household there has been a time of decluttering. It isn't easy to decide what to keep and what to throw away, or to send to the charity shop. Our son tells us that taking your unwanted things to your adult children's homes, for them to keep, is basically middle-class fly-tipping. I don't think he wants my leftovers however much I have valued them and am struggling to let them go. Change is never easy.

Once our new vicar, Nathaniel, joins us we will be thinking about what we want to keep in each of our parishes and what we want to let go of. Churches only develop and grow if we have a vision of where we are moving to. Staying the same is never good but there is a knack in knowing what still has life in it and what is past its sell by date. But a new vicar always represents an opportunity for a new start.

In the time of Jesus the people who worshipped God didn't welcome the change that he represented. They wanted the system to stay the same, comfortable and where they understood the rules. But along he comes with his new ideas of a kingdom in heaven. Out with the old and in with the new.

Jesus tells us:

*“Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke and put it on you, and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in spirit; and you will find rest. For the yoke I will give you is easy, and the load I will put on you is light.”*(Matthew 11:28-30)

The old rules were burdensome so Jesus is offering us something different. He offers a relationship with him, side by side yoked together, so that we can learn from him. Watching what Jesus does so it informs what we do. That relationship will involve us in service. This service will always have its joyful aspects because it is light but it will always involve challenge because it is a load.

At Easter we think again about the immense suffering Jesus underwent on our behalf to reconcile us to God. We rejoice that he overcomes this by rising from the dead, leaving the tomb empty. But do we truly believe he did or just vaguely hope that it's true? As we travel through Lent then on to Easter we have the opportunity to declutter our lives, to think again about what really brings us close to God and what is just window dressing.



As Nathaniel starts with us we should grab the chance to declutter our spiritual lives, our attitude to the services and the pattern of our attendance so we can all have a new start.

Hallelujah He is Risen. Happy Easter!  
Pam Daunton.

## United Benefice Church Services: April 2025

	<u>Balderstone</u>	<u>Mellor</u>	<u>Samlesbury</u>
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	09:30 Holy Communion	-	11:00 Holy Communion
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	11:00 All Age Worship with Holy Communion	09:30 Mothers Union Holy Communion	11:00 Morning Praise All Age Worship
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	19:30 United Benefice Maundy Thursday Service with foot washing at St Mary's Church Mellor		
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	11:00 United Benefice Good Friday Reflections Service at St Leonard's Church, Balderstone		
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	09:30 Holy Communion	09:30 Holy Communion	11:00 Holy Communion
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	16:00 Forest Church	09:30 Family Service	11:00 BCP Holy Communion

## PRAYER DIARY



Each month, as a United Benefice, we will be focusing our prayers on a strand of the Diocesan Vision 2026. Every week, we will pray an aspect of that strand, as we seek God's face and will for our Benefice.

*April*

**Being Witnesses to Jesus Christ**

Week 1

Lord Jesus, give us the confidence to share the Good News of your saving grace with others, in both word and deed. Amen

Week 2

Dear God, open our eyes and hearts to see the needs of those around us, both near and far, and help us to meet those needs with actions as well as words. Amen

Week 3

Father, enable us to catch the vision and work with you in growing your Kingdom through new ways of being church. Amen

Week 4

Creator God, as you looked at everything that you have made and saw that it was 'very good', may we as good stewards, care for all of your creation as you would want us to. Amen

## United Benefice Confirmations 2025

This year's United Benefice Confirmation Service will take place at 11:00am on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> June, at St Leonard the Less Church, Samlesbury, with The Right Reverend Dr Joe Kennedy, Bishop of Burnley.



If you feel you have a genuine emergency, on a Saturday, that requires help, please contact a Church Warden first and they will help to advise you. Please find their contact details on page 18 of this magazine. The United Benefice admin email address is [unitedbeneficebms@outlook.com](mailto:unitedbeneficebms@outlook.com).

## *Midweek United Benefice Services*

Everyone is welcome to come and join us at our weekly, midweek United Benefice services.



Our midweek United Benefice Holy Communion Services are held on Tuesdays at 9:30am at St Mary's Church, Mellor. These services are open to all from Balderstone, Mellor, Samlesbury and beyond and are followed by coffee and friendly chat. Please do come along for worship & fellowship.

Midweek United Benefice services are also held every Friday, at 4:00pm, when we will be saying Evening Prayer at St Mary's Church, Mellor. All are invited to join us as we pray for Church Growth across our parishes of Balderstone, Mellor and Samlesbury.



### United Benefice Diary Dates

For further details of any of these diary events, please see our event posters, read through the articles in our magazines or email [unitedbeneficebms@outlook.com](mailto:unitedbeneficebms@outlook.com).

1st Apr	United Benefice Holy Communion Service at St Mary's Church, Mellor	9:30am
2nd Apr	St Mary's Choir Practice at St Mary's Church, Mellor	6:30pm
2nd Apr	Bell Ringing Practice at St Leonard the Less Church, Samlesbury	7:00pm
4th Apr	United Benefice Evening Prayer at St Mary's Church, Mellor	4:00pm
5th Apr	Ceilidh Night at Mellor Village Hall	7.30pm
8th Apr	United Benefice Holy Communion Service at St Mary's Church, Mellor	9:30am
8th Apr	Mellor Mother's Union Meeting in the Narthex at St Mary's Church, Mellor	7:00pm
9th Apr	St Mary's Choir Practice at St Mary's Church, Mellor	6:30pm
9th Apr	Bell Ringing Practice at St Leonard the Less Church, Samlesbury	7:00pm
10th Apr	Easter Coffee Morning, hosted by St Leonard the Less, at Samlesbury Memorial Hall	10:30am
11th Apr	United Benefice Evening Prayer at St Mary's Church, Mellor	4:00pm
15th Apr	United Benefice Holy Communion Service at St Mary's Church, Mellor	9:30am
16th Apr	St Mary's Choir Practice at St Mary's Church, Mellor	6:30pm
16th Apr	Bell Ringing Practice at St Leonard the Less Church, Samlesbury	7:00pm
17th Apr	Maundy Thursday Service with foot washing at St Mary's Church, Mellor	7:30pm
18th Apr	Good Friday Reflection Service at St Leonard's Church, Balderstone	11:00am
18th Apr	United Benefice Evening Prayer at St Mary's Church, Mellor	4:00pm
22nd Apr	United Benefice Holy Communion Service at St Mary's Church, Mellor	9:30am
23rd Apr	St Mary's Choir Practice at St Mary's Church, Mellor	6:30pm
23rd Apr	Bell Ringing Practice at St Leonard the Less Church, Samlesbury	7:00pm
25th Apr	United Benefice Evening Prayer at St Mary's Church, Mellor	4:00pm
29th Apr	United Benefice Holy Communion Service at St Mary's Church, Mellor	9:30am
29th Apr	Little Angels in the Narthex at St Mary's Church, Mellor	2.00pm
30th Apr	St Mary's Choir Practice at St Mary's Church, Mellor	6:30pm
30th Apr	Bell Ringing Practice at St Leonard the Less Church, Samlesbury	7:00pm

## St Leonards Church, Balderstone – News and Events

**Walking Day is on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May leaving Mellor Brook at 2.30pm** (apologies last month I'd put 1.30pm by mistake !!)

We will meet adjacent to Mellor Brook Community Centre from 2.15pm ready leave prompt at 2.30pm. Balderstone Band will be accompanying us as we walk and during the afternoon on the field. Following a short welcome on the playground, there will be sports and refreshments on the field. A collection will be taken on the playground together with donations for the refreshments. These are to help to set off our expenses for the day.. Everyone is welcome so please do come and enjoy a great friends and family afternoon out .

**The Summer Fair and Barbecue will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June** at 2.30pm on the school playground.

There will be stalls and games etc. More details in next month's newsletter

Please make a note of our future events.

**Safari Supper on Saturday evening 6<sup>th</sup> September**

The date for **Harvest Supper** will be confirmed once it has been discussed with our new vicar Nathaniel.

**The Brass Band Christmas Concert is on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 6.30pm in church.**

**Our Christmas Fair is on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2.pm in school.** This is a week later than usual due to a wedding on the previous Saturday.

**More information will be available as the events get closer.**

We look forward to seeing you at any or all of these events. Thank you as always for your valued support.

The next meeting of the Social Committee is Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 7.30pm at Pickering Fold Farm BB2 7LQ. All welcome so please join us.

Catherine (Dixon)

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### Balderstone Mothers' Union

Maureen put together a quiz for our March meeting, we had a very interesting and sometimes hilarious half hour.

It really made us think about some of the answers. Patricia and Susan scored highest closely followed by Ruth and Janet. Afterwards we enjoyed our usual coffee and biscuits, kindly provided by Patricia. All in all a very enjoyable meeting.

Our next meeting is in Holy Week when Rev. Jane Bury will be our speaker. Please come along as I'm sure we are in for an interesting afternoon. April 15<sup>th</sup> at 2pm , 11 Long Meadow. All welcome.

Susan Baron

### Balderstone and District WI

This month we have enjoyed the start of Spring with a sunny stroll from Osbaldeston along the River bank followed by lunch at The Spread Eagle.

The craft group in February had a go at painting a still life vase using acrylics with tuition from one of our very talented artist members.

To finish off this month, the walkers are off to Lytham for a 4-5 mile walk along the front and then off to a café for lunch.



The meeting this month was actually the 106<sup>th</sup> birthday party of our WI so we celebrated with lovely pies from the Mellor Deli with mushy peas & pickles washed down with prosecco & red wine for the non-drivers! After cake, we had a fun but rather chaotic time joining in a Beetle Drive with many variations of the rules which made it a memorable event full of hilarity!!



At the end of March, the craft ladies are having a go at making a decorated gift bag.

This April we are to have a speaker about protecting ourselves from the many scammers around.

## St Mary's Church, Mellor – News and Events

### World Day of Prayer Service - 7<sup>TH</sup> March 2025



What a memorable day we had! This is a special service which is held annually on the first Friday in March and comes from a different country from around the world each year – this year from the Cook Islands - so we were part of a wonderful wave of prayer which encircled the globe, praying with, and for the Cook Islands and its people.

“I made you wonderful” was the theme and members from St Mary's, Mellor; Mellor Methodist Church; St Leonard's, Balderstone and St Mary's, Osbaldeston came together to share the service, each church taking part in some way. This year the service was held in St Mary's, Osbaldeston, on the Friday morning, to which the Mayor of Ribble Valley Borough Council and her consort had been invited. As the service was from the Cook Islands in the South Pacific, each person was given a flower when they arrived and it had been agreed that those taking part would wear bright summer clothes so together with garlands of flowers, it was a very colourful and bright event.

The theme song was:

#### **Wonderfully Made**

I am fearfully made, and wonderfully made.

Marvellous are your works that my soul knows very well.

And I'll praise you all my days!





It was a lovely occasion, followed by refreshments in the Heatley Rooms. All in all, a good day and thanks go to everyone who made it possible. It is always so good to meet with fellow Christians from our neighbourhood churches and worship together. The theme of next year's service is "I will give you rest, come", and is being prepared by Christian women in Nigeria. The hosts will be St Mary's, Mellor.

Sheila Parker

### Mellor Mother's Union

At our MU meeting on Tuesday 10 March 2025, we were fortunate to have a visit from Roger Hussey, a safeguarding officer from Lancashire Constabulary who is dedicated to reducing fraud within the region. With the help of a trained team of officers they cover the large area of Skelmersdale to Carnforth. The cost of fraud in our area last year totalled £40 million and is the most common crime in the UK.

Explaining about fraud, Roger informed us fraudsters rely on deception of any kind to acquire funds dishonestly from a victim and suggested ways for us to protect ourselves, one way in particular being to make our password to our email different from any other we may use. A password should consist of three random words with a selection of capital letters, this is the most difficult for anyone to try to decipher or unravel. Another important reminder was that you can also use your Password Manager or browser to create unique passwords which are then saved for you. In addition, receiving a verification code, a system which banks are now adopting subsequent to you contacting them is also another excellent form of security.

He advised us of a telephone short code number, 159, designed for people to contact their bank quickly and securely if they suspect a scam or have concerns about a suspicious call. Roger suggested, as a reminder, to use the phrase "STOP - HANG UP - CALL 159". There is also a text message alert which is 7726 to alert your mobile provider if you receive a suspicious or unwanted text message which is also free.

All members were given a small bag of very handy items including a booklet with essential and useful advice, a personal alarm and a small set of bells to be clipped on to a purse which would alert us to any attempt of theft.

Thanks to Roger for all his important advice was given by Dorita and also for the bags we had received.

Frances Jackson  
Deputy Roving Reporter

### Mellor Card Ladies – Recycled Cards

This month we have given a £25 donation to East Lancs Hospice in memory of Barbara Jones, and then a further donation of £25 to the Hospice. We have also given £25 to Joanne Cleasvy who is fundraising for Brian House. Our Easter cards are still available in Church, as are our Creme Egg Chickens and Egg Baskets. Thank you as always for your support



*The Card Ladies*

### Safeguarding Officer Vacancy

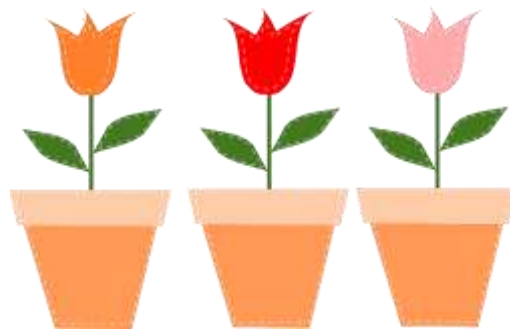
Urgent: Mellor require a new Parish Safeguarding Officer due to the retirement of our previous one. If you would like to take on this role or require more information please contact the United Benefice Administrator, the Church Wardens or Reverend Barbara. All training will be given.

Rev'd Barbara

## Plant Sale

St Mary's Mellor are having a Plant Sale to be held on church grounds on Saturday May 3rd. If any Green Fingered people would like to dig any unwanted plants from their garden or pots we would be very grateful of them. Please label them with size they will grow to and the colour, it saves being caught out on the day!

Plants can be left at the south side of church where others are there, or contact me, Joan Moss 01254 813581.



## Little Angels

We enjoyed a lovely, relaxed afternoon with our little angels and were very pleased to see that the sunflower seeds were all growing.

Our next meeting will be to celebrate 27 years of Little Angels on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April - see you all then . . .

Happy Easter Blessings to all



## Mellor Choir – With Sympathy

It is with great sadness that on Wednesday, 26th March 2025 we learned of the death of our loyal and faithful soprano Sandra Smith.

Sandra was a wonderful friend and chorister and supported all Choir and Church events. Nothing was ever too much trouble for her and she will be terribly missed by us all.

We are remembering you Mark, George and Joseph in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time. Margaret Baldwin

## St Leonard the Less Church, Samlesbury – News and Events

### Easter Coffee Morning

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our Easter Coffee Morning on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April at Samlesbury War Memorial Hall, 10.30am-12.30pm. We'll have delicious home-made biscuits, cake and book stall, Easter tombola and raffle and Children's Easter crafts. Admission is £3



# **United Benefice (Balderstone, Mellor & Samlesbury) Churchwarden's meeting**

10<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Present: Ryan Dixon, Mary Shorthouse, Sarah Lees, Lloyd Brown, John Eastham & Paul Daunton.

The meeting opened with thanks to Ryan for hosting it and with a prayer.

1. The Diocese had proposed a licensing date for the Revd Nathaniel Gilmour, which we had agreed via email would be at Balderstone church on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2025. They had proposed several times to suit the bishop's availability and after some discussion we settled on 4pm as this would then just replace the Café church service on the rota plan. Balderstone church also agreed to provide light refreshments after the service.
2. The Diocese have said that they will send some order of service templates for us to discuss with Nathaniel and it was agreed to ask him if he would like members of the congregations to do some bible readings and intercessions. The order of service will need sorting out in plenty of time to allow us to get the service sheets printed. The Diocese also said they would provide us with a list of people that we may wish to invite.
3. Lastly, we agreed to contact Nathaniel to offer him the opportunity to visit the churches and have another look around the vicarage before he moves in, with the possibility of having an informal meeting with the church wardens. We also agreed to mention that we are fully supportive of setting up a new UB leadership team as suggested by +Phillip.

The meeting closed with the Grace.

The next meeting is planned for the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 2025

UB Church Wardens

## **DIOCESE GRAVEYARD POLICY**

The Policy has been put in place in order to preserve a degree of uniformity across the Diocese and to allow Grave Yard maintenance.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Headstones must have written consent from Incumbent
2. No bulbs, shrubs, plants, trees, perennials, to be planted in Grave Plot
3. No Toys, Ornaments, Planters, Photographs or Memorabilia to be placed on Graves
4. No Kerb Stones, Railings, Plain or Coloured Chipping's, Slate, Statues, Bird Baths to be placed on Graves
5. Only one Flower Vase may be incorporated into the Head Stone.

No separate Vases are permitted

6. No Artificial Flowers Silk or Plastic. Except Remembrance Poppies/Wreaths or Easter/Christmas Wreaths. These must to be removed four weeks after respective date.

7. Wreaths must be placed on Head Stone Plinth.

If any of the above apply please remove with in one month. Anything not removed will be removed by Church Wardens and PCC and disposed of after this period.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Dated: 23/03/2025



## For with God nothing shall be impossible

### News from the Classroom....

Time flies when you are having fun and there has certainly been lots of this in Mellor since our last church magazine entry. As with all our United Benefice Schools, we are constantly trying to develop our children's cultural capital experiences and enrich our curriculum with visits, trips and events. Over the last term, we have had numerous visitors coming into school from Magistrates working with Year 6 to a drama workshop based on the Great Fire of London with all our infant children.

Back in January, Magistrate Paul Daunton visited Year 6 as part of their Crime and Punishment learning theme and explained how the magistrate and court process work in the UK. He also supported the children by hosting a mock trial based on cyberbullying, something which unfortunately is becoming more common amongst children and young people today. Hopefully, following their mock trial, some of our Year 6 children may consider a future in the judicial system at some level as some of them were definitely in the right roles.



February saw all our infant children develop their creative and expressive skills through a drama workshop inspired by the Great Fire of London. This really captured their imagination and stimulated a lot of creative writing based on different people who were present at the time e.g. Samuel Pepys, the baker, the firemen and families living near the start of the fire in Pudding Lane.



March has seen a Wonderdome appear in the school hall, to support our Key Stage 2 children learn more about space and beyond. The timing couldn't have been better with the natural planetary alignment which most children managed to experience and the return of the two astronauts from the international space



station.

Our pupil voice groups have been very active too. School Council have now held two P.A.L.S events (Pupils Against Loneliness), the first being on the same day as Storm Eowyn, which did not stop 5 local residents from joining us in school for some fun, stories and games. The second brought out a much larger crowd and thank you to all those who did come to spend the afternoon with us – even if it was just to stop the children from eating all the biscuits!!

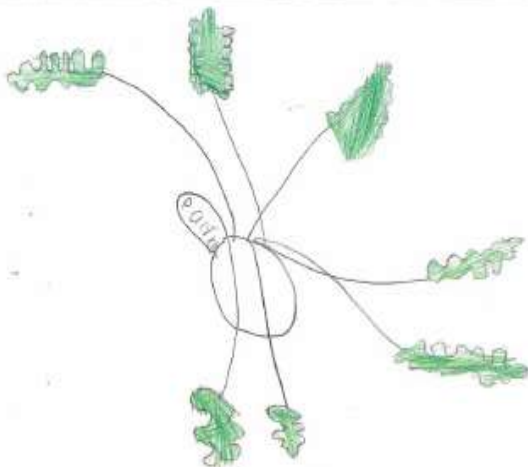


Our Eco Warriors, ably supported by Mrs Carins, have also been busy mapping our school grounds as part of a national project linked to the Nature Garden. This is a large-scale project aimed at developing children's understanding of natural spaces and what grows in different environments. They have also been busy classifying plants, planting bulbs and maintaining our gardens at the front of school as well as creating fact sheets for the indoor classroom plants which have some interesting names – Class 1's is called Patrick whilst Class 2's has been named Derek!

Each classroom in school has a named plant to look after as a group we researched top tips to look after each plant. Here are some of the Care instructions for each plant.

Patrick Blue Star Fern  
 1 Doesn't like direct sunlight  
 2 Likes humid conditions so some where mist is best  
 3 Water every few weeks but mist regularly Patrick HATES being soggy with too much water.

Each class now have the care instructions displayed in their classrooms.



Class one - Patrick  
 Class two - Derek  
 Class three - Bogwood  
 Class 4 - Oak + Holly  
 Class 5 - Ann

February 2025.

Finally, it was lovely for all the United Benefice headteachers to meet and spend some time with the Rev Nathaniel at the recent Heads and Incumbents conference led by Blackburn Diocese.

We are all very much looking forward to working with him as individual school leaders, but also as United Benefice educators and hope he feels the same way too. Exciting times are ahead, and I am sure we will have lots more to share with you once Nathaniel is inaugurated in May. However, I must say a huge thank you to Pam Daunton and Rev Jane, who have been supporting us here in Mellor in the interim period with whole school worships and curriculum support with Year 6. Thank you, thank you, thank you.



If you would like to find out what has been happening in all our United Benefice schools, then please use the links below.

Balderstone weekly newsletter <https://www.balderstoneschool.co.uk/page/?title=School+Newsletter&pid=192>

Mellor monthly newsletter <https://www.mellor.lancs.sch.uk/stream/newsletters/full/1/-//>

Samlesbury monthly newsletter <https://www.samlesburyceprimary.co.uk/parents/newsletters>

*Believing, Learning and Sharing Together  
from Mrs Embley-Peers and everyone in Mellor St Mary School.*

## United Benefic Community News and Events

### Mellor Brook Parent & Toddler Group

An opportunity has arisen to run a regular parent and toddler group at Mellor Brook Community Centre. Please contact Rachael Calvey at rachael@mellorbrook.org or telephone 07436 271153 for further details.

### Quiz Nights at Samlesbury War Memorial Hall

The next Quiz Night at Samlesbury Memorial Hall will be on Saturday 6th September at 7.30pm after the summer break.

Future dates for you to note in your diaries :-

6th September 2025, 11th October 2025, 8th November 2025, 6th December 2025, 10th January 2026, 7th February 2026, 7th March 2026



Caroline Coughlin

### MELLOR BROOK & DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE

Whalley Road, Mellor Brook, BB2 7PR.

The Community Centre is the perfect venue for a variety of events such as private functions, children's parties, conferences and meetings. It offers excellent amenities including a fully equipped kitchen, conference room set-up, Wi-Fi and IT facilities, PA system and a brand new state of the art lighting rig. With excellent transport links, it's situated in a rural, yet central, location within the heart of the Ribble Valley.

#### Hire Costs Per Hour

For one off bookings: £20 Main Hall, £15 Front Room, £15 Foyer, £15 Upstairs Room, £5 Kitchen.

Regular weekly / fortnightly bookings: commercial organisations receive a one third discount and charitable organisations receive a two thirds discount off the standard hire rate.

Regular groups and upcoming events: **Monday** – Pilates, Women's Institute Craft Sessions (last Monday of the month). **Tuesday** – Palatine Fiddlers, Cheryl's Dance Studios (term-time), Women's Institute. **Thursday** – Little Voices BDRV (term-time), Community Ukulele. **Friday** – Cheryl's Dance Studios (term-time). **Saturday** - The Zimmermen (Dylan tribute) 24th May. **Sunday** – Film Club 23rd March and 27th April, King Lear (reimagined) Spot On Rural Touring 6th April, "Things Found in Books" Boo Hewerdine & Yvonne Lyon in concert 6th July.

Please check out our website [www.mellorbrook.org](http://www.mellorbrook.org), Facebook Page

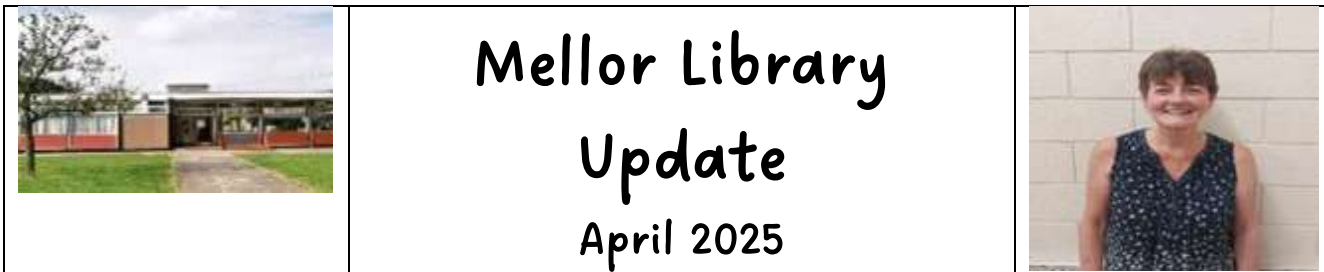
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064876410507> and X @MellorBrook for news and forthcoming events.

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Rachael Calvey



Hello again

It's lovely to see some sunshine, isn't it?

As Spring has officially "sprung", our thoughts turn to spending a little more time outside. Whether you like to wander in our beautiful countryside or stay closer to home creating paradise in your gardens, we have plenty of gardening and walking trail books on offer to help you.

Speaking of walking trails .....

Thank you to those who have encouraged your children to sign up for the Lancashire Reading Trail. We have awarded our first Bronze certificate to a young reader, so, if your child hasn't joined yet, why not give it a try?

I have maps, stickers and other goodies on offer – sometimes I also have some sweet treats available!!



### **What is the Lancashire Reading Trail?**

This is a year-round reading scheme aimed mainly at ages 5-12.

The trail now consists of 3 maps that take you around Lancashire:

The bronze trail (10 books), then silver (20 books) & finally gold (20 books)

Each time a child attends the library they will receive a sticker on their map and certificates when they complete each trail.

Children are encouraged to provide a review of the book(s) they have read. This can be verbal, written or drawn. There is a series of cards to collect with facts and missions on each one and these can also be used for games between the children who are taking part.

### **What's On in April?**

Our monthly **Lego Club** is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month. Adults and children welcome!

If anyone is interested in jigsaws, I'm hoping to set up a **Jigsaw Club** too! Just let me know if you would be interested in this.

### **Lancashire in 50 Objects**

Mellor Library has been selected to display one of Lancashire Museum's objects throughout April & May.

We have a signed print of last Tornado delivery to the RAF. It's a fabulous picture so why not come in and take a look. We do have some aviation books which you may also wish to check out.

I'm sure many of you have an association with BAe, so why not arrange to meet up with friends and current or ex-coworkers to chat about your time there.

For those too young to have yet entered the world of work, they can try their hand at making some paper aeroplanes – Tornados or otherwise! We will be offering prizes to the best creations.

### 50 Lancashire Authors

In addition, we also have a display of books written by authors with links to Lancashire so why not come in and have a look.

### Warm & Welcome Space

Hot drinks will no longer be available as we move into the summer months. However, you can still be sure of a Warm Welcome whenever you visit me! 😊

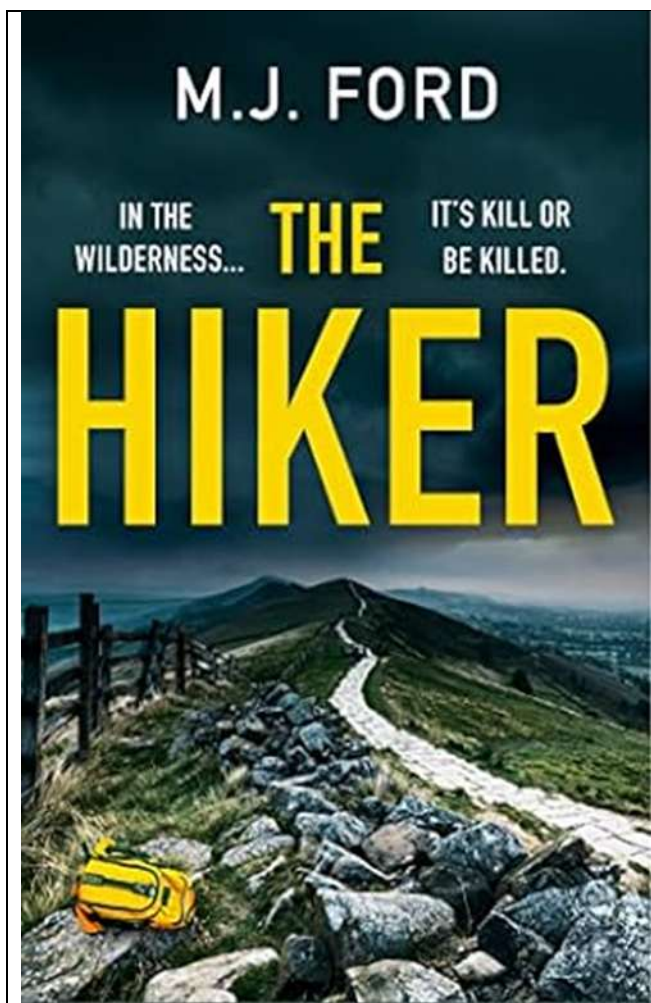
Digital Support: In addition to access to our public computer and free Wi-Fi, Richard, our volunteer Digital Champion attends the library each week to offer help & support with your digital devices. He is usually available on [Saturday mornings](#) 9.30am-10.30am

There is no requirement to book an appointment. If you wish to check that he is planning to attend on a particular day, please pop in and ask.

In addition to our public computer and the printing/copying facilities in the library, you can now print documents using wi-fi from your own device at home & simply call in to collect the printouts within 24 hours for the same cost.

We have helpful cards available for you to keep at home if this would be of use to you.

## April Book of the Month



**In the wilderness, it's kill or be killed .....**

### MISSING

When Gemma Kline is reported missing after setting off on a solo hike in the remote Pennines, her sister, Sarah, is dumbfounded, How can someone disappear without a trace?

### PRESUMED

Travelling to the isolated town where Gemma was last seen, Sarah discovers it's not the first time a young woman has vanished from the hills in mysterious circumstances. As she digs deeper, it quickly becomes apparent that neither disappearance is what it first seems – especially when unwelcoming locals share chilling tales about what's really lurking on the moors ....

### MURDERED

Whatever has happened to her sister, one thing is clear; this town has secrets someone would kill to keep. But even on the fells, nothing stays buried forever ....

Looking forward to see you all again soon. Ange x

## [Mellor Village Hall](#)

### [Regular Classes and Groups at Mellor Village Hall](#)

If you are interested in any of the following activities, please click on the link below to find out more about the regular classes and groups at Mellor Village Hall.

[Girl Guides](#) [Knit and Natter](#) [Line Dancing](#) [Singing](#) [Indoor Bowls](#) [Walking Netball](#) [Walking Football](#)  
[Dog Ways](#) [Genjitsu](#) [Badminton](#) [Mellor Tots](#) [Aerobics](#) [Gaming Night](#) [Yoga](#)  
[Ukulele Lessons](#) [Arts and Crafts](#) [Balderstone Brass Band](#) [Saturday Café](#) [Pickle Ball](#)

<https://www.mellorvillagehall.org.uk/classes-groups>

### [Samesbury Area Civic Society](#)

The Civic Society would like to confirm that the society will again in selling our home grown tomatoes from the little table next to the Memorial Hall. This year we have extended our range of tomatoes and also confirm that they will be sold at the same price as last year, ( only £1.50 per plant.) As last year all the sales of these plants will go to help us run the community garden and make the hanging baskets around the Hall. It is only with your help that we can continue to do this. Should anyone want to come and help us, please contact John Evans 07962121678 or John Greaves 07910235256, when you would be made very welcome.

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Our United Benefice

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St Leonard's Church, Balderstone

<https://www.facebook.com/balderstonestleonards>

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11534/>

St Mary's Church, Mellor

<https://www.facebook.com/mellorparishchurch>

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11535/>

<https://www.mellorparishchurch.org/>

St Leonard the Less Church, Samlesbury

<https://www.facebook.com/stleonardlessamlesbury>

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11517/>

Blackburn Cathedral

<https://blackburncathedral.com/>

Mellor Brook Community Centre

<https://mellorbrook.org/>

Mellor Village Hall

<https://www.mellorvillagehall.org.uk/>

Samlesbury War Memorial Hall

<https://www.samlesburymemorialhall.co.uk/>

Whalley Abbey

<https://www.whalleyabbey.org/>

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Bowland Vets	01254 311311
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Community Ukes	01254 813210
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Hair By Amy Campbell	07770 238258
Hatha Yoga – Live Yoga UK with Blair	07511 591880
Heritage Café at Samlesbury Hall	01254 812010
Hoghton Contractors: David Devaney	07887 843085
Hoghton Village Vet	01254 782737
Home Care Mellor	01254 689981
Homewise Society: Home Improvements Handyperson – Small Repairs	01254 232249
Hoze-It Power Cleaning Services	07841 348290
Ian Wilde Independent Funeral Directors	01772 902345
James L Knowles Electrician	01772 877469
Jane’s Hairstylist	01254 812677
Karina’s Crafty Creations	07890 789138
Kerry Woods Photography	07894 878847
Let’s Foster Carers (Mike Dixon)	07855 963740
Lilac Tree Interiors at Holland House Garden Centre	07714 794623
Mad Cow’s Catering	07837 453497
Mellor Brook & District Community Centre	07436 271153
Mellor Plant UK	01254 812937
Mellor Pharmacy	01254 812999
M J Barton Contractors	07999 711926
M W Holdsworth Builder & Property Repairer	07970 200371
My Adventure Campers	07383 449449
N & T Construction	07503 053375
North West Autocare	01772 314873
NSS News	01772 455421
Old Oak Farm Nurseries Garden Centre	01254 852065
Osbaldeston Riding Centre	01254 813159

Pennine Service Station Ltd	01254 812715
Peter Whalley Plasterer	07709 673310
Pete's Sports Massage	07584 655855
Preston Garden Services Ltd	07855 974540
Progressive Wills Ltd	07543 238543
Promedica 24 Care At Home	01254 411004
Red Rose Insurance Solutions	01254 790796
Ribble Home Surveys	07764 490589
Right At Home Carers	01254 658899
Samlesbury Secure Dog Run	07798 575750
SG Animal Feeds	01254 261866
Stevenson Memorials	01254 202019
Stones Young Estate Agents	01254 682470
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Stuart Taylor International Ground Care & Trailers	01254 813175
Taylor's Chippy	07999 192884
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The Flooring & Carpets Studio	07743 192833
The Garage at Mellor Brook (Beauty Treatments with Zara Booth)	07398 711578
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The Retro Bungalow	01254 852723
The Wilpshire Clinic	01254 246144
Tiggis Italian Restaurant	01254 769133
Wherry Gardens – Bespoke Garden Maintenance	07508 455694
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