

DIARY DATES

- Mon 1 Come for Coffee, a lovely community get together, in the Sunday School room at Wray Methodist Chapel. 10am to 12 noon. It's open to all, so please come along, a warm welcome awaits everyone.
Come for Coffee is a collection point for the Morecambe Bay Foodbank. Any suitable non perishable food you can give will be gratefully received. For more details see their website morecambebay.foodbank.org.uk
- Tues 2 Tatham Fells WI Summer Outing.
- Tues 2 7.30 p.m. Wray Community Book Club in the George & Dragon. "The Wild Places" by Robert Macfarlane asks the interesting question, are there any truly wild places in nature left in the British Isles?
- Thurs 4 10am to 11.30am Wray Toddlers. Wray Chapel Sunday School room and each following Thursday. All parents, carers and small children welcome.
- Thurs 4 and each following Thursday, Wenning Voices (Singing for Fun), 7.30 p.m. in Lower Tatham Church. Everyone welcome.
- Sat 6 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Macmillan Coffee Morning in Wray Institute. Drop in any time for a coffee and a piece of cake to support this worthy cause. Gluten free and vegan options will be available. Contact Mary Perrins 21978 for more information.
- Sat 6 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. Coffee and Craft morning at Bentham Town Hall in aid of NSPCC.

- Sat 6 Hornby District Ramblers, Chapel-le-Dale, 5 miles, meet 9.30am Hornby Car Park. Leader, Andrea Ashworth 21980.
- Fri 19 8.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Waste Paper collection at Lairgill Car Park, High Bentham in aid of NSPCC.
(Please see page 5 for an explanation as to why Friday 16th September 2016 will be the last waste paper collection in High Bentham in aid of NSPCC).
- Sat 20 Hornby District Ramblers, Elterwater, 7 miles, meet 9.30am Hornby Car Park. Leaders, Beryl Morphet 42182 and Anne Storey 41712.
- Sun 21 2.00 p.m. at the Old School, Lowgill. Tatham Fells Village Society **Treasure Hunt on Foot with Cream Tea to Follow.** £3 for adults and teenagers, £1 for children. (Cream Tea only £2). All welcome but no dogs please.
- Sat 27 **Wray Produce Show.** Please find Entry Form on back page.
- Sat 27 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. **Farmers & Artisan Market** at Bridge House Tearooms, Wray. Relax and Unwind. 015242 22496. This market will be taking place on the 4th Saturday of each month.

Advance Dates

Monday September 5th 2016. Come for Coffee. 10am to 12 noon in the Sunday School at Wray Methodist Chapel.

Saturday 10th September 2016. Tatham Church Grand Jumble Sale at Hornby Institute. Contact Linda Kirkby 21486.

Church Services in August and early September

August 7th, Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

9.00am	Holy Communion	Tatham
11.00am	Family Service	Tatham Fells
2.30pm	Evening Prayer	Wray

9.30am Morning Service – Melling, 11.00am Sung Eucharist - Leck

August 14th, Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Holy Communion	Wray
11.00am	Morning Service	Tatham
7.00pm	Evening Prayer	Tatham Fells

11.00am Sung Eucharist – Tunstall

August 21st, Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Morning Service	Wray
9.30am	Holy Communion	Tatham Fells

11.00am Holy Communion - Melling, 11.00am Morning Prayer - Leck

August 28th, Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Morning Service	Wray
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Tatham Fells
11.00am	Holy Communion	Tatham

11.00am Sung Eucharist – Leck

September 4th, Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am	Holy Communion	Tatham
11.00am	Morning Service	Tatham Fells
2.30pm	Evening Prayer	Wray

9.30am Holy Communion – Melling, 11.00am Sung Eucharist - Leck

Church Contacts: *Revd Mark Cannon, Wray Vicarage (21030)*

Readers: *Ann Dawson (62936), Peter Osborne (61029), Mary Winter (21784).*

Lune Valley Square Dance Club is recruiting new members starting with 2 free taster sessions on Mondays 19th and 26th September 2016 at the Centre@Halton, Low Road, Halton, Lancaster LA2 7NB at 7.30 p.m. For more information or directions contact Brian (01524 811444) or Sheila (01524 411439). Club website: www.oceanwavers.co.uk

Wray with Botton Parish Council

This is our second instalment looking at what the Parish Council does. Many of you will know about this already, but there may be others who don't know what they can come to us about, or what to expect if they do. So for the already clued-up people out there, please bear with us or just skip ahead!

The Parish Council has some responsibility for ensuring the general upkeep of Wray and its environment, both directly and indirectly. It funds the Parish Lengthsman who is employed by the Parish Council to look after our communal area, like the Flood Gardens, and small bits of land owned by the Parish Council. He will carry out urgent repairs on the Parish Council's behalf.

We regularly find ourselves reporting environmental problems to the public authorities, and liaising with them to find solutions. This covers emergencies like last winter's ice-sheets, accidents like the recent damage to the bridge, and long-term problems like the state of the roads into the village. So if you don't want to report such things yourself, or you don't know who is the right person to talk to, let our Parish Clerk know and we'll take it up on your behalf.

We also support bids for extra funding to help maintain the Parish, like the recent Street Pride initiative, and are currently working out the best funding options for upgrading the play-ground to deliver the design the school-children chose.

After our recent meeting with Cat Smith MP we now have another ally for this cause, and some useful new contact routes! We also have some new insight into the funding future at the County Council, and it's clear we are soon going to have to be more creative and self-sufficient than ever when it comes to environment matters.....so if you hear of any funding opportunities that might help out, please let your Parish Council know.

Every Parish Council meeting is open to all parish residents. The next meeting is on **Monday 12th September, at 7.30pm in Wray Institute**. Speak to a Parish Councillor (see the notice-board outside the shop for names), or contact the Parish Clerk if you have an urgent issue or query: wrayclerk@gmail.com; [facebook.com/wraywithbottanparish council](https://www.facebook.com/wraywithbottanparishcouncil); and wraywithbottanparishcouncil.wordpress.com (for minutes and agendas too).

N.S.P.C.C. & Bentham Womens' Social Services

The End of an Era

by Susan Adams, Chairman

In 1990 we took over a thriving enterprise originally started by the Arthritis & Rheumatism committee to oversee the collection of waste paper in Bentham. Long before the County Council's initiative to supply us with the large blue bins with their various receptacles for recycling and then the hated blue polythene bags collected every 2 weeks, you would find us parked just below the Clinic outside the then Legion Hut. (Now Sole to Soul)). We later moved to the car park on Lairgill to continue our collection after the box van was replaced by the large container.

Originally the paper merchant paid us for whatever we collected and the rewards were many. Later the County Council paid us what are called Land Fill Credits, giving us money for saving waste going into land fill. This system benefitted everyone, saving rate payers money for waste disposal whilst helping various charities throughout the county. The paper merchants now only pay if a certain weight in paper can be collected. We

do not meet this criteria and so our only income from the collection of paper comes from the County Council.

Last year we were notified by the County Council that this arrangement would change. They instigated a consultation period and asked us to fill in a questionnaire also giving us the opportunity for comments and observations regarding how changes to this system might affect us. We thought we had possibly another three years grace. However we have been informed that the present arrangement will no longer operate beyond September of this year and we will no longer receive the Land Fill Credits. So now is the time to have a summer sort out of your waste paper and cardboard so that our last two collections fill the trailer and we get the most revenue we can for August and September of this year.

Thank you to all who have supported this venture, remember we still have two months to make a difference helping the N.S.P.C.C. Please don't forget our coffee morning in the Town Hall on Saturday August 6th.

The George & Dragon, Wray

We are once again looking for staff to replace our young people who are leaving this summer to go on their travels or start new ventures. We will be needing a part-time cleaner to work mornings, Monday to Friday and staff to cover washing up and waiting on shifts at weekends and some evenings. Please contact Neil or Sue at the Pub or ring us on 015242 21403.

Wray Neighbourhood Plan

Over the past few months the Neighbourhood Planning Group have been concentrating on identifying and assessing the suitability of sites for housing development, something essential for a plan to be approved by the City Council. This is perhaps the most difficult part of the work, with different views represented within the group, but we know this is vital in developing a serious plan which is acceptable to most people in the village, and one which we can be reasonably confident will be approved

by them in the referendum at the end of the whole process. We have been guided in this by using the methodology established by the Council for the Arnside/Silverdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) – equivalent to our situation in the Forest of Bowland AONB – and by landscape character assessments carried out by external professional landscape architects appointed by the City Council.

The professional reports supported our own views that the two large sites identified previously by the City behind Home Farm Close and Wennington Road are critically important to the setting of the village within the AONB. They concluded that any limited development should be planned to mitigate the impact on the built form of the settlement. Our own assessments have also concluded that any sites with viable access within these larger areas would impinge unacceptably on the setting of the village.

Despite this, there are pockets of land which could reasonably be developed, as has happened over past decades, and we have worked hard to identify these and align their potential with appropriate, limited development as emerged from our earlier questionnaires provided to everyone in the village. Previously developed ‘brownfield’ land would be best, and while there are currently no significant areas available in the village, should Hoskins Farm be relocated, which is a possibility, then this would provide for a significant number of houses. We are also investigating the suitability of small greenfield sites around the village in conjunction with County Highways.

We have presented our preliminary assessments to the City Council, who are largely in agreement with our findings but have advised that further work is necessary in making and presenting our case. At the recent Parish Council meeting our findings were discussed and it was concluded that a more detailed review of the general strategy for development of the Village should be carried out at the next meeting in September.

The process is taking time as people fit the work into busy lives, but we

are making steady progress. Should anyone want to know more, do ask any of the present group or have a look at <https://wraywithbottonparishcouncil.wordpress.com/neighbourhood-planning-group/>

Friends of Lower Tatham Church

The July 100 Club Draw took place at the Bridge Inn on Monday 11th July.

The winners were:

1st Prize	£104	No.60	Winner lives in Wray
2nd Prize	£52	No.13	Winner lives in Wennington
3rd Prize	£26	No.70	Winner lives in Wray

We would like to thank all members for their support and if you would like to join our club please pick up a leaflet in the Post Office, Church or Phone Sue Wood on 015242 21170.

Further to my suggestion to the Wray with Botton Parish Council regarding memorial trees. Sorry to report that even if the Parish Council follow up this idea the Wray Church PCC have decided that the Church drive cannot be considered as an appropriate planting area. Still hope other sites could be found.

Bob Smith.

Thank you so much to everyone who came to our fundraiser and donated to Exodus House Orphanage. We are very touched by your generosity and managed to raise £1500! It's the best we've ever done, so thank you very much to everybody. This year the money will largely go towards school supplies and helping a few of the older boys attend university. You are all making a real difference to these children's lives.

Holy Trinity Church, Wray

We would like to thank everyone who helped and supported in any way, our coffee morning on Saturday, 9th July. We were able to send a cheque for £250 to Lancaster University Defying Dementia research programme.

Wray Sports Committee would like to thank all who were present at Sports Day whether as participants, spectators or helpers. A great day was had by all. The weather was good but quitoes on the Monday had to be abandoned in a thunderstorm. It eventually took place a week later.

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