

WRAYLY MAIL
Season's Greetings

DECEMBER 2016

DIARY DATES

- Thurs 1 10.00 am to 12 noon Wray Toddlers. Wray Chapel Sunday School room and each following Thursday. All parents, carers and small children welcome.
- Thurs 1 Joyful Noise: all pre-school children and their carers are most welcome at this monthly 'service' in Wray Church at 2pm. An hour of activities - stories, music, crafts, refreshments. For more information ring Mary Winter 21784.
- Thurs 1 "Wenning Voices" meet every Thursday at 7.30 p.m. in Lower Tatham Church. (On Thurs. 22nd December we will be singing round the Christmas tree on Wennington village green at 5.30pm - see p.4). We sing for fun and newcomers are always welcome. No auditions. We have men and women of all ages. £1 per week.
- Sat 3 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon. Christmas Coffee Morning at the Old School, Lowgill. Cakes, Crafts, Jewellery, Tombola and Raffle. Father Christmas will be coming! Proceeds to the Church of the Good Shepherd.
- Sat 3 12 noon for 12.30 p.m. Christmas Lunch in Wray Institute. Friends from the Chapel invite all those who live in Wray village who are 60 years and over. If you haven't received an invite, it's not that we have forgotten about you, but we just don't know that you are eligible. So, if this is the case, please don't be offended, and if you can come, we would love to have you with us, just contact Ethel Gorst on 015242 21406. Thanks

- Sat 3 7.30 p.m. Tatham History Society, in the Old School, Lowgill. 'Richard Wilson and John Wilson, 'Tatham in 1848: the tithe map and survey of the parish', preceded by short AGM All welcome. Light refreshments. Non-members £2. Membership details: Anne Wilson, Tel. 63399. Society website: www.tathamhistory.org.uk
- Sat 3 Drop In Christmas Party - monthly youth club for ages 9+ in the Sunday School Rooms, Wray. Fun, party games and tea will be provided. 50p entry. 7.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.
- Mon 5 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
- Mon 5 7.30 p.m. Yoga in Wray Institute. Last one before Christmas. £5 per session. Mats provided. Details Kathy Cartledge 61567
- Tues 6 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Wray Community Book Club. We will be enjoying our annual Christmas meal in the George & Dragon. A mystery book swap, perhaps a quiz and lively discussion while enjoying Neil's wonderful Christmas food. For any late bookings contact Jane & Roger.
- Thurs 8 2.00 p.m. Wray Methodist Ladies Meeting in the Sunday School room. Christmas programme with Tony & Joy Newnham followed by special Christmas tea, all ladies welcome.

- Thurs 8 Dancing in the Fells. Informal ceilidh dancing, the Old School, Lowgill, 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. Come on your own or with a partner, all dances are called so no experience needed. everyone welcome, £1.50. Anne Wilson 63399.
- Fri 9 After-School Club in Wray Church, straight after school until 4.45 p.m. Mary Winter 21784.
- Fri 9 Youth Group: This group is for 11 - 14 year olds. We meet approximately every fortnight in Wray Church from 7.30pm to 9.00 p.m. You **do not** have to be a church-goer to attend! Right now we are working on two projects, making cushions to decorate the 'young people's corner' and preparing for the craft and card-making afternoon (which we are running!) on December 10th.
Do come along and join us! Food, friendship, fun ... and the chance to do things that matter in your community.
- Sat 10 Hornby District Ramblers, Settle 5 miles. Meet 9.30am Hornby Car Park. Leader Dennis Chamberlain 015242 21436
- Sat 10 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Wray Institute, Children's Christmas Craft Day. Come along and make some Christmas cards and gifts for the people you love! Cost - £2 to cover materials (adults and pre-schoolers free). Refreshments served. **Please bring an adult with you !!**
- Sat 10 Wray Sports Dominoes and Grand Christmas Raffle in Wray Institute. Doors open at 7.00 p.m. for a 7.30 p.m. start for the dominoes, followed by refreshments and the Raffle. Entrance - adults £2, children £1.50. Raffle tickets will be on sale on the night and beforehand. 20p per ticket.
All welcome.

- Sun 11 **Music in the Fells** in association with Spot On Lancashire. **Afternoon Concert, 2.30pm. Celtic Christmas Strings** at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Tatham Fells. A festive feast of harp and guitar with Chris Newman and Maire Ni Chathasaigh. Tickets £15 Adults; £5 children; £35 family including Nibbles and Noggin, from Carole Butcher 015242 63095 or Jane Proctor 015242 62648.
- Mon 12 **7.00 p.m. Carols by Candlelight** in Wray Institute. Traditional evening of music, poetry and prose. Jacobs Join refreshments to follow. **All welcome.**
- Thurs 15 You are invited to join in with “Lancashire Sings Christmas” at 7.00 p.m. outside Wray Institute. Linking live to the broadcast on BBC Radio Lancashire for well known carols. Tea/coffee, mince pies and biscuits afterwards.
- Fri 16 7.30 p.m. Christmas Charity Evening of fun and games in Wray Institute. Supper provided. Please bring your own drink. Raffle (donations would be much appreciated).
- Thurs 22 “Wenning Voices” with their musical director, Lucy Leather, will lead the singing of Christmas Carols and Songs round the Christmas tree on Wennington village green at 5.30pm. Marquees will keep you dry and mulled wine and mince pies will keep you warm. Join us if you can.
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Advance Dates

Monday 2nd January 2017. Come for Coffee, 10am to 12 noon in the Sunday School, Wray.

Saturday 28th January 2017 - (to be confirmed). Beat those January blues with a disco party at Wray Institute. Proceeds to Wray Playground replacement project. Details to follow in January's Wrayly Mail.

Church Services in December and early January

December 4th, Second Sunday of Advent

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

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

Saturday December 10th,

from 2.00pm ‘Open House’ at St Joseph’s House,
Church Lane, Tunstall,
ending with Evening Prayer at 5.00pm

December 11th, Third Sunday of Advent

9.30am	Holy Communion	Wray
9.30am	Holy Communion	Tatham Fells
11.00am	Holy Communion	Tatham

11.00am Sung Eucharist - Tunstall

Monday December 12th

7.00pm	Carols by Candlelight	Wray Institute
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December 18th, Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion	Wray
9.30am	Morning Service	Wray
6.30pm	Carols and Traditional Readings for Christmas	Tatham Fells

4..00pm Christingle Service - Melling, 6.30pm Carol Service - Leck

Christmas Eve

5.00pm	Instant Nativity	Wray
6.30pm	Crib and Carol Service	Tatham
11.30pm	Midnight Communion	Tatham Fells

*4.00pm Crib and Carol Service – Tunstall, 11.30pm Midnight Eucharist -
Melling*

Christmas Day

9.30am Christmas Communion Wray

10.00am *Sung Eucharist – Tunstall, 11.00am Sung Eucharist - Leck*

New Year's Day

9.30am New Year Service Wray

11.00am New Year Service Tatham Fells

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

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

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

Wray with Botton Parish Council

Vacancy - There are currently vacancies on the parish council. We meet every other month in Wray Institute. If you are interested in joining the parish council please speak to the clerk or any of the current councillors, Jo Postlethwaite, Mike Briffett or James Staveley. wrayclerk@gmail.com

The parish council are looking into the idea put forward by resident Bob Smith to plant 14 trees to commemorate fallen soldiers from the parish in the World Wars. We are looking for ideas and suggestions as to where you as residents think the trees should be planted. Please forward any suggestions to the clerk at wrayclerk@gmail.com

Hornby Flower Club

Thursday 8th December in Hornby Institute, 7.30 - 9.30pm. Anne Morgan 'Presents with a Wow.' Anne is a highly skilled NAFAS regional demonstrator. Cost £4 including refreshments.

The Hornby evening singing group will meet on Tuesday 6th December from 7.00pm to 9.00pm in Hornby Institute

The Hornby afternoon singing group will meet on Tuesday 13th December from 1.30pm - 3.30pm.

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Results of the 100 Club October Draw are as follows:

1st Prize No.22 £104 - winner lives in Tatham

2nd Prize No.50 £52 - winner lives in Wennington

3rd Prize No.65 £26 - winner lives in Wennington

The next draw will take place at our Leyland Brass Band Concert on 26th November. If you would like to join please pick up a leaflet at Wray Post Office, Lower Tatham Church or phone Sue Wood on 015242 21170. Thanks to all members for your generosity, the toilet in the vestry is now complete The next phase is the "Brew Station" which will start shortly.

The Wray Institute telephone number is (015242) 22311. (Answerphone)

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The Old School, Tatham Fells. For bookings and enquiries please contact Gillian Middleton 61307. **Regular users** please make sure you book your dates ahead with Gillian to avoid any clashes.

All best wishes for a very happy Christmas and New Year to all my friends and neighbours in Wray. I will not be sending local cards but will give a donation to charity instead.

Jean Argles

I would like to wish all my Made in Wray customers Best Wishes for the Festive Season and all the very best for 2017 - Thank you for your support.

Cath x

Dawn (Irvine) would like to wish all her friends in Wray a Happy Christmas and fruitful New Year.

For Christmas 2016 I will continue to support the St John's Hospice Christmas Card appeal at the George & Dragon, so just in case you thought you might get a card!! Please have a great Christmas and Happy New Year - Take care -

Cath H x

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Letter to the good people of Wray from David Kenyon.

As you walk past Wray School you will see on the right of the front door an Historic Plaque dedicated to my great uncle, Archie Kenyon. Archie was born in Wray in 1885. He started at Wray School in 1891 aged six, leaving in 1897 at twelve years of age to work for his father as an apprentice tailor.

Wray School at this time ran evening classes in shorthand, Archie found he had a natural aptitude for this subject and at nineteen years of age, he changed from tailoring to journalism, starting at the Lancaster Guardian, then on to The Gloucestershire Echo before progressing to The Yorkshire Post where he was deputy editor and chief leader writer. In 1939 - 1946 he was President of the International Federation of Journalists, also the National Union of Journalists in 1943. This was in an age when newspapers were much more important than today. Speeches by Archie at congress were published in newspapers all over the world.

The Kenyon family and Wray School feel that the plaque to Archie Kenyon demonstrates that children from a small country school can aspire to great things.

Copy Date for the Wrayly Mail

ONLY Diary Dates (as they are free) can be emailed to:

wraylymail@woodengates.net by the 13th of each month.

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