

**DIARY DATES**

- Thurs 2 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon Wray Toddlers in Wray Chapel Sunday school room and each following Thursday. All parents, small children and carers welcome.
- Thurs 2 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 2 Wenning Voices meet every Thursday at 7.30pm in the Church of St. James the Less Tatham. We sing purely for pleasure and leave feeling as if we have been in the sunshine for a couple of hours. If you can join in "Happy Birthday" you can sing, so join us on Thursdays when time allows, sing some more and.. prepare to amaze yourself! £1 per week, includes tea and biscuits.  
Singing around the Christmas tree on Wennington Green was a delightful way to start the festivities. Thank you to so many carollers who joined us to make such a powerful sound and a really enjoyable evening and thanks to all who helped with the mulled wine and mince pies.
- Fri 3 7.30 p.m. Bentham Show Annual Quiz at Bentham Town Hall. Further details from Val Lawson 61606 or John Whitfield 07540181524.
- Sat 4 7.30 p.m. at the Old School, Lowgill, Tatham Fells Village Society, '**Local History from a Hot Air Balloon**' with Edward Huddleston. **Raffle.** £4 for adults, £2 for children, including tea/coffee and biscuits. All welcome.

- Mon 6 Yoga 7.30 p.m in Wray Institute. £5 per session. Mats  
and 27 provided. Details: Kathy Cartledge 61567.
- Mon 6 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, 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 7 6.30pm at Wray Institute: Lune Valley Housing Association  
have arranged for a speaker from Community Housing  
Development UK to give us a talk about Community Land  
Trusts, new government funding for community housing  
projects, and whether these ideas may be interesting or useful  
in this district. Come and listen to a different sort of approach.  
All welcome, and other parishes have been invited too!
- Tues 7 7.30pm Wray Community Book Club in the back room of the  
George & Dragon. The book to discuss is "Kes". (A Kestrel  
for a Knave) by Barry Hines. Made into a film by Ken Loach,  
it really was "grim up north"! Contact Jane & Roger on  
janeshimmin@hotmail.co.uk or phone 21462.
- Wed 8 Upholstery Workshop from 1.30pm to 4.30pm at Lower Tatham  
Church. Continues on Wednesday afternoon. Tools and  
equipment provided. Bring your own project. Details Sue  
Marsden 07836 500091.
- Wed 8 Annual General Meeting of the Old School Committee at  
7.30 p.m. in the Old School, Tatham Fells. Anyone wishing to  
join us will be most welcome. Contacts: Gillian Middleton  
(Chair) 015242 61307, Carole Butcher (Secretary) 015242  
63095.

- Wed 8 7.30 p.m. Wennington & District WI in Wray Institute.  
Speaker: Marie Rayner from "Sole to Soul". Visitors welcome.
- Thurs 9 **Dancing in the Fells.** Informal ceilidh dancing, the Old  
and School, Lowgill, 7.30 - 9.30pm. Come on your own or with a  
Thurs 23 partner, live music, beginners welcome, no experience needed.  
£1.50. Anne Wilson 63399.
- Fri 10 After School Club in Wray Church, straight after school until  
4.45 p.m. Mary Winter 21784.
- Sat 11 Hornby District Ramblers, Conder Green/Thurnham Hall  
Canal Walk, 5 miles. Leader Doug Leyland 22599. Meet in  
Hornby Car Park at 9.30 a.m.
- Mon 13 8.00 p.m. Lowgill Sports and Sheepdog Trials Committee  
AGM in the Old School, Lowgill. All welcome.
- Tues 14 7.30 p.m. Tatham Fells WI at the Old School, Lowgill.  
Speaker: Denise Nardone '**Dressing for Darcy**'. Competition:  
a fan. Visitors welcome.
- Wed 15 Beginners Upholstery Course from 9.30am to 12.30p.m. at  
Lower Tatham Church. Runs for 4 weeks on consecutive  
Wednesday mornings. Details Sue Marsden 07836 500091.
- Fri 17 7.45 p.m. Countryside Society AGM in Hornby Institute,  
followed by members' reports and contributions or exhibits.  
All welcome.
- Sat 18 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Book Fair, Hornby Institute. A wide  
range of second-hand, out-of-print and antiquarian books for  
sale, also classical CDs - ring Gerry Cotter (01524 752968) for  
further details.

- Mon 20 6.30 p.m. Meeting of the Wray with Botton Heritage Group in Wray Institute. All very welcome.
- Tues 21 2.00 p.m. Wray Over Sixties in Wray Institute. Mr. John Ward will give an illustrated talk on his motorbike ride across the USA. Non members are very welcome.
- Tues 21 7.30 p.m. Lune Rivers Trust at Claughton Village Hall. Understanding the River Roeburn with Rod Everett. 60 years observing the changes and effects of floods and erosion. All welcome.
- Sun 26 **Levens Choir**, 2.30pm to 4.00pm, St. James the Less Church, Lower Tatham. Relax and enjoy a winter's afternoon concert in the company of Levens Choir. From the grand cathedrals of Ely, Worcester and Salisbury to the beauty and tranquility of St. James the Less Church, Tatham, around 40 choristers will fill the Church with some of the world's greatest choral music from Giovanni Gabrielli to John Rutter. Refreshments will be served at the end of the performance. Tickets are £10 each and can be obtained from Rita Murphy on 07962 710078 or email: [friendsofstjamesthelesschurch@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstjamesthelesschurch@gmail.com) with your request for tickets. Join us if you can.

### Advance Dates

Thursday 2nd March 2017. Lent Lunch 12 noon to 1.30pm at The Old Rectory, Low Tatham (John and Phyllis Holt). All welcome. Proceeds to charity.

(This is the first lunch of the season, full details will be in the March Wrayly Mail).

Saturday 11th March 2017. Wennington & District WI are holding their their annual Cheese & Wine Evening. Proceeds to "Mind".

Upholstery Classes and Workshops in the lovely setting of Lower Tatham Church (near the Bridge Inn). Classes are on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am to 12.30pm with tuition. 4-week courses to start you off. Re-cover a chair or stool or perhaps make a footstool from scratch.

Workshops are on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30 - 4.30pm for those with some experience. All tools and equipment provided and help given. Bring your own project and enjoy yourself!

Booking essential please as numbers limited. Tel Sue Marsden on 07836 500091 or email [sue@tuffett.co.uk](mailto:sue@tuffett.co.uk)

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### **Come and try Nordic Walking: free taster sessions in Wray**

Would you like to get fitter, burn those Christmas calories off, and enjoy the outdoors? Come and try Nordic walking - a specific style of walking with poles, derived from cross country skiing.

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We will be running taster sessions in Wray and Bentham, as well as a range of classes and walks: developing your technique, improving skills and getting fitter, and exploring and enjoying the local area on our social and adventure walks. There may be the odd cup of coffee and cake involved too!

For activities, dates and further general information, take a look at our website page [www.walkwild.uk](http://www.walkwild.uk) find us on facebook: [www.facebook.com/walkwild](https://www.facebook.com/walkwild) or call me, Carol Dent, on 0771 8924817.

## **Wray Scarecrow Festival 2017 - April 22nd to May 1st**

**This year's theme is “Traditional Tales” so get your thinking caps on! Traditional or topical scarecrows are always an option if you can't think of one within the theme.**

**If you are struggling to make a scarecrow or you want to offer a helping hand with the planning or setting up please give me a call.**

**After the success and positive feedback from last year's Giant Scarecrow parade party, we will be holding this again on the evening of 28th of April, so if you are in a band and want to do your thing in front of an enthusiastic crowd please give me a call.**

**If you have any ideas bring them forward and help us implement them.**

**Thanks**

**Simon Carruthers  
Telephone 07976238802**

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### **Hornby Singers**

Tuesday evenings, 7th and 21st February from 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.  
Tuesday afternoons, 14th and 28th February from 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.  
Cost £4. For further information please call Pat on 015242 21449.

**Hornby Flower Club - Thursday 16th February at 7.30 p.m. in Hornby Institute. Cost £4, refreshments and raffle.**

We are very pleased to have as our guest presenter one of our own Club members, Rebecca Sanderson. Rebecca is a very keen flower arranger and gardener and her illustrated talk is about her 'Gardening Journey' explaining how she took a piece of neglected land and made it bloom.

Hornby Institute in partnership with Unique Homecare present a programme of six events of particular interest to the over 60's, though all are welcome.

10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. (speakers) 11.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. light refreshments and informal questions.

Thursday 2nd February - Financial Planning. Speakers - Gareth Nicholson, an independent financial advisor specialising in retirement through to care planning. Followed by Lyn Buckley from Health Advocacy specialising in funding for care.

Future dates for your diary (Topics may be subject to change)

Thursday 16th February - Lasting Power of Attorney

Thursday 2nd March - Living Wills

Thursday 16th March - Care Options (Residential and Home Care)

Thursday 30th March - Healthy Holistic Living

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## **Church Services in February and early March**

### **February 5<sup>th</sup>, Fourth Sunday before Lent**

9.00am	Holy Communion	Tatham
11.00am	Messy Church and Christingle	Tatham Fells
2.30pm	Evening Prayer	Wray

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

### **February 12<sup>th</sup>, Third Sunday before Lent**

9.30am	Holy Communion	Wray
11.00am	Morning Service	Tatham
2.15pm	Evening Prayer	Tatham Fells

*11.00am Sung Eucharist - Tunstall*

### **February 19<sup>th</sup>, Second Sunday before Lent**

8.00am	Holy Communion	Wray
9.30am	Morning Service	Wray
9.30am	Holy Communion	Tatham Fells

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

### **February 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday next before Lent**

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

*11.00am Morning Service – Tunstall*

### **March 1<sup>st</sup>, Ash Wednesday**

10.30am	Holy Communion	Tatham Fells
6.00pm	Holy Communion at St Joseph's House	Tunstall

### **March 5<sup>th</sup>, First Sunday of Lent**

9.00am	Holy Communion	Tatham
9.30am	Morning Prayer	Tatham Fells
2.30pm	Evening Prayer	Wray

*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)*

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### **Friends of Lower Tatham Church 100 Club**

The results of the 100 Club Draw for December which was drawn at the Old Rectory after the Christmas Eve Service are as follows:

1st Prize £104 No. 59 Winner lives in Wrayton

2nd Prize £52 No. 47 Winner lives in Tatham

3rd Prize £26 No. 39 Winner lives in Melling

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and thank you for your continued support. We do hope you will be among our winners in 2017.

If you would like to join our 100 Club please pick up a leaflet in Wray Post Office, the church or phone Sue Wood on 07703848430.

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*St. John's Hospice December Fund Raiser reached £1120. With thanks to everyone who donated to the Community Card, bought raffle tickets, ate mince pies at the Christmas lights switch on and who bought one of Peter Foster's wonderful prints of the Flying Scotsman.*

*The hospice has asked us to express their sincere appreciation to everyone.*

*Neil and Sue*

*The George and Dragon*

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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.

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*Anthea Ashworth and family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all neighbours and friends, including members of the Hornby Ramblers and Probus, for their kind words, support and generous donations in memory of Alan. We are so glad that so many of you were able to join us at St Margaret's Church, Hornby and later at Hornby Institute to celebrate Alan's life and support us in our loss. Special thanks to the Reverend Michael Hampson for conducting the family committal at the crematorium and the service at the Church.  
Thank you, Anthea*

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## **Copy Date for the Wrayly Mail**

**ONLY Diary Dates (as they are free) can be emailed to: [wraylymail@woodengates.net](mailto:wraylymail@woodengates.net) by the 13th of each month.**

**ALL other items are collected from the tin in Wray Post Office on the 15th of each month. Business advertisements £2 per month, announcements etc. £1. Cheques should be made payable to Wray Institute.** Please could a name and contact number accompany each item (Diary Dates can also be put in the tin if preferred).

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