

WRAYLY MAIL
Happy New Year

JANUARY 2017

DIARY DATES

- Mon 2 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
During 2016, Come for Coffee raised £351.14 for Guide Dogs UK. The charity for 2017 will be North West Blood Bikes; Emergency supplies (blood, samples, breast milk etc.) transported out of hours, by volunteers, to save lives.
- Tues 3 7.30 p.m. Wray Community Book Group meets at Jane and Roger's house, Burnside. Book to discuss. 'Crossing to Safety' by Wallace Stegner.
- Thurs 5 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon Wray Toddlers. Wray Chapel Sunday School room and each following Thursday. All parents, carers and small children welcome.
- Thurs 5 Joyful Noise: All pre-school children and their carers are most welcome at this monthly 'service' at 2pm in Wray Church. An hour of activities, music, refreshments and some welcome fellowship for the adults. For more information ring Mary Winter 21784.
- Thurs 5 Wenning Voices meet every Thursday 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. in St. James the Less Church, Lower Tatham to sing purely for fun and relaxation. Join us along with our musical director, Lucy Leather to experience the benefits singing can give. Well worth a try! £1 per week.

- Mon 9 7.30 p.m. Wray Parish Council Meeting in Wray Institute.
- Mon 9 Yoga in Wray Institute 7.30 p.m. and each following Monday. £5 per session. Mats provided. Details Kathy Cartledge 61567.
- Tues 10 7.30 p.m. Tatham Fells WI at the Old School, Lowgill.
Speaker: Jon Brook 'My life as a professional photographer'.
Competition: A photograph of a person. Visitors welcome.
- Wed 11 Upholstery Classes 9.30am to 12.30pm or 1.30pm to 4.30pm at Lower Tatham Church. 4- week courses on consecutive Wednesdays. Numbers limited so booking essential. Tel Sue Marsden on 07836 500091 for details. (See page 4.)
- Wed 11 6.30 p.m. in Wray Institute. Fourth meeting of the Wray with Botton Heritage Group. If you are interested in our heritage and the projects we are considering to preserve and celebrate it, please come along and join us!
- Thurs 12 2.00 p.m. Ladies Meeting in Wray Methodist Chapel Sunday School. Speaker: Joy Bell who will also play the keyboard and sing. The meeting will be followed with refreshments. All ladies most welcome.
- Thurs 12 Dancing in the Fells. Informal ceilidh dancing, the Old
and School, Lowgill, 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. Come on your own or
Thurs 26 with a partner, all dances are called so no experience needed. Everyone welcome, £1.50. Anne Wilson 63399.
- Fri 13 After-School Club in Wray Church, straight after school until 4.45 p.m. Mary Winter 21784.
- Sat 14 Hornby Ramblers: Kendal Town Walk, 5 miles, meet at Hornby Car Park, 9.30 a.m. Leaders Ann and Peter Shaw 22090.

- Sat 14 7.30 p.m. at the Old School, Lowgill, Tatham Fells Village Society, **'With Great Pleasure' - an evening of Poetry and Prose. Raffle.** £6 including savouries and a glass of wine. All welcome.
- Tues 17 7.30 p.m. Tatham Parish Council Meeting in the Old School, Lowgill.
- Mon 23 7.00 p.m. Wennington Parish Council Meeting in Wennington Hall School.
- Sat 28 **“Calling all adults!** Beat those January blues with an evening of great food and music at Wray Village Institute from 7.30 p.m., enjoy a supper of 2 delicious courses prepared by local chef 'Karen's Kitchen', followed by a disco guaranteed to lift your spirits. Carriages at midnight.....Dress to impress! Tickets £10. Proceeds to Wray Playground Project.”

Advance Dates

Friday 3rd February 2017. Bentham Show Annual Quiz at Bentham Town Hall 7.30pm. Further details from Val Lawson 61606 or John Whitfield 07540181524.

Monday 6th February 2017. Come for Coffee in the Methodist Chapel, Sunday School Room, Wray. 10am to 12 noon.

Wednesday 8th February 2017. 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.

Sunday 26th February 2017. Levens Choir “Music in Quiet Places” 2.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. 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 tranquility and beauty of the historic Church of St. James the Less, around 40 choristers

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The Kirkby Lonsdale Branch of the RNLI invite you to join us at our annual Sip Our Soup lunch at the Lunesdale Hall on Friday 27th January 2017 from 12 noon to 2pm.

The cost for a choice of delicious homemade soups with bread is £3 payable on the door with an additional charge of £2 for tea or coffee with homemade biscuits. There will also be a raffle and produce stall. Please do join us and bring your friends.

Upholstery classes for beginners ...

Starting on Wednesday mornings or afternoons in January at Lower Tatham Church. 4-week courses. Bring your own chair or stool to recover or make a footstool from new. Phone Sue Marsden on: 07836 500091 or email sue@tuffett.co.uk for details.

On the 8th August 2017 it will be fifty years since the Wray and district flood disaster, when fourteen houses were either destroyed or so badly damaged they had to be demolished.

The village will be holding a Commemorative Exhibition in Wray Church during the Scarecrow Festival. If you have any photographs, newspaper cuttings, documents, objects etc. that we can use for the exhibition, please contact David Kenyon on 015242 21668.

We will copy any documents and photos you may have and return the originals to you promptly.

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

Church Services in January and early February

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

January 8th, Epiphany Sunday

9.30am Messy Church and Christingle Wray

11.00am Holy Communion Tatham

2.15pm Evening Prayer Tatham Fells

11.00am Sung Eucharist - Tunstall

January 15th, Second Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion Wray

9.30am Morning Service Wray

9.30am Holy Communion Tatham Fells

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

January 22nd, Third Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am Holy Communion Wray

9.30am Morning Prayer Tatham Fells

11.00am Plough Sunday Service Tatham

11.00am Morning Service – Tunstall

January 29th, Feast of the Presentation - Candlemas

11.00am Benefice Communion Tatham Fells

5.00pm Vespers at St Joseph's House, Tunstall

February 5th, 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

Church Contacts: *Revd Mark Cannon, Wray Vicarage (21030)*
Readers: Ann Dawson (62936), Peter Osborne (61029), Mary Winter (21784)

Wray with Botton Parish Council

Have you ever considered volunteering to become a parish councillor?

The parish council plays a vital role within the parish. Councillors work towards keeping the parish an attractive place to live and can influence the future of the area.

There are currently 3 vacancies for parish councillors. Anyone over the age of 18 can apply, training and support are available.
We meet on the second Monday of every other month.

Here are a few reasons why you should give the role your consideration:

- * You would like to help keep the parish a desirable place to live.
- * You are interested in planning and development.
- * You would like a voice for the people of the parish.
- * As a resident your opinions are important.

The best way to find out about what it's like to be a parish councillor is to talk to one of the current councillors - Jo Postlethwaite, James Staveley, Mike Briffett, Tamsin Hartley or come along to a parish council meeting.

If you are interested please contact Janet (Clerk) for more information.
wrayclerk@gmail.com

Wray with Botton Parish Council

Planning

Finally (especially for those who know all about this), here is the last one in the requested short series of notes about what your Parish Council actually does. The other headings have been: Democracy and Services, Environment, and Heritage. Of course issues often fit under more than

one category, but we'll still try and use them when we tell you about what's happening from now on.

Planning comes up regularly on Parish Council agendas, at all sorts of levels. We are asked to respond to strategic Planning documents by councils and other organisations, as well as to give a view on all Parish planning permission applications. We also have a more direct role through the Neighbourhood Plan process.

In 2017 some really big consultations are due on the new Lancaster District Local Development Plan (expected to be adopted by this time next year). The January consultation version will have a 'blank' over Wray sites. This is because our own Neighbourhood Plan (also to be finalised by October 2017) will provide this detail. We still need to comment on the policies that will govern development, so if you have any views on them let us know, or send them direct to the Council.

The Neighbourhood Plan Group will be keeping you up-to-date with the count-down to the Plan production, and arranging opportunities for you to give your views on what's emerging.

Heritage

The new Heritage Group is continuing to meet. Along with others they are starting to think about what might be done next year to remember the 50th Anniversary of the Wray Flood. At our February Parish Council meeting we will start pulling everything together. If any one has any ideas about how we should celebrate this bit of our history, or what activities (fun or serious) to include, please let us know or come along and tell us about them.

Every Parish Council meeting is open to all parish residents. 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 a query: wrayclerk@gmail.com; [facebook.com/wraywithbottonparish council](https://www.facebook.com/wraywithbottonparishcouncil); and wraywithbottonparishcouncil.wordpress.com (for minutes and agendas too).

Wray Neighbourhood Plan – an update

The Steering Group – a subgroup of the Parish Council – have gradually been taking Wray Neighbourhood Plan forward over the past months as time has allowed and developments have occurred. Not everyone in the group has been able to continue – it has been a significant commitment. However, most of the key pre-writing work has been completed from finding out what local people think to developing appropriate planning policies and assessing potential development sites. There is some more of this work to be done, particularly the completion of further professional landscape assessment in the light of progress to date and formal Forest of Bowland AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) opinion on all sites and plan proposals. This has been identified as very important given the very sensitive location of Wray within the AONB. A schedule has been produced, closely linked to Parish Council meetings, identifying the final tasks to be completed in 2017. These are significant, particularly drawing together so much work into an acceptable written plan, and ensuring full consultation and amendment as appropriate.

What will be in the plan? The vision, which has been subject to much discussion both within the group and the wider community through consultation will reflect and supplement the Management Plan vision for the AONB, the Lancaster District Local Plan vision, national policy and the evidence gathered from local consultation. It will begin with the premise that Wray is a special place with a vibrant community living in harmony with unique, protected surroundings. Flowing from this, the plan will include background about our historical community and its environment, planning policies, and sites for development within the period of the plan, all informed by local and wider consultation. It is a legal document, and so the difficult task is about identifying exactly what is appropriate within that framework, with appendices ensuring that essential additional detail is captured.

Open day/village consultation in late February/early March

Immediate priorities are finalising the list of policies and bringing the supporting text to an acceptable level, a major task in itself which is

ongoing, completing the professional landscape assessment and as soon as possible in the new year – late February/early March – ensuring that everyone in the village can see and comment on the main issues, particularly the planning policies and site allocations, so that these can be amended as necessary and taken forward with confidence through its final stages, involving further professional support.

Draft plan document for formal consultation with village by the end of June By May the plan should be at a stage where Lancaster City Council can be involved in checking the draft in terms of content and basic conditions compliance, after which formal pre-submission consultation can be carried out, again with everyone in the village and other stakeholders, starting by the end of June. Both these processes will inevitably involve at least some level of revision.

Formal submission to the local authority by the end of September Allowing time for revision and final production, formal submission to Lancaster City Council should be feasible by the end of September. There is then a last round of consultation, external examination and amendment if necessary before a referendum of the entire parish.

The Steering Group would like to extend sincere thanks to everyone in the village for their involvement and patience so far, and look forward to a continuation of that support in 2017.

Wray Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, December 2016

Pilates at Wray Methodist Hall on Tuesdays - Enjoying Moving!

Tuesday 9.30am - 10.30am Beginners Course- (class full at the moment)

Tuesday 5.45 - 6.45pm - Fundamentals/Improvers (almost full)

Tuesday 7 - 8pm - Improvers/Intermediates (almost full)

* Other daytime and evening venues - Caton, Melling and Bentham

* For full details and to reserve a place call Anne 22425 or 07935803370

* email anne.pilates@yahoo.co.uk

Wray Pre-School Forest School for 2 - 5 year olds
Wray Village Institute, Main Street, Wray, LA2 8QF

Dear Village Resident,

As part of our planning for the future we are looking to make improvements to our setting within the Institute at Wray. One of the reasons for this is a requirement that from September 2017 our pre-school will be available for 30 hours a week. Due to the other demands on the building at the moment this is not possible.

The idea is that Pre-school takes over sole use of the room which at the moment houses the snooker table. The purpose of this letter is to gauge opinion on this. Our plan would see substantial improvement made to that room, including toilets for children and another access door to the outside. This would enable Pre-school to operate when there are other users in the building as per safeguarding guide lines. This would be paid for by Pre-school and not use any Institute funds.

We would welcome your views which you can either email myself on wraypre-school@hotmail.co.uk or in writing to the Institute by January 8th 2017 so we can take the findings to the Institute Committee.

Many thanks, Jan Forshaw. Manager

Friends of Lower Tatham Church

Results of the 100 Club Draw which took place on Saturday 25th November.

1st Prize No. 49 £104 - Winner lives in Wennington

2nd Prize No. 1 £52 - Winner lives in Wennington

3rd Prize No. 102 £26 - Winner lives in Tatham

The next draw will take place after the Crib and Carol Service on Christmas Eve at the Old Rectory.

If you would like to join the 100 Club please pick up a leaflet at Wray Post Office, Church or phone Sue Wood on 015242 21170.

Wray Institute News

A thankyou to those who helped to erect the Christmas Tree and to those who came to the switching on of the lights by Father Christmas at which over £60 was raised for the Hospice.

The Institute Committee would welcome some new members. If you are interested contact either Howard Seed or Judith Wrigley.

Many thanks to all who help with the distribution of the Wrayly Mail and many thanks to Jane & Tony for allowing Wray Post Office to be used as a collection point.

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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