

DIARY DATES

- Thurs 2 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Wray Toddlers. Wray Chapel Sunday School room and each following Thursday. All parents, carers and pre-school children welcome.
- Thurs 2 Joyful Noise. All pre-school children and their carers are most welcome at this monthly 'service' in Wray Church at 2pm. Activities, stories, music, crafts, refreshments and some welcome fellowship for the adults. For more information ring Mary Winter 21784.
- Sat 4 Wray Sports on the school field. 1pm Fancy Dress, 2pm Childrens Sports, 4.30pm Tea in the Institute followed by entertainment. 6pm Adult Sports (more details on p.4)
- 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, 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 6 6.30 p.m. Quoits to be held on the School Field, Wray. All welcome.
- Tues 7 7.30 p.m. Wray Book Club in the George & Dragon. The book is Tender is the Night by Scott Fitzgerald.
- Wed 8 7.30 p.m. Wennington & District WI. Barbecue with sales table at Gars End, at the kind invitation of Mrs. Brenda Mickle.

- Thurs 9 (16th and 23rd June) 7.30 p.m. Wenning Voices (Singing for Fun) in Lower Tatham Church. Everyone welcome.
- Fri 10 After-School Club in Wray Church, straight after school until 4.45 p.m. Mary Winter 21784.
- Sat 11 **Lowgill Sports & Sheepdog Trials.** Please see page 7 for further details.
- Sat 11 Hornby District Ramblers. Kentmere (5 miles). Meet at 9.30 am in Hornby Car Park. Leader Dennis Chamberlain 21436.
- Sun 12 ***The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration.*** Friends of Lower Tatham Church invite you to a garden party to be held in the grounds of Wennington Hall School from 1 to 5pm. BBQ with salads, delicious puddings, birthday cake, Silver Bell Band and Alley the Clown, Bar. Tickets £15 which includes first drink, children under 12 free and free car parking. Phone Sue Wood 015242 21170 or Rita Murphy 07962 710078 email friendsofstjamesthelesschurch@gmail.com
- Tues 14 7.30 p.m. Tatham Fells WI at the Old School, Lowgill. Speaker James Houghton - Lancaster Castle. Competition: A Rose. Visitors welcome.
- Thurs 16 Hornby District Ramblers evening walk. Wennington. 5 miles meet 6.30 p.m. Hornby Car Park or 6.40 p.m. Wennington. Leader Jenny Herd 015242 21690.
- Fri 17 8.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Waste Paper Collection at Lairgill Car Park in aid of NSPCC.

- Sat 18 10am to 5pm is Helping Hands/Starlight Healthy Living Zimbabwe, Strawberry fundraiser, at 2 Roeburn terrace (Old Mill) Wray. Cake, produce and bric a brac stalls. Come and enjoy strawberries with your friends down by the river side. Soup and sandwiches also served from 12 - 3pm. Walkers and cyclists welcome. Entrance by donation includes refreshments.
- Sun 19 Summer fundraiser in aid of Exodus House Orphanage. 1.30pm to 5.30pm. Special Father's day theme! Please come to Hind Lea, Millhouses LA2 8NE for live music in a riverside garden, children's activities, bring and buy, cakes, plants and jewellery for sale, as well as an abundance of home-made refreshments. Entry is by donation.
Thank you so much to everyone who has come or contributed in the past. You have all made a real difference to these children's lives. For details or if you would like to do a musical performance, please contact Hannah Burch at hannahburch@hotmail.co.uk or 015242 21784.
- Tues 21 2.00 p.m. Wray Over Sixties in Wray Institute. Pat Ascroft will give an illustrated talk on her travels in China. Visitors welcome.
- Sat 25 Hornby District Ramblers. Grassington, 8 miles. Meet 9.30am in Hornby Car Park. Leader Doug Leyland 01729 822 599.
- Sun 26 Clearbeck Garden Tatham open for the National Garden Scheme. 11am to 5pm. Admission £4, children free. Quiz available. Plant Stall. Light refreshments available. The garden is signed from Wray and Low Bentham.

Advance Dates

Tatham History Society summer outings: 2nd July 2016 - Robert Hall, 9th July 2016, Wennington Hall. Further details in July's Wrayly Mail.

Monday 4th July 2016. Come for Coffee. 10am to 12 noon in the Sunday School room Wray Methodist Chapel.

Saturday 9th July 2016. St. James the Less Church, Tatham invite you to a Summer Evening of Jazz & Fizz with the High Society Jazz Band at 6pm to be held at Station Farm, Wennington by kind permission of Willis & Jackie Harrison. Tickets £15 (to include summer supper and glass of fizz) available from Phyllis Holt Tel: 21443 or Linda Kirkby Tel: 21486 (email: lindakirkby@aol.com)

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

Wray Sports Day - Saturday 4th June 2016

Wray with Botton Sports Committee would like to invite you to the village Sports Day on Saturday 4th June on the School field.

We would like to invite ALL children (up to the age of 14) who live in the Parish of Wray with Botton, the Parish of Roeburndale, attend or attended Wray School from other parishes and children whose parents attended Wray School.

The afternoon starts at 1pm with the judging of the children's and adults fancy dress competition. For the children the categories are comic, original and pretty with classes for under 3, up to 11-14 years. There is only one class for adults. If wet, the judging will take place in the Village Institute.

The Children's sports starts at 2pm with races including the egg & spoon race, bicycle race, tug o war and one mile. After the excitement of the races, children's entertainment and tea is provided in the Institute for the children.

The Adults Sports starts at 6pm (children who attend secondary school can

join in the races too and all children can join in the Fell Race). Races include Musical Tyres, Shoe and Slipper Race and Egg Throwing. Prizes are given for all the races.

This is a fantastic afternoon and evening that has been part of Wray Village tradition for many years. It is funded by fund raising events throughout the year and the Committee would like to thank you for supporting this community event.

We would especially like to say THANK YOU to EVERYONE who ran and helped with the Fell Race on May 2nd. The money raised will help to fund the sports day.

We look forward to seeing you on June 4th.

Pilates at Wray Methodist Hall

Tuesday 5.45 - 6.45pm - Fundamentals/Improvers

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* For more details and to reserve a place call Anne 22425 or 07935803370 email anne.pilates@yahoo.co.uk

Wanting to start Pilates? 4 weeks Beginners Course at Sole to Soul, Bentham Starts June 8th, 2 - 3pm, £30.

The Woodland Trust are currently running a scheme to plant trees to commemorate soldiers who fell in the two World Wars. The plan is to plant a tree for each soldier killed.

I have suggested to Wray Parish Council that they could please consider joining this scheme to remember Wray's fallen. 14 trees would be required and could possibly be planted 7 each side of the Church path, with a name plaque on each one, obviously with permission from the PCC.

Bob Smith

Church Services in June and early July

June 5th, Second 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 Morning Prayer - Leck

June 12th, Third Sunday after Trinity

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

11.00am Morning Service – Tunstall

June 19th, Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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

11.00am Holy Communion - Melling, 11.00am Sung Eucharist – Tunstall

June 26th, Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Morning Prayer	Tatham Fells
9.30am	‘Messy Church’	Wray
11.00am	Holy Communion	Tatham

11.00am Sung Eucharist - Leck

July 3rd, Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am	Holy Communion	Tatham
2.30pm	Evening Prayer	Wray
6.00pm	Garden Service at Clearbeck House, Higher Tatham	

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

Church Contacts: Revd Mark Cannon, Wray Vicarage (20130). Readers: Ann Dawson (62936), Peter Osborne (61029), Mary Winter (21784)

Lowgill Sports & Sheepdog Trials - Saturday 11th June 2016
New Barn Pasture, Lowgill (opposite Tatham Fells CE Primary School)

8.30 a.m. Sheepdog Trials at Summersgill Farm

3.00 p.m. Open Fancy Dress

3.45 p.m. Open Children's Sports

6.00 p.m. Open Adult Sports - Fell Races (Adult & Under 17's), Egg Throwing, Welly Throwing and Quoits competitions. Pillow Fight, Novelty Races.

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Hornby Singing Group

The first meeting of Come and Sing was a great success. We had 24 people there and a number who could not make that date but want to be informed of future plans.

Our musical director Dan Adams was very encouraging but also gently challenging. For the most part we sang in unison but had a go at singing three part harmonies!!! Some of the songs he chose for us to sing were familiar but others not. If there is enough interest we would start an evening group as well. For further information call Pat on 21449.

Friends of Lower Tatham Church 100 Club

The May draw was held at our AGM on Monday 9th May. For the first time we have reached our goal of £100 1st Prize.

1st Prize	No.96	£100	Winner lives in Preston
2nd Prize	No.28	£50	Winner lives in Tatham
3rd Prize	No.74	£25	Winner lives in Wray

Since the draw we are now 103 members and rising, the more members we have the higher the prize money. If you would like to join us for only £5 per month, please pick up a leaflet from Wray Post Office, Church or phone Sue Wood on 015242 21170. The leaflet can also be downloaded from the Church website www.lowertathamchurch.co.uk

If you are looking for a babysitter until July please contact me hannah.burch@hotmail.co.uk or on 015242 21784

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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Background to the history of Wray

At the exhibition of Wray's old trades and industries, held in Church during Wray Fair, many village residents took the opportunity to learn more about the extraordinary history of our village. But such was the wealth of information curated by David Kenyon supported by church wardens Ann Anderson and Judith Wrigley, that looking at and reading everything on show proved to be particularly demanding of visitors' time. I therefore thought it worthwhile to reproduce here in our village magazine the short piece of text that served to introduce the exhibition, and which puts into context and on the record what a precious and fascinating inheritance we share in when we choose to come and live in, or are born in, this glorious spot.

Lunesdale was in the borderlands between the Celtic tribes the Brigantes in Lancashire and Yorkshire and the Corvetii in modern Cumbria. And there is also much evidence of Roman occupation in the area. But because of its name - from *vra*, an Old Norse word describing a secluded corner (that is to say an area off the main valley) it is probable that land at the confluence of the Roeburn and the Hindburn was first settled by the Vikings in the ninth century. There is no mention of Wray in the Domesday Book but in the 12th Century Wra, as it was then called, was laid out by the lord of the manor at Hornby as a 'model' agricultural village with farmsteads built at intervals along Main Street.

For centuries nothing remarkable seems to have happened except perhaps in 1684 when a local lad who had become a distinguished soldier in Cromwell's army built and endowed the free school. The growth of the village into a vigorous base for trades and industries was very much a 19th Century phenomenon.

And phenomenal it was! At a time when it was usual for villages to have a high degree of self-sufficiency Wray went a good deal further, becoming a mini-industrial centre for the Lunesdale area. In the 100 years between the Battle of Waterloo and the First World War the village was a noisy and probably a fairly dirty home to a multitude of trades and occupations. Some of these like the mill arrived and then died because of industrial recession. Few of the small water powered mills hidden in the valleys beneath the moors of the north of England could have risen and fallen as regularly as the one here in Wray. Under more than a dozen owners it, from time to time, processed wool, cotton, silk, flax and wood (for bobbins).

Mining coal from the thin seams when carboniferous limestone gives way to shales on the flanks of the moors, had been done for centuries by digging shallow bell pits. But in the 19th Century vertical shafts and horizontal adits were also driven into the hillside in more than fifty places within five miles of the village, drawing to work children and men from the village and surrounding farms. But this activity died as cheap 'railway coal' from the big south Lancashire pits began to arrive in the second half of the century.

The trade of hat making was sufficiently successful that it migrated to larger towns such as Stockport where manufacturers like Christies could run larger businesses on a more economic scale. Others like nail manufacture were displaced by the new technologies of mass production which located themselves close to large markets.

The trades based on local wood and stone fared a bit better. All of Wray's many houses with walls of stone and flagged roofs were, from the Middle Ages through to the 20th Century, built from locally quarried and cut materials. Wood was not only used for construction. It was the raw material for the relatively long lived trades of clog making and the manufacture of swill baskets. Many thousands of both were produced as essential items of domestic and industrial life well into the 20th Century.

Of course the village had many other trades and occupations during much of the hundred year period. Photographs or other documents record a tailor and draper, a dressmaker, butcher, baker, barber, wheelwright, carriers, nine ale houses and a temperance hotel, at least two shops and a post office, four places of worship, (the established church, two types of Methodist chapel and the Quakers), a policeman with a lock-up under the stairs in his house, a stone breaker and road man, and a blacksmith. In addition the parish had in 1913 over thirty farms. Not a few women would be 'in service' at the better-off farms and households.

An extraordinary feature of village life in Wray is its huge photographic legacy. There can be few small villages in Britain, perhaps none, where the practice of photography was so widespread over such a long period. Hundreds of photographs, from the dawn of the science in the 1840s up to the middle of the century that followed, provide what may be an unequalled pictorial record. For example, the church possesses a photograph (see the north wall near the font) of every vicar from the first one in 1840. But there are also many views of the village itself, and of the individuals who lived in it. Much of this massive archive is captured in David Kenyon's recently published book - Wray and District Remembered.

The theme of our exhibition - Wray's trades and industries, is the testament to how its people, our forebears, made their livings through their fortitude and ingenuity driven also, of course, by conscience and necessity'.

Thanks go to all those who lent material for the exhibition, and to everyone who helped or donated. Donations left on the plate amounted to £684.

JCR

Hornby Fire Station News. We have had a couple of busy months since the last newsletter. A camper van on fire (no one was hurt), A large incident in Lancaster when a sauna was on fire. A chimney fire, please take the opportunity to have your chimney swept in the summer. On bank holiday we went to Wray Fair. We were able to speak to members of the public and show children around the fire engine as well as try to persuade people to join us as retained fire fighters in Hornby. It was great to speak to so many visitors and be useful filling the Young Farmers ducking pool, rather than us getting wet on such a cold day!

We now have our own Twitter account @Hornby Fire.

I would like to remind everyone about the risk of grass fire. We have been busy dealing with large moorland fires in the East of the county.

If you or anyone you know may be interested in joining us at Hornby and live or work within 5 minutes of the fire station why not come along and see us, we are at the station every Tuesday evening from 7-9pm training, or feel free to call me Paul Williams, Watch Manager on 07976748708.

Copy Date for the Wrayly Mail

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

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