

DIARY DATES

- Wed 1 Upholstery Class in the morning or afternoon at Lower Tatham Church. Continues every Wednesday. Tuition, tools and equipment provided. Details Sue Marsden 07836 500091.
- 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 Lent Lunch 12 to 1.30pm at The Old Rectory, Low Tatham (John and Phyllis Holt). All welcome for soup, cheese and fellowship. Proceeds to charity. See notice on page 3.
- 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 fun. Do come and join us if you can. £1 per week, includes tea and biscuits.
- Fri 3 **2.00pm at St. John's Church, Tunstall. Women's World Day of Prayer Service** on the theme 'Am I being unfair to you' with material prepared by the women of the Philippines. Everyone is welcome - men, women and young people.
- 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

- Mon 6 7.30pm Meeting in Wray Institute about the New Playground for Wray. Come and join us. Please see further details on page 14.
- Mon 6 Yoga, and every Monday except 13th in Wray Institute at 7.30 p.m. £5 per session. Mats provided. Details Kathy Cartledge 61567.
- Tues 7 7.30 p.m. Wray Community Book Club meet in the George & Dragon. We will be talking about “Monsignor Quixote” by Graham Greene.
- Wed 8 7.30 p.m. Wennington & District WI in Wray Institute. “Voyage to St. Kilda” Richard Goodson. Visitors welcome.
- Thurs 9 Lent Lunch 12 to 1.30pm at Fourstones, nr. High Bentham (Carol Thurnham). All welcome for soup, cheese and fellowship. Proceeds to charity.
- Thurs 9 2.00pm Wray Methodist Ladies Anniversary Meeting in the Sunday School room. Pauline Wright will speak and sing, followed by afternoon tea, all ladies welcome.
- Thurs 9 Dancing in the Fells. Informal ceilidh dancing, the Old School, and Lowgill, 7.30 - 9.30pm. Come on your own or with a partner, Thurs 23 all dances are called so no experience needed. Everyone welcome, £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 Wennington & District WI, **Cheese & Wine Evening** in Wray Institute at 7.30pm. Raffle. Quiz. Ticket - £7.50 (includes a glass of wine)from: Fran Hartnup 21465.
The proceeds this year will go to MIND

- Sat 11 Tatham History Society group visit to Lancashire Archives, Preston to view maps, property details (deeds, sales). wills, school, parish, church and chapel records, roads and bridges, crime etc. etc. relating to Tatham and district. Meet Bentham station 9.25 or Wennington 9.30 for train travel; return from Preston 12.58 or 15.58, or arrange car share. Five minute walk from Preston station to archives. Please contact Mike Winstanley to book a place and for further details, travel arrangements etc. by **Wednesday 8th March, tel. 21277.**
- Sat 11 Hornby Ramblers. Orton area. Meet at Hornby car park at 9.30 a.m. Leader Ken Sedgwick 01524 770086.
- Sat 11 7.30pm at the Old School, Lowgill, Tatham Fells Village Society, **Quiz Night.** £6 including a light supper (bring your own drinks if you wish). **Raffle.** All welcome.
- Tues 14 7.30pm Tatham Fells WI at the Old School, Lowgill. Speaker: Margaret Watkins 'Aunt Edna's Hats' Competition: a hat pin. Visitors welcome.
- Thurs 16 Lent Lunch 12 to 1.30pm at Laith House, Tatham Green (Martin and Althea Gillibrand). All welcome for soup, cheese and fellowship. Proceeds to charity.
- Fri 17 7.45pm Countryside Society in Hornby Institute. John Martin will give an illustrated talk on "Pine Martens".
- Mon 20 6.30 Meeting of the Wray with Botton Heritage Group. All very welcome. Please see last page for further details.
- Tues 21 2.00pm Wray Over Sixties in Wray Institute. A talk by a representative from Bowland Pennine Mountain Rescue Team. Non-members welcome.
- Thurs 23 Lent Lunch 12 to 1.30pm at Brackenbottom Barn, Lowgill (Margaret Baker). All welcome for soup, cheese and fellowship. Proceeds to charity.

- Sat 25 **Wray Neighbourhood Plan - drop-in, 10am - 1pm in Wray Institute.** See page 5. for further details.
- Sat 25 Hornby Ramblers, Grange/Hampsfell. Meet in Hornby car park at 9.30am. Leader Peter Edge 22176.
- Mon 27 7.30pm Ewecross Historical Society, High Bentham Methodist Church. David Johnson, 'Droving the Whys and Wherefores of a long-distance trade'. All welcome. Non-members £3/ Light refreshments.
- Thurs 30 Lent Lunch 12 to 1.30pm at Hawthorns, Lowgill (Liesel Fox). All welcome for soup, cheese and fellowship. Proceeds to charity.

Advance Dates

Saturday 1st April 2017. Wray Sports Dominoes, Wray Institute, 7pm for prompt 7.30pm start. Adults £2, Children £1.50. Raffle and refreshments. All welcome.

Monday April 3rd 2017. Come for Coffee. 10am - 12 noon in the Sunday School, Wray.

Thursday 6th April 2017. Lent Lunch 12 to 1.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Wray. (Churchwardens Ann Anderson and Judith Wrigley). All welcome for soup, cheese and fellowship. Proceeds to charity.

LENT LUNCHESES this year will be held on Thursdays (as usual) from 12 noon to 1.30pm on the following dates:

- March 2 The Old Rectory, Low Tatham (John and Phyllis Holt)
 9 Fourstones, nr. High Bentham (Carol Thurnham)
 16 Laith House, Tatham Green (Martin and Althea Gillibrand)
 23 Brackenbottom Barn, Lowgill (Margaret Baker)
 30 Hawthorns, Lowgill (Liesel Fox)

April 6 Holy Trinity Church, Wray (Congregation)

All welcome. Please join us for soup, cheese and fellowship. Proceeds to charities.

Contact Liesel Fox on 62486 for enquiries or further information.
(Perhaps you might like to host a lunch next year?)

Wray Neighbourhood Plan - drop-in on Saturday 25th March in the Institute, 10am - 1pm

We're making good progress! We've got to the point where we want to show you where we have got and get your views, especially on the planning policies and site allocations. We would like to invite you to drop by for an open day/village consultation on Saturday 25th March in Wray Institute, 10am - 1pm. Even if you can only spare a few minutes, please come. It is very important for the success of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Can't attend or want to look online instead? Draft documents will also be available to view on the Parish Council website (click on the Neighbourhood Planning Group tab):

<https://wraywithbottanparishcouncil.wordpress.com/>

Comments can be emailed to: wraynp@gmail.com

You could also email your comments after attending the drop-in if you prefer.

You might also be interested in attending one of the public drop-ins for the Local Plan for Lancaster District consultation which is ongoing. There is one on Tuesday 7th March in Hornby Institute, 4pm - 7pm (or see www.lancaster.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/planning-policy-consultations).

A reminder about our Neighbourhood Plan. A sub-group of the Parish Council have been taking the plan forward, including finding out what local people think, developing appropriate planning policies, assessing potential development sites and completing further professional landscape

assessment. Significant work has also now been completed on writing this up. We intend to have a draft plan document for formal consultation with the village by the end of June, with formal submission to the local authority by the end of September. There is then a last round of consultation, external examination and amendment before a referendum of the entire parish.

As ever the Steering Group would like to thank everyone for their involvement, and look forward to seeing you on the 25th March.

Wray Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, February 2017

Upholstery Classes and Workshops in the lovely setting of Lower Tatham Church (near the Bridge Inn). Classes are every Wednesday either from 9.30am to 12.30pm or 1.30pm to 4.30pm with tuition. Beginners 4-week courses to start you off. Re-cover a chair or stool or perhaps make a footstool from scratch.

Booking essential please as numbers limited. Tel Sue Marsden on 07836 500091 or email sue@tuffett.co.uk

Pilates at Wray Methodist Hall on Tuesdays - Enjoy Moving!

9.30 - 10.30am - Beginners/Basics - almost full

5.45 - 6.45pm - Improvers/Intermediates - almost full

7 - 8pm - Improvers/Intermediates - almost full

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

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

* email anne.pilates@yahoo.co.uk

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Would you like to get fitter 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 find us on facebook: www.facebook.com/walkwild or call me, Carol Dent, on 0771 8924817.

Church Services in March

Friday March 3rd

2.00pm Women's World Day of Prayer Tunstall
ecumenical service – all welcome.

March 5th, 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

March 12th, Second Sunday of Lent

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

11.00am Sung Eucharist - Tunstall

March 19th, Third Sunday of Lent

9.30am Morning Service Wray
9.30am Holy Communion Tatham Fells

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

March 26th, Mothering Sunday

9.30am	‘Messy Church’	Wray
11.00am	Mothering Sunday Service	Tatham Fells
11.00am	Holy Communion	Tatham

9.30am Mothering Sunday Service -Melling,

11.00am Sung Eucharist –Tunstall

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

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

Senior Moments - Hornby Institute - 10.30am to 11.30am

Thursday 2nd March 2017. Residential and Home Care. Unique Home Care and Hillcroft Nursing Homes.

Thursday 16th March 2017. Supported Housing and Retirement Villages. Carole Gardner, Anchor Housing Trust.

Thursday 30th March 2017. Healthy and Holistic Living for Seniors. Helen Scott, Clinical Service Manager. Dr. James Harper, Clinical Director Older Adult Mental Health Lancashire Care NHS Trust.

Hornby Flower Club

Thursday 16th March at 7.30pm in Hornby Institute. Sara Barrow will be our guest demonstrator. Sara is a former winner of one of the most coveted prizes for floral design...she is a Chelsea gold medallist. Her theme is Spring. Cost for the evening £4.

Hornby Singing Group

The evening group meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7pm to 9pm and the afternoon group on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays 1.30pm to 3.30pm
Cost £4 per session including refreshments. For more information call Pat on 015242 21449.

Annie and Eleanor Denby would like to say a huge thank you to all those who supported Annie's fundraising Social Evening at Wray Chapel in February. A great time was had by all and a total of £346 was raised for Capernwray Scholarship Fund.

Friends of Lower Tatham Church 100 Club

Results of the January draw which took place at the Plough Sunday Service on Sunday 22nd January.

1st Prize No.57 £103 - Winner lives in Hornby

2nd Prize No.53 £51.50 - Winner lives in Hornby

3rd Prize No.17 £25.75 - Winner lives in Tatham

The next draw will take place at our Levens Choir Concert on Sunday 26th February. Work has now started on the Brew Station at the Church and we would like to thank you all for your support which has made this possible. If you would like to join our 100 Club please pick up a leaflet at Wray Post Office, Church or phone Sue Wood on 07708484830.

Bentham Show Quiz

Thankyou to the 31 teams who attended our 18th annual quiz night in February at Bentham Town Hall.

After 10 rounds of questions set by Quiz master John Whitfield. The winners were as follows:

1st with 88 points were E. Huddleston, D. Blacow, J. Proctor & D. Lawson.

2nd with 82 points were B, R. & J. Wills & D. Faraday.

3rd= with 81 points M. & E. Casson, J. Lee & M. Beckett.

& D. Ibbestson, S. Harrison, J. Taylor & M. Knowles.

The amount raised was £550. Look forward to seeing you all at next year's quiz.

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

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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A NEW PLAYGROUND FOR WRAY! £1k down, £42k to go

Come and join the fundraising team on Monday 6th March, 7.30pm to 8.30pm in Wray Institute.

We need people to:

- * **Help apply for grants.**
- * **Write to local companies/retailers for sponsorship.**
- * **Find volunteers to remove the existing equipment.**
- * **Bring more ideas for community money-making events.**

The more people join in, the less work it is for everyone. Let's make this dream a reality for our children!

email: wrayplay@gmail.com

Thanks in advance, Jo Postlethwaite (Wray with Botton Parish Council)

Meeting of Wray with Botton Heritage Group - Monday 20th March 2017 at 6.30 p.m. in Wray Institute. All very welcome!

Non-designated Heritage Assets

Wray village is unusual in that most of it is covered by a single Conservation Area. There are also many older farms and farm buildings in the rest of the Parish that are listed. Sometimes buildings of importance are also found on the Heritage at Risk register, monuments of all sizes can be scheduled, while parks and even gardens can be registered - all in the name of protecting our joint history so that it can be enjoyed in the future.

You can search for these on the Historic England website, and as you can imagine getting on any of these official lists involves a lot of process! However a few years ago it was recognised that this sort of approach, important as it is, misses out a major 'slice' of our heritage. This is what is known as non-designated heritage assets. A really clunky and awkward name for something simple - that is the things a community cares about and values, that are not on a national organisation's radar or listings.

An 'asset' is most commonly a building that is interesting or loved (like for example a school), but it can be all sorts of things - including for example street furniture (like the Jubilee lamp) or a view that is important (like looking out from or back into our Conservation Area, to show its setting). It is considered best practice for each Council to encourage communities to identify their local assets (you can see Lancaster City Council's guidance on their website).

The Wray Heritage Group want to find out more about what you care about, so it can be built into forward thinking and the Neighbourhood Plan. But we don't want this to be boring, and we do really want to know the views of residents of all ages. So the school children have agreed to help out with this and take the lead..... more information coming to you from them soon! It would be wonderful if you could take part and help them with this project, and meanwhile if you have any questions please

email the Parish Clerk (wrayclerk@gmail.com) and she will pass them on to the Heritage Group. Many thanks.

Archery Taster Day - Sunday 2nd April 2017

Calling all budding Robin Hoods and Katniss Everdeens. If you have ever fancied trying your skills with a bow and arrow, now is your chance! Lonsdale Archers, a recently formed club based in Burton-in-Lonsdale, will be holding taster sessions at Burton Recreation Ground from 10am to 1pm on Sunday 2nd April. Open to all ages from 9+, a one hour introductory session will cost £12.

For bookings and further details contact Mark Christie on 015242 64879 or email: markchristie101@outlook.com

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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.

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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<http://www.wrayvillage.co.uk>

