

DIARY DATES

- Mon 2 **Come for Coffee**, is a lovely community get together in the Sunday School room at Wray Chapel, from 10am to 12 noon. Come along and enjoy coffee and some good company, a warm welcome awaits everyone, we'd love to see your there. Come for Coffee is a collection point for the Morecambe Bay Foodbank, any suitable non-perishable food you can give will be gratefully received. Next Come for Coffee – Monday 2nd March.
- Mon 2 and on following Mondays, Yoga in Wray Institute at 7.30pm £5 per session, mats provided. Details Kathy Cartledge 015242 61567.
- Tues 3 and every Tuesday, Joyful Noise in Wray Church 8.50am to 10am All parents and carers are most welcome to come along to this weekly drop-in. Coffee, chat, crafts and a warm welcome. Newborns to pre-schoolers welcome! For more information ring Mary Winter 21784.
- Tues 3 and each following Tuesday. 11am Wennington & District WI Coffee and Chat at Wray Tearooms. Non-members very welcome.
- Tues 3 Wray Community Bookgroup, 7.30pm in the George & Dragon. This time it's a thriller by David Baldacci "The Last Mile".
- Thurs 5 Wenning Voices meet every Thursday 7.30pm to 9.30pm at St James the Less Church, Tatham. Whether you think you can sing or not doesn't matter, just come along when you can. £2 per week, includes tea/coffee, biscuits and a chat.
- Thurs 5 Lent Lunch, 12noon to 1.30pm at The Old Rectory, Low Tatham (Phyllis and John Holt). All welcome for soup, cheese and fellowship. Proceeds to charity.

- Fri 6 9.30am - 12 noon, Wray Toddlers in Wray Chapel Sunday School room and each following Friday. All parents, carers and small children welcome.
- Sat 7 **9am to 1pm CRAB Market – Table Top Sale Extraordinaire - in Wray Institute.** The last of this series of Craft, Refreshments, Antiques & Bric-a-Brac (Car Booty) Sales. Come for coffee and a natter and sample the excellent Bacon Butties.
Thank you to all who have supported us this winter to raise funds for local charities.
- Sat 7 Hornby District Ramblers, Otterburn or Hellifield, 5 miles. Meet in Hornby Car Park at 9.30am. Leader Jenny Herd 21690.
- Sat 7 **WrayFlix presents – Le Mans 66** – starring Matt Damon and Christian Bale. **7.30pm in Wray Institute. Admission is free.** Light refreshments (coffee, tea, pop, ice cream & chocolate) available. We have no alcohol license, so feel free to bring your own (glasses available).
- Mon 9 Youth Group (11 – 15yr olds) in Wray Church, 7 – 8pm and on 23rd March. Discussion, games and food. Bring a friend. Mary Winter 21784.
- Tues 10 7.30pm at the Old School, Lowgill, Tatham Fells WI. Speaker Richard Gargini '**UK Terrorism: The case for early intervention**'. Competition: Four biscuits. Visitors welcome.
- Wed 11 7.30pm Wennington & District WI. Joint meeting with Tunstall WI at Tunstall Village Hall.
- Thurs 12 Lent Lunch 12 noon to 1.30pm at Brackenbottom Barn, Lowgill (Margaret Baker). All welcome for soup, cheese and fellowship. Proceeds to charity.
- Thurs 12 2pm Wray Chapel Ladies Meeting. Calder Vale Ladies. Refreshments to follow. All ladies welcome.

- Fri 13 **'Stitch and Chatter'** 10am to 12noon at St. James the Less Church, Lower Tatham. Please see further details on p.4.
- Fri 13 **Movies in the Pews**, 7.30pm in St James the Less Church, Lower Tatham. For further information please contact Sue or Helen by email on moviesinthepews@gmail.com
- Sat 14 Wennington & District WI **Cheese and Wine Evening** at 7.30pm in Wray Institute. Tickets £8 – to include cheese supper and a glass of wine. Raffle, Quizzes & Bar. Tickets can be bought from: Fran Hartnup Tel: 21465, Jan Cookson Tel: 21660 or any W.I. Member
Proceeds to St. John's Hospice
- Sat 14 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 17 2pm Wray Over Sixties in Wray Institute. Dr. Colin Penny will give a talk on “A History of Lancaster Castle”. Non members are very welcome.
- Thurs 19 **Lent Lunch** 12 noon to 1.30pm at Laith House, Tatham Green (Martin & Althea Gillibrand). All welcome for soup, cheese and fellowship. Proceeds to charity.
- Sat 21 Hornby District Ramblers, Hutton Roof, 6 miles. Meet at 9.30am in Hornby Car Park. Leader Peter Edge 22176.
- Thurs 26 **Lent Lunch** 12 noon to 1.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Wray. Please join us for soup, cheese and fellowship. Proceeds to charity.

Advance Dates:

Thursday 2nd April 2020. **Lent Lunch** 12 noon to 1.30pm at the Old School Tatham Fells. Please join us for soup, cheese and fellowship. Proceeds to charity. (contact Liesel Fox on 62486).

(Advance Diary Date) – Saturday May 9th 2020. The Lancaster Singers - “A Spring Posy – Songs to Lift the Spirit” at St. James the Less Church, Tatham

'Stitch and Chatter'. Why not call in on **Friday, March 13th**, 10am to 12 noon and see what's going on at our 'Stitch and Chatter' group at St. James the Less Church, Tatham. You may want to learn new skills or enhance your existing skills.

If you decide it's something for you, we ask members to make a one off £5 contribution towards the cost of materials. There will then be a charge of £2 per week, £1 for tea, coffee and biscuits and £1 to the church towards the heating and lighting.

If you have any queries please contact Mel on 015242 21277 or melandmike73@gmail.com

Church Services during March

March 1st, First Sunday of Lent

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| 9.00am | Holy Communion | Tatham |
| 11.00am | Morning Service | Tatham Fells |
| 2.30pm | Evening Prayer | Wray |

9.30am Morning Service – Melling, 11.00am Holy Communion –Leck

March 8th, Second Sunday of Lent

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| 11.00am | Morning Service | Tatham |
| 2.15pm | Evening Prayer | Tatham Fells |
| 4.00pm | 'Messy Church' | Wray |

11.00am Holy Communion -Tunstall

March 15th, Third Sunday of Lent

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

11.00am Morning Service – Leck

March 22nd, Mothering Sunday

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| 9.30am | Mothering Sunday Service with Tatham Fells School | Tatham Fells |
| 10.00am | Family Service for Mothering Sunday | Wray |
| 11.00am | Mothering Sunday Service | Tatham |

11.00am Mothering Sunday service with Melling School – Melling

11.00am Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday – Tunstall

March 29th, Fifth Sunday of Lent

11.00am Benefice Family Communion Melling

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

Pilates-based classes @ Wray Methodist Hall – Tuesdays.

9.30am - 10.30am, 5.45 -6.45pm,(7 – 8pm with Beth Evans)

Other daytime and evening venues – Caton, Melling, Bentham

Seated and standing gentle exercise class Hornby Institute, Wednesday 11.30 am to 12 noon, pay as you go.

1 – 1 sessions – developing mobility, strength and balance.

Further information, advice or to reserve a place please call Anne 22425 or 07935803370. email: anne.pilates@yahoo.co.uk

Scarecrow Festival & Fair 2020 – this year's theme is “Victory”

With just over 9 weeks to go until this year's Festival, here's an update on plans to date:

- * This year's Festival starts on Sat 2nd May and finishes with the May Fair on Sun 10th May. ***Don't forget judging for the £50 'Lottery' prize (chosen at random from entries out by 2.00pm) takes place on the first Saturday.***
- * Friday 8th May is going to be a special day for the village! Plans are well in advance for our 'Victory Party' on the School Field from 2.00pm until 5.00pm. Live singers (*The Honeybirds*) and musicians have been booked. Swing Dancers will lead the dancing and there will be games for all the family to join in. We hope everyone, young and old, will come along and join in, bringing food and drink to the *Jacob's Join* in the marquee. Although the party is aimed primarily at villagers, we're encouraging friends, family and visitors (the latter with their own picnic) to come along to what should be a great afternoon – so spread the word and encourage others to join in the fun!

- * The Giant Scarecrow Parade will be held as usual on the Friday, starting at The Gars and Wennington Road junction at 5.30pm and finishing at the Tea Rooms, where the party spirit will continue with live bands and refreshments. This year we're suggesting adults dress in WW2 or 40's style clothing and that instead of having a chinese dragon in the parade, children come dressed as WW2 evacuees.
- * We're grateful to Loren Cafferty for offering to run 40 minute guided history tours of Wray over both weekends. You'll be surprised to hear some of the facts she's unearthed!
- * As we've had to change this year's days to fit in with the moved Bank Holiday date, the Funfair organisers have asked if to fit in with their travelling schedule, they can open on both week-ends, instead of just the last one. This means it would be open on five days instead of the usual four. We've consulted the households that back onto the field used by the Fair and as all responses have been positive, we've agreed with the request.
- * We've got an exciting addition to the May Fair programme this year - a Silent Disco! The PCC and Rev Mark Canon have agreed we can use Holy Trinity Church for this family orientated event on the final Sunday. As you'd expect, there'll be no noise problems!
- * Last year's changes to the Junior Football Competition proved very successful, so we intend to continue the arrangements again this year. Morecambe Football Club has agreed to sponsor the event again, so another visit to the 'Shrimps' ground and a home match is being planned. More information will be circulated in due course via the school.
- * This year we're trying to improve our 'green credentials', by asking Fair Day stall holders to avoid single use plastic and encouraging everyone to separate their recyclable from general rubbish. Lancaster City Council has agreed to help us by loaning recycling bins for the Festival.
- * As you know, the Scarecrow Festival relies on the sterling efforts of a large number of volunteers; without your contributions we'd lose a valuable village asset, The Institute, with wider consequences.

Our thanks go out, not only to those who continue to give their time year after year, but also a few new helpers who will help to spread the load. One pressing task at the moment is to 'sign up' enough volunteers to help out with Car Parking duties over both weekends. Adam Postlethwaite is leading on this aspect of the Festival and will be contacting regular volunteers to see if they can help again this year. To make his life a bit easier though, could 'old and new' volunteers let him know that they'll be able to help? You can contact him at 8 Wennington Road, by text/phone on 07821 890620 or email at wraycarparks@gmail.com

Simon Carruthers, Chairperson

Wray Fair – Your War Stories Please

Following the theme chosen by the organising committee this year the exhibition in the church will be about people, places and things that give a picture of what peoples' lives were like 75 years ago and how World War 2 affected them.

A small amount of material is already to hand but to make the exhibition a success we need much more from the Wray and district community. We ask that you lend us papers (ration books, ID cards, newspaper cuttings, call up papers, telegrams etc.), photographs of family members who served in the armed forces and, just as important, in some capacity on the home front. With these add some accompanying information about who they were and what they did. We also need items for display such as gas masks, everyday items used in the home at the time or on the home front, or in the armed services like uniforms, medals and badges etc.

We also want as many as possible short stories about what your family members did during the war in whatever capacity they served or supported the war effort. If you write a paragraph or two we will type them up and mount them for you. We will use peoples names unless you say you prefer not and you as a contributor yourself can also remain anonymous if you wish.

Stories about who did what here in the village would be particularly welcome. For example we already know there are some stories about

evacuees who came to Wray from Liverpool including one who stayed to get married and another who returned years later to buy the house she was sent to live in. We also know the story of a girl from away whose husband was killed at Dunkirk then met and eventually marries the operator of a searchlight station on the moor above the village. We also know of an elderly local lady who herself served in uniform as a very young woman but whose father spent much of the war as a prisoner of the Japanese.

Most people living in the village now will know something about how the lives of their families were lived out through this period – so please give us a few lines about them. We are looking for the ordinary as well as the unusual and exceptional. Your story does not have to have a connection with Wray as such, just that you yourself live here now.

To contribute please contact David Kenyon (21668), Adam Postlethwaite (07821890620) or John Ryle (21639 or 07967182069) to say you have (or nearer the day will have) something for us. We are happy to collect items from you. All material will be logged and tagged so will not be lost and can be returned. Later there will be a box in the shop in which you can leave stuff.

Thank you.

The George and Dragon Angling Club Wray

The George and Dragon Angling Club have vacancies for junior (5 – 16 yrs) and senior (16+) members for 2020.

The junior section concentrates on course fishing where coaching is given, for complete newcomers to the sport basic fishing equipment can be provided.

Please note that junior fishing events require parental transport and supervision.

The club has access to river beats for game fishing, two sporting trout waters and our own course fishing lake. We also cover sea fishing with both boat trips and shore fishing.

The club prides itself on being a family friendly club and has a number of social events throughout the year.

For more information please contact:

David Holden 01524 720706 - **for information regarding junior membership.**

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News from Tatham Parish Council Meeting – January 2020

Councillors welcomed 13 parishioners to the meeting at St. James the Less Church on 17th January and there was considerable strength and depth of feeling against the Council's recent policy on wind turbines. In response to this, the Council plans to pass a resolution to retract the current wind turbine policy at its March meeting.

Parish Council communication was also criticised. The Parish Council plans to develop an electronic Newsletter so as to inform parishioners of current issues. This will also be put to the Council in March.

Other issues resolved from the agenda.

* Local electricity bill. No commitment to support this at present.

* Lowgill phone box. Not to be adopted by parish so BT can continue to provide the service.

* Fairy Steps Lowgill. Lancs C.C. will restore the footpath during the Sumer 2020.

* A Parish Councillor to take up offer by Lancaster NHS Clinical Commissioning Group to join East Care Team to discuss health issues in the Parish.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th March 2020 in the Old School, Tatham Fells.

Minutes of January meeting and agenda for March meeting will be found on the website www.tathamparishcouncil.org.uk or on the parish notice boards.

Friends of St James the Less Church 100 Club

Winners of the January draw which took place on Sunday 12th January 2020

1st Prize - No. 83 - £111 - Winner lives in Wennington

2nd Prize - No. 69 - £55.50 - Winner lives in Tatham.

3rd Prize - No. 78 - £27.75 - Winner lives in Wennington

Thank you to all members for your continued support. If you would like to join our 100 Club please pick up a leaflet in Wray Post Office, Church or phone Sue Wood on 015242 21170. Full details on our website:

www.lowertathamchurch.co.uk

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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Hornby Pensioners' Association

A big thank you to all members who braved a very windy evening to attend our AGM and Jacob's Join Supper in February. The business part of the evening was soon completed and we were delighted that Ann Nash has volunteered to join our Committee. Otherwise it remains unchanged. It was agreed that in future at our evening meetings and coffee mornings refills should be free and that the Christmas Party should be free to members aged 90 and over.

March Meeting. At 7pm on Tuesday 10th March, Sue Seddon is coming to tell us some "Tales of Morecambe Bay".

Advance Notice. Please note that our April meeting will be on the 7th, which is the first Tuesday of the month, when Joanne Halliwell will be relating the latest adventures of "The Scullery Maid". Always a very popular occasion.

Games Evenings. This month our Whist & Dominoes evenings in Hornby Institute will be on Saturdays 7th & 21st March. Admission including light refreshments and 2 free raffle tickets costs £2. Play starts at 7pm prompt and everybody is very welcome.

Lune Valley Swimming Pool – Family Fun Bingo Night **Saturday 7th March at the Hornby Institute, 6.00pm to 8.30pm**

The pool staff invite you to join them for a family fun night. Admission is free and there will be big prizes, games and a Raffle.

All proceeds in aid of pool funds

Please support the teaching team who are working hard to keep the pool viable. For further details please ring the pool 'hotline'

(01524) 80566 www.lunevalleypool.com Facebook – lune valley swimming pool email: poolmanager@lunevalleypool.com

Lune Valley Swimming Pool – more good news

A very good start to the new decade with more public swimmers taking full advantage of the range of activities on offer. Because of this we have been able to revise some of our earlier cost reduction measures.

Saturday Morning Swims. Following several requests we have re-instated Saturday morning sessions starting on Leap Year Day Saturday 29th February, Lane swimming 9am to 10am and Public Swimming from 10am to 11am. Saturday afternoon is available for private family bookings.

Parent and Toddler. We have introduced a brand new Parent & Toddler 30 minute 'Splashing Tots' swim session. This fun pre-school splash-around session is aimed at parents with pre-school aged children. Exclusive use of our 30oC UV treated pool with various toys, floats and small inflatables to play with along to children's music and nursery rhymes. Lifeguard on duty. Tuesdays 11.30am to 12 noon. £2.50 per child, Adults free. It's already very popular! Authorised admission policy – One responsible adult can supervise two under 5's in the water.

The new mangement team is confident that 2020 will see continued improving viability to ensure a bright future for this lovely pool and if we are missing other opportunities please let us know. It's your pool, tell us what you think.

Please call in anytime or check our colourful website and Facebook as follows:

www.lunevalleypool.com Facebook – lune valley swimmmg pool

email poolmanager@lunevalleypool.com

Direct line pool telephone - (01524) 805666

Hornby Lunesdale Probus Club – March 2020 programme

Our series of entertaining and interesting talks and events continues into March with a very welcome visit from **Susanna Bleakley** from **Morecambe Bay Partnership** on **Monday 2nd March**. Lots of exciting things happening around Morecambe Bay at the moment. Not least the emphasis on protecting the natural environment and opportunities created by the proposed Eden of the North project.

On **Monday 16th March** we have the intriguingly titled **Muck, Medicine, Mortality, Health and Housing** presentation by a very well-known and respected speaker **Mike Winstanley**.

Hornby Lunesdale Probus Club meetings take place in the Hornby Institute at 10am for 10.30am start. For further details of any of our events or talks please contact Roger Carter. Hornby Lunesdale Probus Club on 015242 22283 email hornby.carts@ic24.net

Wennington & District WI

Our meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Wray Institute at 7.30pm There is a charge for the meeting on Wednesday 11th March when we have a joint meeting with Tunstall WI which will be held in Tunstall Village Hall at 7pm.

At our meeting on the 12th February we were given a talk by Rob and Keith of the Forest of Bowland Moorland Group on the Abbeystead Estate. This was very interesting and amusing, we know a little more about Lyme disease and how dangerous it is for sheep and deer (and humans) and how the moorland has to be controlled with burning at times.

Don't forget your tickets for the Cheese and Wine Evening on the 14th March at Wray Insitute at 7.30pm.

Anthea Ashworth

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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