

WRAYLY MAIL
Season's Greetings

DECEMBER 2015

DIARY DATES

- Thurs 3 10.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Wray Toddlers. Wray Chapel Sunday School room and on Thursdays 10th and 17th. All parents, carers and small children welcome.
- Thurs 3 Joyful Noise: all pre-school children and their carers are most welcome to an hour of activities at this monthly 'service' in Holy Trinity Church, Wray. Stories, music, crafts, refreshments and some welcome fellowship for the adults. Come and make some joyful noise with us! For more information ring Mary Winter 21784.
- Thurs 3 10th and 17th, 7.30 p.m. "Wenning Voices" (Singing for Fun) in Lower Tatham Church. Do come along you will be made very welcome. Please contact Lucy Leather 015242 62828 for confirmation.
- Fri 4 After-School Club in Wray Church, straight after school until 4.45 p.m. Mary Winter 21784.
- Fri 4 Youth Group 7.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. ring Mary Winter 21784 for details.
- Sat 5 Christmas lunch in Wray Institute. 12 noon for 12.30 p.m. Friends from the Chapel invite all those who live in Wray village who are 60 years and over. If you haven't received an invite, it's not that we have forgotten about you, but we just don't know that you are eligible. So, if this is the case, please don't be offended, and if you can come, we would love to have you with us, just contact Ethel Gorst on 015242 21406. Thanks.

- Sat 5 Christmas Coffee Morning in the Old School, Tatham Fells. 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon. Come and buy your Christmas presents! Cake, craft, tombola, lucky dip and jewellery stalls. Also Father Christmas will be there. Proceeds to the Church of the Good Shepherd.
- Sat 5 Tatham History Society 7.30 p.m. , Old School, Lowgill. Mike Winstanley and Sara Mason. "Fake or Fortune" and the painting in Tunstall Church: some further research, preceded by AGM. All welcome. Light refreshments. Non-members £2. Membership details, Anne Wilson, Tel: 63399. Society website: www.tathamhistory.org.uk
- Sat 5 Drop In Christmas Party, monthly youth club for ages 9+ in the Sunday School Rooms, Wray. Fun, party games and tea will be provided, 50p entry. 7.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.
- Sun 6 Wrayndeer Rush and Pie Push in aid of UNICEF UK. 1.00 p.m. in Wray Institute. Christmas fancy dress, family fun run/walk and contest to break the Guinness World Record for eating 3 mince pies. £5/runner (includes medal, mince pie and hot chocolate) £13/family of 4, £3/pie push. Free entry with £10 sponsorship money. Prize for best fancy dress. Entry forms at Wray Post Office. Information on Facebook. (facebook.com/events/835376303251457/)
Claire Stevenson. 07969 146538.
- Mon 7 Come for Coffee, a lovely community get together, in the Sunday School room, Wray Methodist Church, 10am to 12 noon. It's a time to come and sit and chat whilst enjoying a morning coffee or tea. Just come for a while or stay the whole time. It's open to all both men, women and children too, so please come along and keep us company, a warm welcome awaits everyone we'd love to see you there.

Come for Coffee is a collection point for the Morecambe Bay Foodbank. Any suitable non-perishable food will be gratefully received. For more details see their website:
morecambebayfoodbank.org.uk

- Mon 7 Yoga in Wray Institute 7.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. Beginners and regulars are all welcome. Mats are provided. Wear loose or stretchy clothes and bring something warm to put on for relaxation. £5 per session. Tel: Kathy Cartledge 015242 61567.
- Tues 8 Tatham Fells W.I. Christmas Party.
- Thurs 10 2.00 p.m. Wray Methodist Ladies Meeting in the Sunday School Room. Christmas programme by Ingleton ladies followed by Christmas tea, all ladies most welcome.
- Thurs 10 7.30 p.m. Hornby Flower Club in Horby Institute with Liz and Jill from The Flower Bank in Hornby. Their theme is Christmas Inspirations: a floral tribute to the festive season with ideas on table decorations, flowers as gifts, boxing and wrapping floral arrangements and much more. Cost £4 to include refreshments. Raffle.
- Fri 11 Wray Over Sixties Christmas Party. 7.00 p.m. prompt.
- Sat 12 Hornby District Ramblers, Settle, meet 9.30 a.m. Hornby Car Park. Leader Dennis Chamberlain 015242 21436.
- Sat 12 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. in Wray Institute. Calling all children: would you like to make some of your own Christmas cards and gifts? Come along to Wray Institute and try some card-making and simple crafts. They make great presents for family members! There will be a small charge (£2) for materials. Refreshments served. Please bring an adult with you!

- Sat 12 Wray Sports Dominoes and Grand Christmas Raffle. Wray Institute, doors open 7.00p.m. for a 7.30 p.m. start for the dominoes, followed by refreshments and the raffle. Entrance adults £2, children £1.50. Raffle tickets will be on sale on the night and beforehand, 20p per ticket.
- Tues 15 **Carols by Candlelight** in Wray Institute 7.00 p.m. prompt. Traditional evening of music, poetry and prose. Jacobs Join refreshments to follow. All welcome.
- Fri 18 8.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Waste Paper Collection at Lairgill Car Park, High Bentham in aid of NSPCC.
- Sat 19 12 noon to 2.00 p.m. Wray Pre-school fundraising Christmas Party. £3 per head. Come and join us for a disco, Santa's Grotto with present for each child and various other activities and stalls to entertain you and your children. All children welcome, present for pre-school and primary aged children. Donations for raffle prizes greatly appreciated (wine, beer, chocolate, jams etc.) Please hand in at the pre-school or contact Abbie on 07932469981.

Carol Singing in Wray

A few of the schoolchildren with a little help from their parents are going to be taking to the streets of Wray carol singing. If you know of anyone who would appreciate a visit from carol singers then please let me know or if you fancy having a good sing and would like to join us please get in touch. We are looking to sing on the evening of Monday 21st December but please look out for notices around the village. Janet 07834272023 or email wrayclerk@gmail.com

Advance Date

Monday January 4th 2016. Come for Coffee 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon in the Sunday School, Wray.

Wray Community Book Group

Due to the Christmas festivities and hence the lack of availability of our usual back room in the George & Dragon the next meeting of the book group will be on Tuesday 5th January at our house “Burnside” on Main Street.

The book which will be discussed is *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* by Mohshin Hamid. This was shortlisted for the Man Booker prizes in 2007. Happy Xmas and a good new year to everyone. Roger & Jane Shimmin

Church Services in December and early January

December 6th, Second Sunday of Advent

9.00am	Holy Communion	Tatham
11.00am	School Nativity Service	Tatham Fells
2.30pm	Evening Prayer	Wray

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

December 13th, Third Sunday of Advent

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

11.00am Sung Eucharist and Baptism – Tunstall

Tuesday December 15th

7.00pm	Carols by Candlelight	Wray Institute
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December 20th, Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion	Wray
6.30pm	Carols and traditional readings for Christmas	Tatham Fells
6.30pm	Village Carol Service	Wray

4.00pm Christingle Service – Melling, 6.30pm Leck Village Carol Service in the Fraser Hall

Christmas Eve

5.00pm	Nativity Service	Wray
6.30pm	Crib and Carol Service	Tatham
11.30pm	Midnight Communion	Tatham Fells

11.30pm Midnight Communion, Melling

Christmas Day

9.30am	Family Communion	Wray
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9.30am Christmas Eucharist – Leck, 11.00am Christmas Eucharist – Tunstall

December 27th, First Sunday of Christmas

11.00am	Christmas Communion	Tatham
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a service for members of all six churches

January 3rd, Second Sunday of Christmas

9.00am	Holy Communion	Tatham
11.00am	Morning Service	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)*

Christmas Raffle 2015 (On behalf of the RLI Breast Care Unit)

I am selling raffle tickets on behalf of the RLI Breast Care Unit.

Tickets £1 each. All proceeds go to the Unit which provides screening, treatment and support for people with Breast Cancer.

Tickets available at Wray Post Office or from myself, Caroline Watts, Proctors Farm, Wray. Thank you.

A massive 'Thank You'

I would like to thank all the lovely villagers in Wray who have sponsored me. By running the Chester marathon I have managed to make £460 for the Wray and Hornby Scout group.

Kris Parkinson

Wray Institute News

After many years of wonderful service Mr. Frank Gretton is finally retiring at the end of the year as the Institute Caretaker.

If anyone is interested in taking on this post and would like more information regarding duties and remuneration please contact Judith Wrigley Tel: 21120.

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A big thank you to everyone who attended the Maggot Race on October 24th at the George & Dragon. It raised a wonderful £823.85 for the North West Air Ambulance. We would especially like to thank the following people for their sponsorship of the Race which got our total off to a running start - Catherine Halstead (Made in Wray), Johnny Wright (J. Wright & Son), Rod Telford (Telford Building), Mr. & Mrs. Holland (Bowland Meats), Mr. Ray Fox, Messrs Ray & George Lowis, Mr. & Mrs. Wallace, Mr. Ollie Gibson, Mr. & Mrs. Lenton & the George & Dragon Angling Club. Thanks also to Adam Postlethwaite, Mark Swindlehurst, Keith Poppleton & Dawn Irvine for kindly giving their time to help run the race evening.

St John's Hospice Advent Raffle and Community Christmas Card

Once again we are running a Raffle in December to raise money for St John's Hospice - there is a chance to win one of 24 Goody Bags over the course of Advent. Tickets are 50p from the George & Dragon. Please

come and support this worthwhile cause. A Community “Christmas Card” will also be posted outside the pub for those wishing to give a donation to the Hospice in lieu of sending cards. On behalf of us all, we would like to wish all our friends and neighbours a very happy and peaceful Christmas. Neil, Sue and everyone at the George & Dragon

I would like to wish all my Made in Wray customers best wishes for the festive season and all the very best for 2016. Thank you for your support. Cath x

Dawn (Irvine) would like to wish all her friends a Happy Christmas and fruitful New Year. No cards - I will be contributing towards the charity at the George & Dragon for St John's Hospice.

Wray and Tatham Parish Councils wish all parishioners a Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

For Christmas 2015 I will continue to support the St John's Hospice Christmas Card appeal at the George & Dragon so just in case you thought you might get a card!! Please have a great Christmas and Happy New Year - Take Care - Cath H. x

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Wray Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Group has now completed its consultations and opinion survey work so many thanks to everyone who has helped us in this. The general consensus, perhaps not surprisingly is that Wray is a very attractive village with a strong sense of its own character and community. This should not be threatened by large scale development although continued and gradual development along the same lines as experienced over the last few decades would be both acceptable and beneficial.

We are now preparing to pull everything together to produce the draft plan which will be presented to the village for comment and if necessary amendment before it is passed to the City Council for them to arrange the formal vetting, approval and adoption of the plan. The City Council will organise a referendum of all Wray with Botton residents and only after a majority vote in favour will the plan come into force. Once in force it will be used by the City as the primary source against which to vet all future planning applications.

The Neighbourhood plan must be in general compliance with the Lancaster District Plan which is having to be rewritten in response to new housing requirement figures for the area. The Council has recently been consulting over revised proposals which now propose that most of the need should be accommodated by expanding the existing urban areas.

Less emphasis is now placed on expansion of the villages. However, a major expansion of Dolphinholme with up to 500 houses is proposed. An explanatory leaflet is available from the Town Hall or can be downloaded from the City Council website - follow links to Planning - Policy - Consultations - Current Consultation and click on "October/November 2015 Local Plan Consultation.

In parallel to this the City has reviewed current land availability - the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment or SHLAA. In Wray, whilst the large site to the east of Home Farm Close has been declared

'undeliverable', the extensive strip of agricultural land to the north directly behind the houses on Wennington Road from Kiln Lane to Briglands (the last house before Meal Bank Bridge) is considered deliverable in the 11 - 15 year phase of the Local Plan. The Neighbourhood Planning Group is actively preparing a case against the development of this land.

This update together with further information on the City's proposals is being circulated to all households in the Parish.

Friends of Lower Tatham Church 100 Club

The October draw took place at the Leyland Brass Band Concert on Saturday 31st October.

1st Prize £84 No.70 - Winner lives in Wray
2nd Prize £42 No.71 - Winner lives in Garstang
3rd Prize £21 No 30 - Winner lives in Millhouses

The November draw took place at the Bridge Inn on Monday 9th November.

1st Prize £83 No.31 - Winner lives in Millhouses
2nd Prize £41.50 No.76 - Winner lives in Tatham
3rd Prize £20.75 No.56 - Winner lives in Wray

Thank you to all who supported our Leyland Brass Band concert, not only was it an outstanding performance but it also raised £1,200.

If you would like to join our 100 Club for only £5 per month, please pick up a leaflet from Wray Post Office, Church or phone Sue Wood on 21170.

The telephone number for Wray Institute is 22311. Frank Gretton is the caretaker.

If you are looking for a babysitter anytime from June - January please contact me hannah.burch@hotmail.co.uk or on 015242 21784

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