

For the time being due to the current situation there will only be the online version of the monthly Wrayly Mail at www.wrayvillage.co.uk

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Any items for the monthly Wrayly Mail that may be of help or interest to people at this time can be emailed **by the 20th of each month** to:

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Tatham Parish Council News June 2020

Tatham Parish Council hopes that this finds you all well and that by the time you are reading this, Covid 19 restrictions have started to ease slightly and you are finding life a little bit easier. Given the current uncertainties, the Parish Council expects to be holding its meetings online for the foreseeable future.

As reported last month, due to the Covid 19 restrictions, the Parish Council met remotely on 19th May 2020 via Zoom. The draft minutes from this meeting are available on the Parish Council Website (www.tathamparishcouncil.org.uk). These will be ratified by the Parish Council at the next Meeting on Tuesday 21st July.

At the May meeting the following positions were confirmed;

- Cllr Harrison was elected as Chairman
- Cllr Osborne was elected as Vice-Chairman
- Kate Stone and Richard Wilson were co—opted as new Parish Councillors

Following the resignation of Cllr Mason as a Parish Councillor in early May, the Parish Clerk notified Lancaster City Council of the new casual vacancy. Notification regarding the opportunity for an election was posted on the Parish Council Website, before initiating the council's Co-option Policy. The closing date for Applications for the vacancy was 26th June. It is hoped that a 7th Councillor will be co-opted at the July meeting.

The July meeting is also to be held remotely and the agenda will be available on the Parish Council website from Tuesday 14th July 2020. The public and parishioners are welcome to join the meeting via their smartphones or laptop/PC. Each Parish Council meeting provides an opportunity for 'Public Time'. This enables members of the public to raise any issues or concerns directly with the Parish Council. Please contact the Clerk (clerk@tathamparishcouncil.org.uk) to obtain the joining instructions if you wish to join the July meeting.

Covid 19 Update

With respect to the ongoing Covid 19 Pandemic, the Clerk is in regular contact with Lancaster City Council (LCC), to ensure that any parishioners who may be vulnerable and/or in need of assistance are receiving the necessary support. You can contact the Parish Clerk if you wish to highlight any concerns you may have about any parishioners in need of assistance. Alternatively you can find more details about the LCC Community Hub at www.lancaster.gov.uk/sites/coronavirus-information/help-for-individuals. or you can contact them directly via telephone on 01524 582000 or via email at customerservices@lancaster.gov.uk.

The Tatham Relief in Need Charity (Charity number 515925)

The Parish Council realise that not all Parishioners may be aware that this local help is available, should they need it at this difficult time. Although only a small local charity, with limited funds, Tatham Relief in Need has been able to offer small emergency funding for Tatham residents who find themselves in difficulties during the present crisis. The trustees are always open to calls for help from any individuals in Tatham who are in need. To find out more you can contact any one of the three trustees; Bill Deller (email: todellers@btopenworld.com), Norman Dawson (Tel: 015242 62936) or Linda Kirkby (Tel: 015242 21486).

Church of the Good Shepherd, Tatham Fells

The second week in June would have been national "Love Your Burial Ground" week. Sadly, talks and activities, normally organised to highlight the historical and natural wealth of churchyards, cannot be. Hopefully, two events planned for 2020 at the Church of the Good Shepherd - a "Local Swift" talk and a "Bat Talk and Walk" can be rescheduled for 2021.

Government advice about Covid 19 changes frequently and quickly -

churches may be closed again in the future. However, many churchyards, including ours, currently remain open. Stephen, Gillian, Isaac and Alice worked hard on two hot afternoons mowing and tidying part of the churchyard, timing it perfectly before much needed rain. There has been other light tidying up, and some planting near the Old School.

The churchyard is beautifully peaceful – except for the birdsong, including blackcap, warbler, woodpecker, nuthatch, and the demands of hungry fledglings. Once again the uncut areas are blooming with wild flowers and grasses, visited by butterflies and are undoubtedly a welcome refuge for many small creatures. Nest boxes (some made by the schoolchildren) have again been used this year. (Wool was installed to provide winter warmth for birds). It is unlikely that the swift boxes will be used, as a freak storm in the Mediterranean killed thousands of migrating birds. (The swift caller has not been activated this year).

Do visit and enjoy the tranquillity and the beauty of this churchyard. The gates are open, people do not have to touch these. In the porch there is the current issue of “Lychgate”, the Caring for God’s Acre newsletter, (please replace this). When wandering from the paths, take care as the ground is uneven, especially where the grass has not been cut. There is a bin near the vestry for rubbish, and the toilets are open, but there are no towels, due to Covid 19 risks.

“Distancing” is entirely possible in this haven – don’t all come at once!

Caring for God’s Acre / Beautiful Burial Ground project website
<https://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/>

Hornby Lunesdale Probus Clubs – Save the Curlew!

At our last virtual meeting on the 15th June our membership enjoyed a superb presentation and heartfelt pleas on behalf of one of Britain's most iconic birds by Susannah Bleakley of The Morecambe Bay Partnership.

The Curlew – Latin name – *Numenius arquata*, translates as new moon, bow-beaked birds!

There is no doubt, people love curlews, care deeply about them, and really

want to help save them so future generations can enjoy their bubbling calls echoing across the valleys and moors of our region.

They have a magic all of their own with a call that echoes across the landscape. Curlews were once so common, but now are in catastrophic decline. They live for up to 30 years but almost all of their nests fail. They have various nesting problems including predators (foxes, badgers and crows), and nesting in silage fields. So when the current birds are finished, we are likely to have no curlews left.

The Morecambe Bay Partnership is closely monitoring the situation around Morecambe Bay and volunteers with the co-operation of local landowners and farmers identify and protect nesting sights wherever possible and practicable.

Another very successful Zoom meeting and our next 'virtual' meeting will be on Monday 20th July when the subject will be Liverpool Football Club.

For further details of any of our events or talks please contact – Roger Carter, Hon. Secretary, Lunesdale Probus Club, Tel: 015242 22283

Hornby Pensioners – July Newsletter

A message from Kath. “ Hello everyone. Here is an update regarding trips - Unfortunately the virus crisis continues and it seems that social distancing is going to be with us for some time yet. So a decision has been taken to cancel the trips in August and September. I'm crossing my fingers for October though. I hope everyone is as well as they can be during this difficult time, and we will all come through to look forward to future trips.

I had a call last week from Christine at Bibbys. She asked how we all are and sent best wishes from Bibbys to everyone. A lovely gesture, I thought. Hope to see everyone soon, hopefully in October.

Regards to all.”

Subscriptions. In the light of the ongoing interruption to our 2020 programme, we have decided to carry forward all subscriptions paid for the current year to cover 2021.

Take care and stay safe

Church Services during July and August

July 5th, Fourth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Morning Worship	Melling
11.00am	Holy Communion	Leck
2.30pm	Evening Worship	Wray

July 12th Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Holy Communion	Tatham Fells
11.00am	Morning Worship	Tunstall

July 19th, Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Holy Communion	Melling
11.00am	Morning Worship	Tatham

July 26th, Seventh Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Holy Communion	Wray
11.00am	Morning Worship	Leck

August 2nd Eighth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Morning Worship	Tatham Fells
11.00am	Holy Communion	Tunstall

August 9th, Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Morning Worship	Melling
11.00am	Holy Communion	Tatham

August 16th, Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Morning Worship	Wray
11.00am	Holy Communion	Leck

August 23rd Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Holy Communion	Tatham Fells
9.30am	Holy Communion	Melling

August 30th, Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Holy Communion	Melling
11.00am	Morning Worship	Tatham

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

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