

Welcome to our Newsletter

Friends

This enthusiastic group continues to make good progress. The launch of the “100 Club” (see article further in this edition) is the first fund raising scheme run by the group. We hope that we can persuade as many people as possible to participate in the scheme which, not only provides a monthly opportunity of winning cash prizes, but also helps participants feel that they are helping to preserve and develop this lovely Church.

The Friends have played an important part in the design and installation of a new heating system in the Church, which uses a renewable fuel source.

Paul Whatmough & John Harrison in particular have been actively involved in the design, specification and delivery of the system. Thanks also to Richard & Rebecca Sanderson and to Brian Kirkby who have provided invaluable assistance.

The Friends’ submission to the Charity Commission for registration as a charity is now well advanced and we hope that this process will be completed very soon.

We now look to the future and, in conjunction with the PCC, are starting to plan for the installation of new toilet and kitchen facilities at the Church.

In addition we shall be preparing for other fund raising activities in the New Year. We can look forward to a concert by the St Lawrence Singers in the Church on 21st February, and an Open Gardens Day in July.

The next meeting of the Friends will take place at The Bridge Inn, Lower Tatham on Monday, 12th January 2015 at 7:30 pm.

Anyone wishing to join us and assist with the preservation and development of the Church and its’ greater use by the community would be made very welcome.

100 Club

The Friends have launched a “100 Club” in order to raise funds for the development & maintenance of the Church buildings.

For those who are not familiar with 100 Clubs, the idea is that people give a monthly amount, and, depending on the amount they give, are allocated one or more entries into a prize draw each month. 35% of the total raised is returned in prizes each month to lucky winners chosen at random.

Details of the Club and a registration form should accompany this newsletter or can be obtained from Wray Post Office or from the Church or downloaded from the Church website: www.lowertathamchurch.co.uk

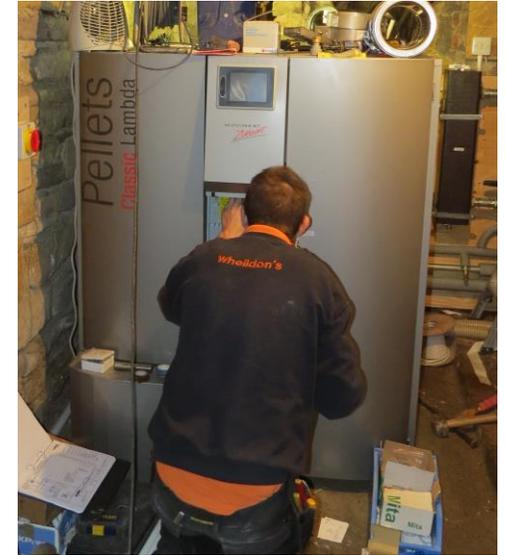
The first draw is due to be made at the Church on January 11th 2015 following the Plough Sunday service which commences at 11 am. Good luck with the draw, which not only provides the chance of winning cash prizes but also gives the added satisfaction of knowing that you are supporting this beautiful part of our heritage and helping to preserve it for ourselves and future generations.

Repairs & renovations

As has been mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter a comprehensive Biomass heating system has recently been installed and hopefully we will at last be warm!

This is the first and vital stage of making our Church more useable to our community.

Future plans are to install toilet and kitchen facilities as these will again make a tremendous improvement to anyone wishing to use the Church.



Recent events

Annual Jumble Sale

This raised an amazing amount of £1433. The tables were laden and the atmosphere was buzzing. Many thanks to all the team of helpers.

Harvest Service

This was followed by a delicious lunch of home-made soup, bread & cheese at The Old Rectory. The Church was beautifully decorated and the celebration of Harvest was enjoyed by all.

Brewer's Apron Concert

The Church was packed for this “Autumn Leaves” concert and following a very entertaining evening of music & fun including Madrigals and a rendition of “Big Spender”, the evening was rounded off with a delicious supper of Hot Pot & Cheesecake.

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A team of willing helpers have brought this service to the outside of the Church...we just need to decide where to site it internally!

Notice Board

A new Notice Board for the Porch has been donated by Veda Gardner and made by Tony Sedgewick.

Forthcoming Services and events

Saturday 20th December at 10:30 am

Can you spare an hour to come along and decorate the Church for Christmas?
We welcome any help.

Wednesday 24th December at 6:30pm Christmas Eve Carol Service

All are welcome at this traditional Service and to join us for seasonal refreshments at The Old Rectory afterwards.

Sunday 28th December at 11 am

There will be a joint Benefice Holy Communion service.

Sunday 11th January 2015 at 11am Plough Sunday Service

Followed by scrumptious Bacon Butties and the first "100 Club" draw.

You do not have to live in Tatham to be part of our community. We welcome people from the wider area too.

Our regular Church Services are at either 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. as follows:

On the first Sunday of each month we have a 'said' celebration of the Holy Communion **at 9 a.m.**

On the second and fourth Sunday of each month the services are **at 11 a.m.** with hymns and music. On the second Sunday, we have a Morning service, whereas on the fourth Sunday, we have a Holy Communion.

The 11 a.m. services are always followed by coffee/tea and biscuits when everyone enjoys having time to talk to each other in the true spirit of fellowship.

At present there is no service on the third Sunday in the month.

When there is a fifth Sunday in the month a Joint Service is held at one of the six Churches in the Benefice.

Further information is available from the Church website ~ www.lowertathamchurch.co.uk

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