

Welcome to this Newsletter

It is at this time in the new year, that we look back on the very successful events & services we have had, and look forward to the ones we will have over the next few months. You will find details of these in this newsletter, which we hope will be of interest. More information is on the Church website:

www.lowertathamchurch.co.uk

This has a "Contact Us" page, which you are most welcome to use, should you have any queries.

Recent events and services:

Leyland Brass Band

On 20th October, there was a sellout audience for this Band's much requested third return visit. A varied programme included an arrangement of Tom Jones' hits, Abba's "Fernando" & Louis Armstrong's "What a wonderful world". The evening ended with "Schneewalzer" with full audience participation.

Delicious refreshments were served after the concert by members of the Friends' Events Group. We hope to attract the Band back for another concert in 2020.

The picture below shows the Band at this concert:



Remembrance Day Service

On 11th November, a record congregation of 90 people gathered together for what was an informative, poignant and moving commemorative service, led by Peter Osborne. The readings were a series of poems on the part that women played in the Great War.

The usual 2 minutes silence was observed, which, this year, took place on exactly the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, 100 years after the end of World War 1.

The picture below shows one of the poppy arrangements created for this service:



"Singing in the rain"

Wenning Voices in Wennington - 20th December.

"The weather outside was frightful" but Wenning Voices with their musical director Lucy Leather were joined by 60+ hardy folk, who wrapped up warm and joined in the merriment of carolling round the Christmas tree on Wennington Green.

Their efforts were rewarded with an endless supply of mulled wine and mince pies.

"The rain showed no sign of stopping" but it certainly didn't dampen the singing.

What a glorious start to Christmas!

Christmas Eve Crib & Carol Service

The Church was full for this service, led by Norman & Ann Dawson. There were the traditional readings given at this time of year, interspersed with carols, along with seasonal choral pieces performed by Wenning Voices. After the service, wine and mince pies were enjoyed by a full house at The Old Rectory, which lasted until 10 pm!

The picture below shows the olive wood Crib.



Future events and services:

Movies in the Pews

The dates of the next two Film Nights will be:

Saturday 16th Feb at 7.30pm

Friday 15th March at 7.30pm

Please email: moviesinthepews@gmail.com

for information or to reserve a ticket.

Sunday March 17th. 2.30 for 3pm at The Church

A complimentary Afternoon Tea for The Friends of St. James the Less and members of The 100 Club. As Trustees of The Friends of St. James the Less, Colin, Margaret and Paul will be inviting Friends and members of the 100 Club to an Afternoon Tea to say "Thank You" for their tremendous support over the past 4 years. We hope you'll be able to come along. We have much to celebrate.

The Friends report:

This month sees the 5 year anniversary of the memorable meeting in the Bridge Inn, when, following an extensive survey of local residents, a packed audience shared the concerns and resultant ideas about the future of the Church. It was proposed that a Friends group should be formed to support the activities of the Church, and to pursue a programme of improvements to its facilities.

It was a further 15 months, however, before the actual launch of the Friends and its formal registration as a charity. Nevertheless, fundraising had already started with a programme of events and the launch of our “100 Club”, which, in due course, would prove to be a major source of funding.

In 2019, we can look back with a great deal of satisfaction on the progress made over the last 5 years, having raised more than £27,000 since 2014. We are immensely grateful for your continued and generous support, not only in your regular attendance at our events, but also for your monthly participation in our “100 Club”.

Finally, our next meeting will take place in the Church on **Monday, 11th March at 7.30 pm.**

Tatham History Society:

Formed in 2009, the Society mounts annual autumn lectures on the district's history, visits sites of historical interest in the area and runs an annual study day on various topics. Most recently, this was in conjunction with the Friends of St James the Less, on Tatham and the First World War. We have a website with lots of photos, articles, sources and reports of our activities, which is regularly updated. We have nearly 100 members.

Why not join?

Only £4/year or £7/year for two at same address.

www.tathamhistory.org.uk

[email: mail@tathamhistory.org.uk](mailto:mail@tathamhistory.org.uk)

Can you spare a little bit of time ...

.....to give some love and care to a beautiful historic building? It is the start of a new year, and the 2019 Cleaning/Flowers and Coffee Rota is now in the Church. Visitors to our Church remark how well kept, clean and welcoming our Church is, and our thanks goes to those people who have given their time in previous years - it is very much appreciated. If you are able to help with any of the tasks please put your name on the Rota, or, if you require more details please contact: **Linda Kirkby Tel: 015242 21486 email: lindakirkby@aol.com** *NB*: We do provide the best state of the art cleaning equipment.

The 100 Club...

..... continues to flourish with **107** members. We are now in our fourth year and thanks to all for your continued support.

New members are always welcome! Please contact:
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Church Services:

Details of these are on the “Services” page on the Church website:

www.lowertathamchurch.co.uk

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