



The Phoenix



Although we would never have wished for the fire which destroyed our fleet of buses and clubhouse, and disrupted our lives so abruptly, it has been inspiring and humbling to see how such a tragic event can be converted into a positive, with community support and teamwork.

Our quarterly newsletter has been named “The Phoenix” to represent Lakers rising from the ashes even better than before. Our temporary premises, kindly offered to us by the Bray Presbyterian Church Community, is being prepared for our member and staff activities and we look forward to welcoming you there in coming weeks — we will let you know once it is ready. Thank you all for your support during this challenging time.

Jo Heath, General Manager

Fundraising

6 weeks on from the fire we are still blown away by the amazing support from the local community.

We would like to thank every individual, group, club, business, school and organisation who have supported us, we are truly grateful. If you or someone you know is planning an event in aid of Lakers please contact the fundraising team at fundraising@lakers.ie

There are many more events to come in the coming weeks, please see back page for list.

Anne King, Fundraising Manager

As Chair of Lakers, I have to say how proud I am of our brilliant team in the aftermath of the fire. They have devoted themselves day and night to the task of ensuring that our members’ activities are up and running as soon as possible. Side by side with that we are really busy trying to build a new home, and everyone has “gone the extra mile” to try to make sure that it is as warm and welcoming as possible as soon as possible.

And I am really grateful to our members for putting up with us, and to our families for working with us. As a Board, we are determined that it will all be worthwhile., and that the new Lakers will be even better than the old Lakers.

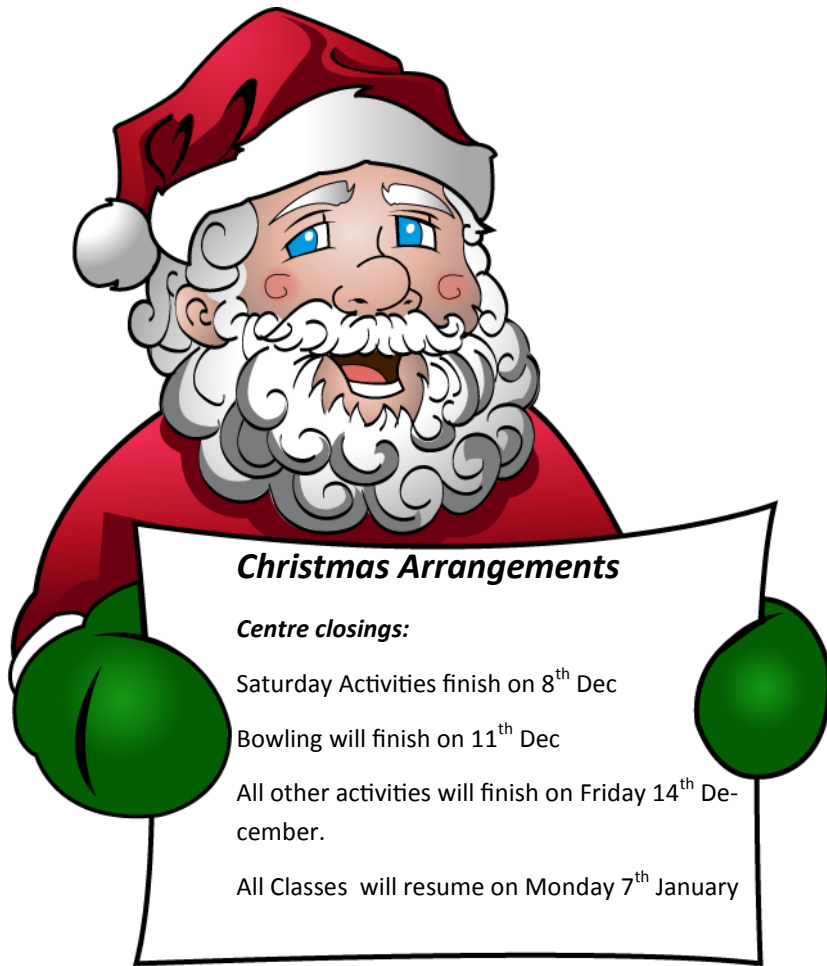
Fergus Finlay, Chairperson

I just want to give a quick update on our activities since the fire. All our staff and volunteers have been working around the clock to keep everything going for our members and we have tried our best to minimise the disruption for everyone.

All activities that were offsite carried on as normal and so far we have relocated 26 classes to community facilities. Hopefully we will have all classes back by the end of next week.

We are extremely grateful to all our members and families for all the support we have received over the past month and we will continue to do our best to keep you updated and hopefully will get to see you all at some of the upcoming events and parties over the Christmas Period and in the meantime if you have any queries please contact us our number is still the same 2022694

Sandra Fagan, Service Manager



Upcoming Fundraising Events that you may want to support:

- Table Quiz in The Newtown MountKennedy Inn 22nd November
- Coffee Morning 25th November 2018 The Martello, Strand Road, Bray.
- Methodist Church barbershop choir 28th November
- 64 Wine Glasthule Wine tasting event 2nd December
- Concert by Soul Agreed 6th December @ 8pm in The Martello Bray tickets €15
- Voices of Bray Christmas Concert 9th December
- Bray Choral Society Christmas Concert 15th December

Dates for your Diary:

Dinner Dance – 30th November, Esplanade Hotel

Information Meeting for Members:

Saturday 15th December, 11am, St Andrews

Christmas Parties – Saturday 15th December, St Andrews

Juniors 1pm - 3pm

Seniors 3pm - 5pm

Volunteer night - Thursday 13th Dec in Martello

Christmas Concert, - 17th December, Presbyterian Church, Quinsborough Rd, Bray. Time to be confirmed.

Raffle Tuesday 18th December in Lakers, The Old School House, Eglinton Road at 12pm

Remember to keep an eye on our Social Media sites for regular updates on classes and events:

<https://www.facebook.com/LakersMeetingSpecialNeeds/>

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/lakersmeetingspecialneeds/>

<https://www.instagram.com/lakersmeetingspecialneeds1989/>

<https://plus.google.com/u/0/110825929765694919157>

<https://twitter.com/LakersMSNeeds>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2rDEzwyvogyHG3Ao07JRGw>

