

GRASMERE PARISH MAGAZINE

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Summertime Fun

'Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice', Philippians 4:4

July and August are the 'hazy days of summer', or at least in the minds of poets and songwriters. So often the weather disappoints and yet we live in such a beautiful part of the world, that even wet days have a certain beauty and splendour all of their own.

In these two months of course tourists from every part of the world overwhelm Grasmere and Rydal. This is good news for all of us, although that is not what it always feels like, especially when we are stuck in a traffic jam on the A591. Without these tourists though our local businesses would not flourish and there would be few jobs. So it is good news, and it is interesting to meet each summer such a diverse group of individuals and groups.

Summertime is traditionally holiday time. So not only will our children and young people be on holiday, our schools, colleges and universities taking a break. It will be also a time to welcome children and families to enjoy the Lakes. In some cases it will be the time to catch up with our own family and friends. Summer days can be a wonderful time to catch up, enjoy one another's company and to rediscover a sense of fun.

Summertime though ends all too abruptly. With September comes the return to schools and education. The busy pace of life reasserts itself for so many, and the long days of summer soon become a fond memory.

So why not set out to enjoy these two months? To enjoy the summer whatever the weather brings. Why not use this time to meet up with family and friends? Let's use the summer for rest and play. Let's find the fun in our lives again and enjoy once more 'the lazy hazy days of summer'.

Cameron

Thank You to Diana Taylor

Our warmest good wishes to Diana and Alan Taylor as they moved this month to be closer to their family in Devon. As a church and community we are sad to lose Diana who has done so much on behalf of those who have been ill, in hospital or in need of a visit at home. Diana has recruited a wonderful team of people to help individuals within our community. We are grateful to Diana also as one of our team of magazine distributors and not least as a faithful member of our choir. We wish both her and Alan well in their move and future life in the southwest.

Thank You to Mike Crumbleholme

Thank you to Mike for many many years as a magazine distributor. Mike had kindly volunteered to deliver the magazine in the centre of the village but now the time has come to finish. We are grateful to him and thank him for everything he has done on behalf of the community.

CTiGR Bible Study

The group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 12 noon for one hour. In July there will be two meetings, 8th & 29th and we will be looking at the last two chapters of Philippians. The group will restart in September and begin reading 1 John. All welcome

July Taize Refreshments

Prior to the July Taize Service at St Mary's Rydal refreshments will be served at Rydal Hall and everyone who is coming to the Taize service is invited to join together from 6pm before moving to the Church for the service. Please let Rydal Hall if you wish to attend on 015394 32050 or via email mail@rydalahall.org

CTiGR Pilgrimage

On Tuesday 29th September there will be the annual CTiGR pilgrimage. This year we are visiting Heavensfield, spending the day in Hexham and then attending evening prayer at Hexham Abbey before returning home. The trip will leave at 9am and return by 8pm. All those wishing to attend please give your name to Cameron or John.

RUSHBEARING - Saturday 11th July 2015

3.30pm Procession leaves School Playground

4.15pm St Oswald's Church Service

5pm Teas & Entertainment

Traditional Grasmere Gingerbread & Tea for adults

Packed teas for children

Kendal Band Concert - Family Art Activity - Game of rounders

Rhythm Time Group - Ice Creams

Preparation 9th & 10th July - come and join in preparing the bearing for Saturdays procession. Everyone is welcome, even if you have never been involved before.

Rushbearing Day - please gather at the School Playground,. There are plenty of bearings to carry, we need people to walk with the procession and to help. All volunteers welcome. The Blast Furness band will play for the parade as in the last two years. When we arrive at Church there will be a simple service, with the tea and entertainment following straight on.

Rushes - will be in Church until Sunday 19th July and then cleared out on Monday 20th July at 9am. Stewards are needed for the Church from 9th to 19th July, please sign the rota in the Church to help.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTS RUSHBEARING

GRASMERE PLAYERS PRESENT ABSURD PERSON SINGULAR

One of Alan Ayckbourn's most enduring and funniest plays. The action takes place over three consecutive Christmas Eves and as the comedy gets darker, the laughs get louder. The play will be performed every Wednesday and Thursday from Wed. 3rd of June to Thurs 9th July inc. in Grasmere Hall at 8pm
Tickets from Barney's Newsbox Tel 35627 (shop hours)

WI News

Pat Taylor and Myra McCraith enjoyed a “grand day out” on 2nd June at Buckingham Palace, where we attended the garden party celebrating the centenary of the WI. The Duchess of Cornwall, Countess of Wessex, Princess Alexandra and Duchess of Gloucester joined 8000 ladies representing WIs from all over England and Wales. We were entertained by two military bands as we enjoyed our tea, sandwiches and cakes, although the portions were not as generous as our own Grasmere WI teas! It was indeed a privilege to walk through the palace and stroll around the stunning gardens and pretty lake. We had a lovely day despite the freezing cold wind which meant we had to hold on to our hats! Ambleside and Windermere libraries currently have displays showcasing one hundred years of the WI.

Members should bring a packed lunch to the next WI meeting which will begin at the earlier time of 12.15pm on Thursday 9th July in the Tithe Barn. Jennifer Butterworth will give a report on the Centenary Annual General Meeting which was held in the Royal Albert Hall on 4th June. Several members watched the proceedings on a live link broadcast to Fellini’s in Ambleside. The speakers were truly inspiring women, and it was fascinating to observe the procedures which resulted in the postponement of a decision on the resolution. At 2pm, following the formal business meeting, we will go across to St Oswald’s Church to continue rushwinding, in preparation for Rushbearing on Saturday 11th.

On 13th August President Pat Taylor is hosting our own Garden Party at Beck Allans. After our business meeting at 1pm we will be joined at 2pm by Pat’s sister June and the ladies of Hart Station WI from Hartlepool for a strawberry tea to celebrate this special Centenary year.

The September meeting will be on the first Thursday 3rd, at 2pm in the Tithe Barn, so that members may attend the Westmorland County Show on 10th September. The speaker on 3rd September is Sally Farrington of New Leaf Tea Tasters, based in Hawkshead, who will talk about the history and culture surrounding tea drinking all over the world, and bring samples of some of the more exotic flavours available. Everyone is welcome, £3 including tea and raffle. *Myra McCraith*

School News

Summer time! This year we have some special clubs just for the summer term. You may see Explorers' Club out and about on Mondays. They are learning to map-read, and planning for an overnight expedition. On Wednesdays some intrepid sailors are donning wetsuits and learning to sail. Thursdays are for running, and John's club is going from strength to strength. The children are looking much more professional after just a few weeks – no dropped batons in our relays! Gardening Club are in charge of the vegetable beds this year, and doing the usual battle with slugs.

The current crazes in the playground are swingball, tennis, hula-hooping, gymnastics and ... football! They are very active, Grasmere School children. A bit of sunshine and dry weather certainly helps.

What else is going on? The oldest children are working with The Wordsworth Trust on heroes and villains, linked to the current exhibition. There's a lot of science going on, comparing habitats. The whole school turned out to see the amazing caterpillar infestation in the park. We're awaiting identification. The youngest children have worked with Impact to make a new natural play area in Allan Bank grounds. During the last week they've also been to Barrow, on an exchange trip with another school. Apparently they have traffic lights in Barrow. Big excitement!

Over the next few weeks we're doing our annual "health and safety" work with the children. This year it includes outdoor swimming safety. We're trying to make sure that our children are safe in the water, on the water and on the fells. There's also going to be first aid training and internet safety.

There are a couple of summer productions coming up. Some of our oldest boys are performing at Fantasia. A group of us went to Balletboyz at The Blackpool Grand in May. It was amazing, and Sarah Pike has been working with a small group on something similar. The boys are full of ideas. We're going to widen the group by the end of term, so that everyone who wants to can be involved. All the juniors are in a production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicoloured Dreamcoat It's a low-key production, as we put a lot of time into The Christmas Truce. Do come along: Tuesday 21st July, in St Oswald's Church at 6pm! *Johanna Goode*

KNIT AND NAT

For July - Knit and Nat will be held in the Reading Rooms on Tuesday 14th at 10am and Friday 24th at 2pm. All welcome. Bring your own cup and 50p to the session please. August sessions have not yet been determined; please keep a weather eye on Barney's notice board for an update. Look forward to seeing you all there.

THE INDOOR CAR BOOT SALE

Thank you to all those who took a table, donated items, attended and generally made this low key event a success. Regular car booters asked me to make this a regular feature or to even start an antiques fair on a similar system. When all expenses are paid we will have cleared between £350 - £400 for the Will Clark Fund. Thank you for the donation from Ambleside Rangers who provided high quality refreshments raising money for their trip to Vietnam; and those who were decluttering their homes. Apologies to those who may not have sold out, but the community spirit was alive and well in Grasmere that day; I too sent many items to the charity shops in Ambleside. I am proud to live here. Carrie x

UPDATE ON TRAINING

Not to bore anyone, but just want to say a big thanks to Emma and Ann who are inspiring me to get to Newcastle in one piece. Emma has made me complete 13 miles in under 4 hours and while that might not be running (yet) it has given me the knowledge that the course will be completed! Even the Health Centre Physio says I will manage it !Team Will is accepting donations through Create and Donate; The Great North Air Ambulance Service's own website, enabling them to collect gift aid too. Any donation – no matter how small will be a super boost to us all, but if you are not wifi minded sponsorship forms are available at the pharmacy and Style's hairdressers, and every team member has their own paper copies. Thank you too, for all the conversations out and about. September 13th – here we come.

Carrie Taylor

Grasmere Book Group

June's book group approached perhaps our longest book to date in the form of Donna Tartt's *The Goldfinch* (2013). The novel drew in a crowd, with many finding it an engaging read. Most felt the opening scene of the novel to be particularly powerful. Topics of discussion ranged from the twisting plot to the role of paintings in the book and the possibility of a more succinct version of the novel!

The next book group book will be Fiona McFarlane's *The Night Guest* (2014), variously described by reviewers as 'intense' and 'puzzling'. McFarlane spent some time in Grasmere during the writing of the novel. The meeting will take place on Thursday 9th July at 8pm in the Dale Lodge Residents' Lounge. All welcome!

On a related note... on Wednesday 1st July at the Wordsworth Trust a number of British and Canadian poets will be reading as part of 'Dorothy Wordsworth's Canada Day Poetry Party'. The event is supported by Lancaster University's Enterprise Centre and promises to be a lively day of poetry and discussion. Places are limited but bookings can be made for individual sessions or the whole day. For further details look online at pollyatkin.com

Will and Polly

The Journey Within – Reflections on the Pilgrimage of Faith: a quiet day with Canon Michael Middleton

Thursday 2nd July at Rydal Hall
Pilgrimage is a major theme in the Christian tradition, referring both to the inward journey and to the more traditional visit to a shrine. The aim of this quiet day will be to explore this theme together through Biblical readings, poetry and prose.

The day is the fourth in a series of six quiet days throughout the year reflecting the Christian journey. They offer individuals a brief oasis of space in their busy lives to reflect upon the spiritual life and to pray in the peace and beauty of Rydal. The day will commence with coffee at 9.30am and conclude with tea at 4.00pm. The cost per person, including a simple lunch and refreshments, is £20.

Canon Michael Middleton's last post was Canon Treasurer of Westminster Abbey, having moved there from being Archdeacon of Swindon. Before that he held posts in the dioceses of Newcastle and Cape Town.

For further details and bookings please contact the bookings team at Rydal Hall Tel: 015394 32050 Email: mail@rydalhall.org

Feel the Spirit

A Concert by
Woodstock Chamber Choir

Conductor: Paul Ingram

Organist: Alistair Eden

Anthems & Songs

Including Handel - The King shall rejoice

And Stanford - Songs of the Sea

Saturday 25th July at 7.30pm
Carver United Reformed Church
Lake Road, Windermere, LA23
2DB

Free Admission

Retiring collection proceeds to the charity,

‘Tools for Self-Reliance’

God for All



A fresh way to help everyone in Cumbria discover more of God and His purpose in their lives, and to encourage churches to be vibrant and loving communities serving and worshipping God.

How does God for All relate to Growing Disciples?

God for All is about growing disciples

Since the launch of the Diocese of Carlisle's vision 'Growing Disciples' in 2011, Anglican churches have been talking, praying and planning together. Two of the key, critical requirements identified in Growing Disciples were 'to develop new models of ministry to address the future' and 'create a new strategy for outreach for those who are not currently involved with the church'. To support this key strategies were produced and agreed, covering outreach, ministry and buildings.

God for All brings the results of all that work together and makes clear that we do not have three or more separate strategies (buildings, ministry, outreach and ecumenical) – we have one unified and interrelated strategy with a single objective to make and grow disciples, namely that:

by 2020 every person in Cumbria of all ages and backgrounds will have had an opportunity to discover more of God and God's purpose for their lives, so that they will discover more of Jesus and the Good News and become followers of Jesus within a Christian community.

The launch of God for All marks the transition from a phase of talking-about-it into the phase of getting-on-with-it.

God for All is about growing together

The Cumbria Methodist District and the United Reformed Church in Cumbria also share with Carlisle Diocese a commitment to ‘growing disciples’ although they obviously were not involved in the development of the 2011 ‘Growing Disciples’ vision.

The shift to the God for All label makes clear that this shared purpose and strategy is not something that ‘belongs’ to one denomination with others joining in – it is equally owned, shared, supported and developed.

Within God for All, growing disciples and growing together are at the heart of what is happening.

God for All is about clarity

‘Growing Disciples’ is a phrase that works best within the church. For those outside the life of the church it has less clarity or meaning. God for All is simple and understandable – it reminds ‘us’ (within the church) of the size of God’s love and purposes, and speaks plainly to those outside the church of what we are about. It makes clear that God and God’s Church is for everyone.

Diocesan eNewsletter

To read more about ‘God for All’ please subscribe to the new Diocesan newsletter, this includes many news stories about the Diocese and the ecumenical county. It is being sent out every fortnight. To receive the newsletter directly please go the diocesan website - www.carlisle-diocese.org.uk and submit your email address in the section eNews Bulletin.

More details about ‘God for All’ may also be found on a specific website, <http://www.godforall.org.uk>

Cameron Butland

Thank You from SLDC Cllr. Vivienne Rees

I was taken to task by a local just after the last parish magazine was distributed. She told me I should have put in a thank you in the magazine to those people who voted for me in the recent election. I find this a bit of a dilemma. Once elected, a councillor represents everyone in the community and certainly should work hard for everyone, however they voted. Also I would like to thank everyone who used their vote, whoever it went to, because I sincerely believe that it is one of the great glories of this country that we can all vote for whomever we want, without fear or discrimination.

But I did promise I would say thank you to those who showed trust in me, so here it is: “Thank you.” I really feel touched and strengthened by your trust and hope I can live up to it.

If you read the next section, on Boundary Changes, you will see I should also thank those who registered to vote even if they didn’t actually use their vote.

Boundary Changes

The Boundary commission for England has announced it will be holding a review of the boundaries in SLDC. Why does that matter?

The threat to Grasmere pharmacy and to the GP practices in Coniston and Hawkshead and even, to some extent, to Ambleside Health centre shows the effect of the shrinking resident rural population. The government tends to base its plans for an area on the number of voters. The changes in 2010 were based on trying to get equal numbers of these in each area. Second home owners and tourists don’t count when making plans for medical provision. This year I was horrified to see that there were only 564 registered voters in Grasmere. There used to be over 1,000. Grasmere and Ambleside put together only have less than 3,000.

The tempting thing for the Boundary Commission to do is to put us in with Windermere. Luckily they have said they will consult the communities before they make any changes. Please do take it seriously; your evidence will count. Do you think of yourself as part of the Windermere community? Does Grasmere have some distinctive issues which need to be addressed? The other worrying point is the number of people who did not register to vote. Are you one of them? There were changes in the method of registering which confused some people. Do think seriously about

asking to be put on the register if you know you are not on it. It doesn't mean you have to vote but it does mean you count in the government statistics as to how many people there are living in the area and how many need to be looked after, in all sorts of ways.

Vivienne Rees (SLDC District councillor for Ambleside and Grasmere ward)



Charity walk across Morecambe Bay

Join us on Saturday 5 September at 10.30am to walk the spectacular Morecambe Bay sands led by Queens Guide Cedric Robinson MBE. The walk is around 8 miles and takes approximately 3 hours starting at Arnside promenade. The scenery is stunning, see the wildlife close by, it's a fun but slightly weird experience walking across the mud flats! If you've never done it before – now is your chance.

This is a major fund-raising event to help your local South Lakes Citizens Advice. Last year we helped 3,000 local residents with free, confidential and impartial advice. There's growing demand for our help and like other charities we struggle for funding. So please do come and walk with us. We think you will have a great experience and lots of fun while at the same time raising funds through sponsorship by family, friends and work colleagues. Registration is just £5 and if you could get friends or colleagues to sponsor you that would be great

We are limited to 200 people, so book your place early. Full details are available at www.southlakescab.org.uk or telephone 015394 47185. We look forward to hearing from you!

Free, confidential advice and help is available from South Lakes Citizens Advice on any aspect of debt, consumer problems, benefits, housing, employment and any other problems. We have various outlets across South Lakeland and can also give advice over the phone – telephone 015394 46464 for an appointment and help.

Grasmere Village Society

Alien species

I'd like to thank all those who have responded to the request in last month's magazine and told Sharon Savasi or myself about alien species they had spotted in the valley. The main culprit seems to be Japanese knot grass, which we had almost eliminated from our area. Your help in fighting its attempts to stage a return is much appreciated.

Please keep on the alert and continue to report any sightings of alien plants. Eternal vigilance is, indeed, the only safeguard.

The car fire 22nd May

The car fire near the Gingerbread shop was another reminder of the need for continuous vigilance. It seemed incredible that the firemen could not access the hydrants near the scene when they were attempting to put out the blaze. Unfortunately when I attempted to contact the County Council portfolio holder immediately after the fire he was away. I then contacted United Utilities, who examined the area and confirmed that the hydrants were inaccessible. They then arranged for the manholes to be opened up and made safe.

The worry, however, was the apparent lack of monitoring of the hydrants. What would have happened if the fire had been in a home or a large hotel, particularly during the night? It could well have led to loss of life. In response to my emails on the matter, County Councillor Dougherty, the portfolio holder, contacted me on 16th June after his return and says that he regards this as a very serious matter. He intends to investigate the whole issue and will provide updates.

Emergency Planning

It is very obvious that it is a mistake to wait until emergencies arrive before taking action. We have been very lucky these last few years in escaping from the worst effects of flooding. The Flood Action group managed to get a number of actions in place which would help if we do get more flooding incidents. New defences have been installed at the Croft and we have sand bag stores there and at the Hall. There are also emergency

supplies of grit in both places and at the school. But more needs to be done.

We need to have a way of warning people of flooding or some other type of emergency, such as a power cut. We need to know what resources we have in the village, such as 4 x 4s, and people who would be willing to help, particularly in their own area of the village. The emergency services will still be the main providers but the community needs to be prepared to back them up.

Debbie Binch came along to our June committee meeting and gave us a copy of a draft Emergency Plan. A small working group from GVS committee plus Martin Kenyon from Grasmere First Responders is discussing this on 22nd June and will try to draw up an Emergency Plan for the village. We'll update you on this later.

In the meantime, if you are interested in helping with ideas about what should be in an emergency plan and how best to inform people, do get in touch with me, Nick McCraith or any member of the GVS committee.

May committee

One idea we discussed and are now pursuing with the First Responders is supplying another defibrillator for Grasmere. The latest news about the pharmacy looks hopeful but we have been told to expect more news by the end of June. Nick McCraith has painted the seat at the Pinfold.

The next meeting of the committee is 14th July

Please let us know of any issues we should be discussing concerning Grasmere.

Vivienne Rees (chairman)

Rotas for St Oswald's 2015

	Sides man/women	Coffee	Flowers
5 Jul	Ella Footit Trevor Eastes	June Maddison	<i>Refresh</i>
12 Jul	Bob Allen June Maddison	Alison	<i>RUSHBEARING</i>
19 Jul	Kay Adkins Rosalind de Wesselow	Tonia Wainwright	<i>Refresh</i>
26 Jul	Sonia & John Rickman	Ann Jackman	Dee Rogers
2 Aug	Ann Fawthrop Pat Taylor	Shirley Hill	<i>Refresh</i>
9 Aug	Trevor Eastes Ella Footit	Ann Fawthrop	Debbie Hebson
16 Aug	Sonia & John Rickman	June Maddison	<i>Refresh</i>
23 Aug	Bob Allen June Maddison	Kay Adkins	Pat Taylor
30 Aug	Ann Fawthrop Pat Taylor	Tony Wainwright	<i>Refresh</i>
6 Sept	<i>Joint Service for Grasmere and Rydal at St Mary's Rydal</i>		
13 Sept	Kay Adkins	Alison	Ann Fawthrop

CHURCHES CALENDAR

JULY



1st 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP
12noon Wedding Service

5th Trinity 5

9.30am Eucharist, CW at Rydal Church

11am Mattins, BCP

7pm Taizé Prayers at St Mary's Rydal,
no evening service at St Oswald's

8th 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP
12noon CTiGR Bible Study

9th & 10th Rushbearing Preparation in Church

9th 2pm WI Meeting in the Tithe Barn and Church

10th School in Church for Rushbearing Preparation

11th RUSHBEARING DAY

3.30pm Procession, led by Blast Furness Band

4.15pm Church Service, followed by teas in the churchyard

5pm Entertainment, Kendal Town Band and children's entertainment

12th Rushbearing Sunday

9.30am Eucharist at Rydal Church

11am Holy Communion, CW

6pm Iona Said Evening Prayer

9th to 19th *Stewarding in Church* - please sign list in church to
act as Steward during this week

15th 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP

19th Trinity 7

9.30am Eucharist at Rydal Church

11am Holy Communion, CW

No Evening Services

20th Rushbearing Clean Up from 9am in Church

21st 6pm 'Jospheh and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' School Performance in Church

22nd 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP

11.30am School Leavers Service in Church

26th Trinity 8

9.30am Eucharist at Rydal Church

11am Holy Communion, CW

6pm Iona Said Evening Prayer

29th 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP

12noon CTiGR Bible Study



AUGUST

2nd Trinity 9

9.30am Eucharist, CW at Rydal Church

11am Mattins, BCP

No Taize Service in August

5th 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP

9th Trinity 10

9.30am Eucharist at Rydal Church

11am Holy Communion, CW

6pm Iona Said Evening Prayer

11th LDSM Concert at Church

12th 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP

16th Trinity 11

9.30am Eucharist at Rydal Church

11am Methodist Service led by the Rev'd Les Hann

No Evening Service

19th 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP

23rd Trinity 12

9.30am Eucharist at Rydal Church

11am Holy Communion, CW

6pm Iona Said Evening Prayer

26th 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP

30th Trinity 13

9.30am Eucharist at Rydal Church

11am Holy Communion, CW

12.30pm Baptism Service

No Evening Service

SEPTEMBER

2nd 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP

12noon CTiGR Bible Study

3rd 2pm WI Meeting in the Tithe Barn

6th Patronal Festival of St Mary

9.30am Joint Service for Grasmere and Rydal at St Mary's Rydal

7pm Taizé Prayers at St Mary's Rydal,

no evening service at St Oswald's

i thank You God for most this amazing
day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes
(i who have died am alive again today,
and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth
day of life and of love and wings: and of the gay
great happening illimitably earth)
how should tasting touching hearing seeing
breathing any—lifted from the no
of all nothing—human merely being
doubt unimaginable You?
(now the ears of my ears awake and
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

e.e. cummings

The poetry of E E Cummings divides opinion. People either love or hate his poetry. The lack of basic grammar and word structure irritates the purists among us. Yet for some of us the way he conveys meaning and challenges assumptions is very refreshing and challenging. The poem above speaks for itself.