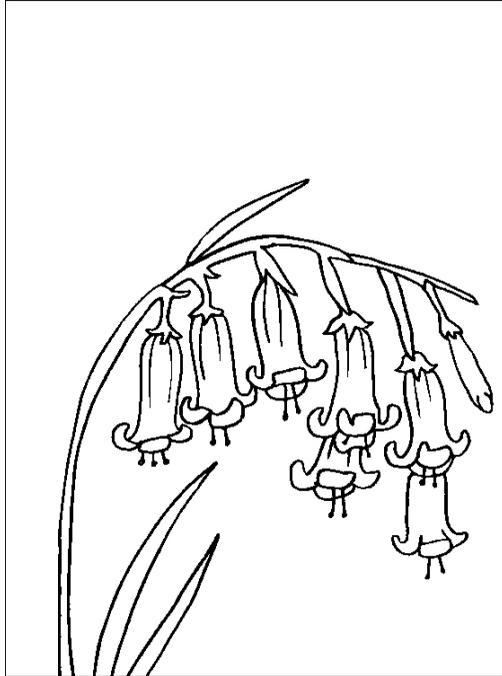


# GRASMERE PARISH MAGAZINE

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# May 2015

## The Merry Month of May

*“Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice”, Philippians 4:4*

In his book, ‘The Name of the Rose’, Umberto Eco tells a story showing that humour and laughter have no place in religion. Whilst it is dangerous to believe anything about religion that you might read in a novel, Umberto Eco crime story does contain an important truth. Simply put, often those most zealous for religion are devoid of the gifts that they proclaim so loudly. We have all met people like this who speak so seriously about the joy of believing, in such harsh and critical ways, that the message they try to put across is completely at odds with their own behaviour – no wonder Christians are called hypocrites, because sometimes we are!

Hopefully though the members of our churches are consistent in the way they live out their faith. Hopefully as the members of the churches we are joyfully in our faith. Hopefully we are not negative or critical in any way. For we are an Easter people, and these forty great days are all about joy, love and peace. If we cannot show this to one another and to each other in our community, then our faith does not have much meaning. Our faith should make a difference to us and the way we live.

Recently I read about someone who retired from work at the age of 100 having being employed for 90 years, someone who still was in great physical shape and who inspired his colleagues by his positive outlook on life. Whilst it probably isn’t the aim of many of us to be at work for 90 years, it would be great to be as well loved and respected by our fellow workers. On his retirement his boss said of him, “the world would be a much happier place if there were more people like him”.

In this month as we have the opportunity to again give on behalf of the poorest in our world through Christian Aid. Let us pray that our faith may bring joy to others and that unlike the world of Umberto Eco’s novel, that laughter may always have a place in our churches and homes.

*Cameron*

## **Christian Aid Week**

Loko's choice in life is simple: 'If I can't collect firewood, my children will die.' Four times a week, in a remote corner of Ethiopia, Loko makes a back-breaking eight-hour trip to gather wood. It's a task she dreads, but she steels herself to do it because if she doesn't her children will starve. She prays to God as she walks. 'I ask him to change my life and lead us out of this,' she says. Just £5 could give Loko a loan to start her own business buying and selling tea and coffee, freeing her from her desperate task and allowing her to spend more time caring for her family. This Christian Aid Week, you can help transform the lives of women like Loko. From 10-16 May, churches the length and breadth of Britain and Ireland will come together to pray, campaign and raise money to improve the lives of people like Loko. Christian Aid Week begins on 10<sup>th</sup> May. In the May magazine there will be envelopes for contributions to be married. Envelopes can be picked up from St Oswald's from the beginning of May.

## **CTiGR Bible Study**

The group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 12 noon for one hour. In May the two meetings will be on 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> May and will be looking at Philippians. All welcome

## **CTiGR Pilgrimage**

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September there will be the annual CTiGR pilgrimage. This year we are visiting Hevensfield, 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.

*Cameron Butland*

## **Thank You**

Sonia & John Rickman wish to thank their family and everyone for their kind wishes and gifts on the occasion of our Golden Wedding Anniversary. Our thanks especially to the congregation at St Oswald's for the gift of the Prunus Koto No-Mai trees. One is planted in our garden and the other is in the church's Wildflower Garden.

*Sonia & John*

## **School News**

### **GRASMERE SCHOOL "GENERAL" ELECTION**

You have a vote! Once you have voted in the general election on May 7th, or even if you aren't voting, please come along to Grasmere School! Our Poling Station is in the playground, and our children will be delighted to help you to vote for one of our political parties. Here are a few of their policies, manifesto pledges and dreams, to whet your appetite. Look out for their posters and leaflets over the next few weeks. And PLEASE make their day by coming out to vote!

## **EP**

If you vote for EP (Equal People), we will have a happy and peaceful country. I dream of a country where doctors and dentists are always available so people don't have to wait for an appointment, especially when it is urgent. I dream of a country where every person gets enough to eat and drink and we won't need food banks. I dream of a country where every child can go to a good school because then when they are older they can get a good job and earn money. I dream of a country where there is no animal cruelty and whoever is cruel to animals is put into jail, depending on what offence they did.

## **HWYNI (Help When You Need It)**

We have a duty to get rich quick! Less taxes. A share of the materials we find on other planets from our Space programme. Fairer car insurance for men and women. More money for the Armed Forces. Every child gets a computer from the age of 5.

## **Party but Serious**

Some politicians don't think before they say things. We think it's very important that politicians always tell the truth, and are honest. I dream of a country where children use their brains not just in school but outside of school, and they're thinking - not just playing computer games or watching T.V. I dream of a country where there are hospitals in every town so people don't have to wait for ages for an ambulance to come. I dream of a country where there are no guns or bad weapons (although importantly police must have guns to use in very unusual circumstances). I dream of a country where there is a food bank in every town /village so that unfortunate people can visit the food bank every 3 days with a pass.

## **Nation's Importancy**

Help more people with obesity problems by subsidizing more fruit and vegetables and banning junk food. I think every town needs a food bank. We need more sport facilities, to help unhealthy people, students and children. Although the challenge is enormous, the benefits will be great. Children are spending too much time on electronics rather than going outdoors or reading. We have a duty to support children's health.

## **Better Ways**

Here at Better Ways, we are interested in what people want, and we'll fund our improvements by taxing professional footballers. I dream of a country where all homeless people are offered shelter and help. I dream of a country where all children get enough sleep and food, because they will soon be adults and they need to be strong and healthy. I dream of a country where people are kind to each other even if others have been cruel to them or have been nasty. I dream of a country where people work hard whilst still having fun.

These parties have all been developed by our Year 6 pupils.

*Johanna Goode*

## WI News

Susan Oliver, Area Manager, for Cumbria, gave a talk to the WI about the various duties she performs as a Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages. She started with a quiz, which revealed the audience's many misconceptions about this essential service. She described how the role has developed since registration began in 1837, and the importance of providing accurate statistics. For example: to assist with planning necessary school places and identifying hotspots for particular causes of death. She explained that specialist training helps registrars recognise those attempting to enter into sham marriages, and also detailed the complex and lengthy process of obtaining permanent leave to remain in the UK, which costs thousands of pounds and is not undertaken lightly. Everyone agreed that the role of a Registrar is much more varied, interesting and demanding than they had realised. Sue was so busy she had to rush straight back to her Kendal office, and missed the delicious cakes made by Mary Bower and Sue Dixon!

A group of local WI members from South Lakes has been photographed wearing 1920s hats and costumes (kindly loaned by the Players) to reproduce an archive snapshot taken in 1920. WI Centenary year events continue on 2<sup>nd</sup> May with a get-together for local groups at Underbarrow Village Institute. Members are encouraged to travel by any means and congregate for a celebration tea from 2-4pm.

Pat Taylor, Lin Allen and Myra McCraith are looking forward to a very special centenary event. They are to represent Grasmere WI at a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, hosted by the Duchess of Cornwall. Watch this space for a full report!

The next WI meeting takes place in the Tithe Barn at 2pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, when Anne Timmins of Cumbria Westmorland Federation will go through the resolutions to be put forward at the national AGM on 4<sup>th</sup> June. This WI voted in favour of Resolution No 4: *Failing to care – assessment of need in long-term care. This meeting calls on HM government to remove the distinction between nursing care and personal care.* Visitors are very welcome. £3 including tea and raffle.

*Myra McCraith*

## **RUSHBEARING - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

The DVD from 2010 Rushbearing is available from Church and will be playing as part of a display about Rushbearing from 1 July onwards.

Blast Furness will play for the procession and the hymn on Moss Parrock. After the service as last year the Kendal Town Concert Band will perform a concert in Church after the service. The children's entertainment will be in the Tithe Barn and/or Rectory garden. Tea will be served as last year from a tent in the Churchyard but away from the Church tower. If the weather is poor then the tea can be taken in Church whilst the concert is going on.

Preparation of the rushes is to begin on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July in Church. There will also be a special children's session on Friday afternoon 10<sup>th</sup> July from 4pm to make crosses and baskets. The rushes are to remain in Church until Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, please sign the list in Church for stewarding of Church from Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July. The clean up will take place on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July from 9am.** *Cameron*

### **Rydal Hall is currently recruiting a Chef Kitchen Manager**

This post will be working 5 out of 7 days on a rota basis catering for approx. 50 residents and community, along with the supervision of 2 additional team members, if you have good practical skills, and a desire to develop your career, we can offer an excellent salary & working environment, for more information please contact Revd. Jonathon S.M. Green

*Jonathon S.M. Green. (Revd). - General Manager.*

## **Broadband Update.**

There will be a Broadband Information Meeting on the 22 May in the Tithe Barn, where BT and CCC will be on hand to offer practical advice.

They will be there from 14:00 to 18:00. There will be three interactive sessions you can book onto, at 2:30, 4:00, or 5:30. If you plan to attend please let me know, or if you have any queries contact me on

- [martin@macamaze.com](mailto:martin@macamaze.com)

For those that cannot attend, there is a lot of information on the Grasmere Broadband Initiative website. [www.Grasmere.tv](http://www.Grasmere.tv) - this site has regular updates posted to it. Further information will be posted after this meeting.

By way of summary, here is the status as of April. BT and CCC have now started to deliver faster broadband in Grasmere. To get the faster broadband, your telephone line has to be re-connected to one of the two new green cabinets. One of the new green cabinets is up and running, near the top of Pye Lane, the other on the exchange premises is due to be connected up by the summer. Broadrayne Farm was the first Grasmere property to order and install the faster connection, the speed is reported to be about 30Mb/s down and 3.4Mb/s up. They are about 1.2Km away from the cabinet, if you are closer, then your connection will be faster.

Essentially the North end of the village can order now, ie. anybody connected to the first cabinet near Pye Lane. The bulk/rest of the village, ie. those who are connected directly to the exchange, will be able to order after the Summer. To check availability and see if you can order now, please check your postcode on the Connecting Cumbria website.

[www.connectingcumbria.org.uk](http://www.connectingcumbria.org.uk) This website also has details of how you can order as well who from.

About 10% of Grasmere postcodes will miss the benefit of this first phase of the Connecting Cumbria project. If your postcode is listed as being "missed out", please get in touch by dropping me an e-mail

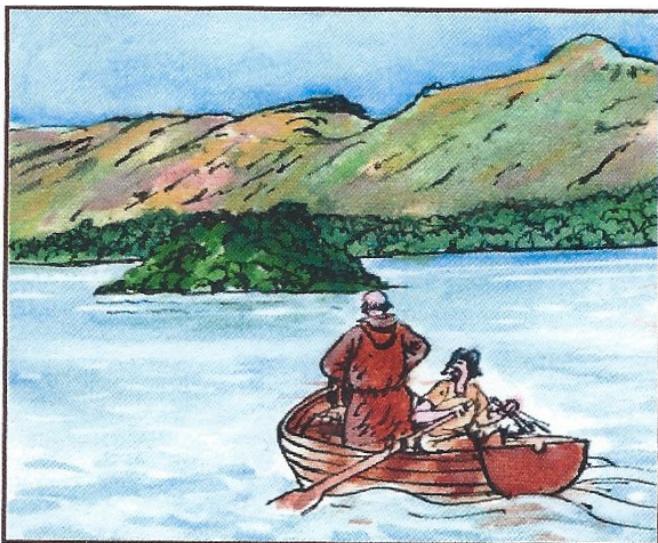
- [martin@macamaze.com](mailto:martin@macamaze.com) - we would like to know who you are and what your broadband requirements are. For reference I have listed the "missed out" postcodes below. CA12 4TP, LA22 9QL, LA22 9PY, LA22 9SF, LA22 9SE, LA22 9SD LA22 9QA - 8 Properties may not get any benefit.

*Martin Campbell*

KESWICK SUMMER FESTIVAL

# St Herbert's Island Story

Performed by Keswick Street Theatre



TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE

FRIARS CRAG

(near the boat landings on Derwentwater)

Two performances 10am & 2pm

*Cameron Butland will give a short talk about Celtic Saints and answer questions after each performance in the Marquee.*

For more information please phone 017687 73637

## Poetry at the Wordsworth Trust

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm The Daffodil Hotel, Grasmere  
Paul Muldoon £10.00**

Paul Muldoon makes a welcome return to Grasmere to mark the publication of his twelfth collection of poems 'One Thousand Things Worth Knowing'. Muldoon's work has become synonymous with technical invention and formal playfulness, but there's strong emotion at work too. His extraordinary charisma as a reader always makes for a very special occasion.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May The Jerwood Centre, The Wordsworth Trust  
2.30pm The Poetry Business Pamphlet Competition 2014/15  
Free but booking advised**

Come and join us for the launch of this year's winning pamphlets from the acclaimed competition.

**With Ann & Peter Sansom and this years winners  
Basil du Toit, Paul Stephenson, David Tait (whose poems will be read  
by Kim Moore) and Luke Samuel Yates.**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm The Daffodil Hotel, Grasmere  
Simon Armitage £10.00**

It wouldn't be summer without the annual Wordsworth Trust reading from Simon Armitage. Simon's combination of universal experience, everyday language and technical flair have made him one of our most popular poets. 'Paper Aeroplanes', just out in paperback, selects from 25 years of published poetry.

**Book on 015394 35544  
All for now but watch out for news of poetry workshops very soon!**

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Andrew Forster, Literature Officer  
Wordsworth Trust., Dove Cottage, Grasmere Cumbria  
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## **Spring Clean your debts**

As we head into spring and hopefully warmer weather, it's a good time to sort out any debts. Council Tax debts remain the largest debt type across the country, up almost a quarter (24%) on last year, as a 'priority debt' you need to pay the debt off before other debts so it's important to get advice.

**You don't need to cope alone with any debt or money worry.** Our advisers are just a phone call away, and we have lots of different ways that we can help depending on your circumstances. Together we can look at your budget and see how you could make any savings, identify if you are entitled any other income, and we can work on your behalf in arranging affordable repayments to your creditors.

*Free, confidential advice and help is available from South Lakes Citizens Advice Bureau 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.*

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**NOW RECRUITING FOR THE  
SUMMER SEASON.**  
Please contact Pam

# **Grasmere Village Society**

## **GVS Annual General Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

As this was held after the deadline for the May magazine the report on this will be in the June magazine

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Richard Rowe for his meticulous work as the independent examiner of GVS accounts. He is retiring from the role this year but will be present at the AGM to answer any queries.

## **The GVS Annual Dinner**

This was a very successful, sociable occasion. The raffle organised by Nick McCraith was indeed splendid due to the generosity of local businesses. Some of the items were auctioned separately and together with the proceeds of the raffle made a total of £605 to be donated to the Alzheimer's association.

## **Threat to Grasmere Pharmacy**

As I explained in the April magazine GVS takes this threat very seriously and wrote a strong letter of support for its retention immediately after our March meeting. This month we decided to send a copy of this letter to all parliamentary candidates for our constituency, asking for their support. It was also agreed that this topic should be on the AGM agenda.

The more people who write individual letters as well as signing the petition, the better.

## **A591 Road Improvements**

We are continuing to press for money to be spent on the dangerous area near the Swan Hotel and Benfield. The organisers reported that the second drop-in session in the village yielded similar responses to previous contacts, showing overwhelming support for action to be taken to improve safety in that area. The proposed changes at Townend are regarded as

largely cosmetic and a waste of money that could be better used elsewhere.

Paul Truelove has been in correspondence with the chairman of the Lake District National Park, Mike McKinley and Steven Broughton, of Mountain Goat. The latter expressed sympathy with our views regarding Swan junction and he suggested we approach Stagecoach for support on this matter. It was agreed to support any petition devoted to this matter.

## **GVS bus shelters**

Work on the Cygnet bus shelter has been completed and looks good. Information maps have now been installed in all the bus shelters.

## **GVS Newsletter**

This will be issued in June; the deadline for any contributions is May 20th. David Dodgson, the editor, welcomes contributions from outside the committee.

## **The first meeting of the new committee is at 8.00pm on Tuesday 12th May in the Reading Rooms**

Vivienne Rees, on behalf of GVS committee

## **Better Broadband for Grasmere**

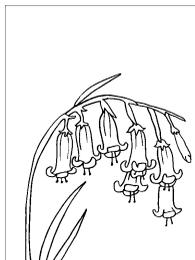
I hope that as many people as possible will sign up for the 3 workshops which are being arranged for 22<sup>nd</sup> May in the Tithe Barn. There has been much speculation about what has been happening and what will be the results for Grasmere. Now is your chance to find out! I have been privileged to see how hard Martin Campbell and Andrew Leech have been working with Phil Ruston of BT to make sure that as many people as possible could benefit if they wished. I shall certainly be going along to find out more. There is no obligation to sign up to anything more than seeing and taking part in an “interactive session”. It’s an opportunity to ask all those questions which have been bugging you. Vivienne

## Rotas for St Oswald's 2015

	<b>Sides man/women</b>	<b>Coffee</b>	<b>Flowers</b>
3 May	Rosalind de Wesselow Kay Adkins	Shirley Hill	Sonia Rickman
10 May	Sonia & John Rickman	Kay Adkins	<i>Refresh</i>
17 May	Ann Fawthrop Pat Taylor	June Maddison	Hilary Beskeen
24 Mar	Bob Allen June Maddison	Alison	<i>Refresh</i>
31 May	Kay Adkins Rosalind de Wesselow	Tonia Wainwright	June Maddison
7 Jun	Trevor Eastes Ella Footit	Ann Jackman	<i>Refresh</i>
14 Jun	Sonia & John Rickman	Shirley Hill	Alison

# CHURCHES CALENDAR

## MAY



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Easter 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

6<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP

12noon CTiGR Bible Study

7<sup>th</sup> General Election Day

### 10<sup>th</sup> Easter 6

9.30am Eucharist at Rydal Church

11am Holy Communion, CW

6pm Said Iona Evening Service

11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> 9am - 12 noon Schools SATS in the Tithe Barn

13<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP

14<sup>th</sup> **8am Ascension Day Eucharist at Rydal Hall Chapel**

2pm WI Meeting in the Tithe Barn

### 17<sup>th</sup> Ascension Sunday

9.30am Eucharist at Rydal Church

11am Methodist Service

No evening services

20<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP

12noon CTiGR Bible Study

22<sup>nd</sup> 2 - 6pm Broadband Meeting in the Tithe Barn

### 24<sup>th</sup> Pentecost

9.30am Eucharist at Rydal Church

11am Holy Communion, CW

27<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP

### **31<sup>st</sup> Trinity Sunday**

*9.30am Eucharist at Rydal Church*

11am Holy Communion, CW

No evening services

## **JUNE**



3<sup>rd</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP  
12noon CTiGR Bible Study

### **7<sup>th</sup> Trinity 1**

*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*

8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> ISO Conference in the Tithe Barn, 9am to 5pm

10<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP

13<sup>th</sup> 2pm 'Prometheus Unbound' Performance in Church

### **14<sup>th</sup> Trinity 2**

*9.30am Eucharist at Rydal Church*

11am Holy Communion, CW

6pm 'Iona Said Evening Prayer

17<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP

12noon CTiGR Bible Study

## **PLEASE DON'T FORGET**

## **RUSHBEARING - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

## **Bluebell Woods**

Come walk with me through  
bluebell woods,  
and see the proof of God's  
sweet love.

Long rays of sunlight  
trickling down,  
among the trees in search  
of ground.

A piece of heaven here  
below,  
creation at its best on  
show.

With perfume drifting on  
the breeze,  
to guide us through this  
deep blue sea.

Bright sapphires dance in  
flickering light,  
while silent butterflies  
take flight.

And echoes of a distant  
thrush,  
we know that He is here with us.

*By Elizabeth Mason*