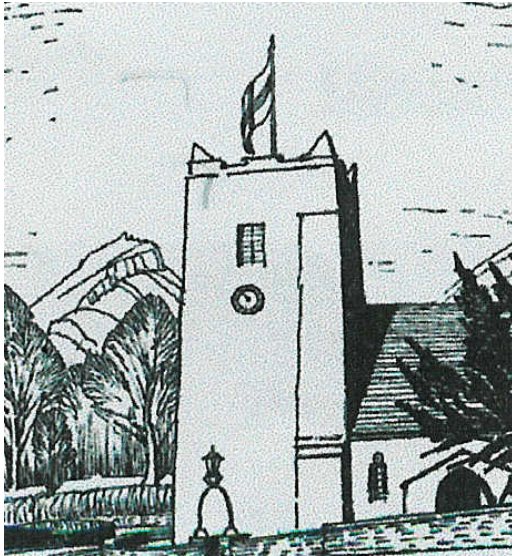


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Endings and Beginnings

I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time. (Ecclesiastes 3:10 & 11)

This is my last article for the newsletter and magazine for Grasmere and Rydal. My first was in February 2004 and this letter in September 2015 is my 117th submission. The only consistent feature of these articles has been my many grammatical and spelling errors, and I am sure this last effort will not buck the trend.

When I was appointed in 2003 to Grasmere, Rydal and Rydal Hall I was told it was an impossible job by everyone including Bishop Graham. Eleven and half years later Rydal Hall is a flourishing enterprise and our two parishes continue to attract tens of thousands of visitors and are served by small, but faithful congregations. All of this is due to many peoples' hard work of which Alison and I are only one part. When I look at the list of past Rectors in Grasmere Church I see that the first was appointed over 800 years ago. In Rydal the list is shorter but still goes back to 1827. At Rydal Hall there is no list or board and indeed I am the only person so far to have been called Chaplain. In each of these roles some have done the job better than others, only at Rydal Hall can I be regarded as the best as well as the worst incumbent!

The important and relevant fact for Rydal Hall, Rydal and Grasmere is that despite these frequent comings and goings, the faith has remained steadfast in each place. This is due to the church, not the building but the people. Each of those named on the lists in these churches were only one part of the on-going life of the church. As my time comes to an end there will be new beginnings. Often a vacancy is a time for new talents to be discovered and for new people to come into new roles. I am sure the end of my time here will mark the beginning of new ministries among our churches and at Rydal Hall. If we look back to those who have served in the past this will give us renewed hope for the future. Our faith reminds us that God has made everything and all is suitable for its own time. My ministry has now

run its course and it is time to move on but as I go others will come forward and all will continue as it should.

Thank you to all of you on behalf of Alison and myself. We have enjoyed being part of the church and village life. We look forward to seeing you from time to time in the future.

Cameron

Just to say, goodbye!

Everyone is very welcome to
The Rectory
on Friday 25 September
anytime from 3pm to 6pm
for a cup of tea and a slice of cake.

Cameron and Alison



Her Majesty the Queen
becomes
the longest serving monarch
in British History
on Wednesday 9th September 2015

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ exchanged the glory of a heavenly throne for the form of a servant, we thank you that you have given Elizabeth our Queen a heart to serve her people, and have kept her devoted in this service beyond all who were before her: encourage us by her example to serve one another, and to seek the common good, until you call us all to reign with Christ in your eternal kingdom. Amen.

(National Prayer for use in churches on 9th September)

**Prayers will be said at the service at 10.30am on Wednesday 9th
September in Church.**

**The newly purchased Union Flag will be flown from the tower for the
first time to mark this national celebration.**

St Mary's Patronal Festival - celebrated on Sunday 6th September in Rydal church at 9.30am, this is a joint service with Grasmere congregation. All welcome.

CTiGR Bible Study - The next Bible Study will be on Wednesday 9th September at 12noon. Please note change of date.

Extraordinary Vestry Meeting – on Sunday 13th September at 12.15pm. The meeting is to elect a new Churchwarden to replace Alison. In addition the PCC decided to appoint two Deputy Wardens for the period of the forthcoming vacancy.

New Jobs – the PCC has identified a few jobs that need to be undertaken during the forthcoming vacancy. Please do consider how you might help. If everyone takes on one responsibility then all the jobs will be easily covered. Thank you.

CTiGR Pilgrimage - on Tuesday 29th September there will be the annual 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, and costs £12. All those wishing to attend please give your name to John.

NEW EDITOR

A new editor is needed for the Parish Magazine. If you are interested in taking on this role please contact Sonia Rickman. The role of the Editor is to make sure there is enough copy for the magazine each month. This means seeking out submissions and occasionally reminding regular contributors. A familiarity with a computer is useful but the main qualities are organisational and the ability to work to a deadline. It is to be hoped that a new editor will be in post for the October magazine.

THANK YOUS

Sonia Rickman

Sonia wishes to thank everyone for their cards, flowers, plants and good wishes after her stay in hospital and convalescence at home.

Audrey Orton

Audrey would like to thank everyone for their cards, visits, good wishes and especially their prayers during her long stay in Furness General Hospital.

Diana Taylor

Thank you so much for all your friendship over the last sixteen years. We have appreciated it enormously and shall continue to do so. We are now beginning to settle in here in Torquay. Those whom we have met at St Matthias' Church and our neighbours have been most welcoming. We are now able to see our son Stephen and his wife Camilla who live just ten miles away much more often than when we lived 350 miles away. We would love to see you if you come this way. In any event we shall be back from time to time.

From the Registers

The PCC decided at its July meeting to include a section in the magazine each month recording those who have been baptised, married or who have had their funerals in Church. The following special celebrations have been held in July and August.

1 July – Wedding of Bradley McPherson & Sarah Haw

8 August – Wedding of Mark Smith & Georgina Humphreys

15 August – Wedding of Richard Molyneux & shona Barclay

30 August – Baptism of Benjamin Smith

Grasmere Community Emergency Plan

Please see the insert provided by David Dodgson on behalf of the GVS please read this and keep it safe.

WI NEWS

In celebration of this special Centenary year (and, coincidentally, a rather special birthday!), President Pat Taylor hosted a Garden Party at Beck Allans. On a beautiful sunny August day we were joined by VIPs from the Cumbria Westmorland Federation: Hon President Olive Clark and Chair Ruth Rigg, and guests from Rydal WI. Pat's sister June and members of Hart Station WI from Hartlepool swelled numbers to 53 ladies who enjoyed a strawberry tea. Pat's husband Brian kindly provided musical entertainment on his keyboard. The event raised a total of £224 for WI funds supporting local charities.

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, when Nancy Stringer will be displaying her beautifully embroidered tablecloth. 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

We're looking for more volunteers at school. Does anybody want to come along and help out? There are all sorts of roles which could be possible:

- Helping out with particular lessons, if you have an interest
- Listening to readers
- Working with a small group on comprehension tasks
- Working with a small group on maths games
- Conservation or gardening
- "Forest Schools" which is going with the class up to Allan Bank on Friday mornings
- Knitting / sewing club
- Supporting PE
- Cooking with small groups
- Helping with lunchtime supervision
- Helping with After School Club

Please get in touch if any of these interest you, or you have a different idea!

I have a particular plea! Does anyone happen to have any stuffed birds, or access to (dead but still feathered!) wings of birds. We're studying flight, and the adaptation of species to different habitats. Or does anyone have a particularly friendly pet bird who wouldn't mind coming in and demonstrating their flight feathers? If so, please let me know. Thank you!
Johanna Goode

Grasmere Book Group

July and August found us immersed in a contemporary Australian novel with a connection to Grasmere (The Night Guest having been partially written whilst Fiona McFarlane was in the village) and a Welsh classic. Both novels brought some lively discussion. The Night Guest's narrative of later-life care and confidence tricksters made for uneasy reading at times, but most found it a compassionate and page-turning read. Geraint Goodwin's The Heyday in the Blood (1936) was a different experience entirely. Goodwin's depiction of a Welsh border-village encountering modernisation was the backdrop for a love triangle which hooked many readers. A tourist boom and land disputes provided some unlikely humour, whilst the use of Welsh language and dialect was also distinctive (prompting some of the group's own discussions of border experiences). Particular thanks go to Jan Perritt for hosting a lovely August group!

Grasmere Book Group meets next on Thursday 10th September when, in a slight change to our schedule, we'll be discussing Sinclair McKay's The Secret Life of Bletchley Park (2010). For those reading ahead, our October group on Thursday 8th October will be covering Margaret Atwood's most recent collection of short stories, The Stone Mattress (2014). Meetings will be in the Dale Lodge Residents' Lounge, and all are welcome.

Will and Polly

Will's Triathlon

As some of you may have already seen in the media, Will Clark has decided to take on a new challenge and complete a triathlon spanning the country. He will return to the scene of the accident at Thirlmere to start the first leg of a new triathlon, which will take in a 100 mile cycle, the Great North Run, and a kilometre swim. The first stage, the cycle, will end in Newcastle, where Will was flown to intensive care by the Great North Air Ambulance Service (GNAAS). He will then be joined by 12 friends and family members, who will join him in the Great North Run. The plan is then to head to the Calvert Trust in Keswick to complete a one kilometre swim. The event will raise money for GNAAS, which treated and airlifted Will on the day of his accident, which happened when a stick got caught in the wheel of his bike. Speaking of GNAAS, Will said: "It's only when you really need them that you suddenly realise what a fantastic job they do." You can sponsor him on <https://www.createanddonate.co.uk/to/going-the-distance/#.VdIq-oZ4WrU> Alternatively you can sponsor him, Carrie Taylor or Rob from Greens in person.

The 100 mile cycle will be completed on a battery-powered Boma bike, which is controlled by Will's chin. Chris Swift, of Molten Rock, which provided Will's bike, said: "While we are excited to see our Boma chair take on yet another challenge, it is the man in the driving seat and his strength of spirit that will see the challenge through. We wish Will and his team the very best of luck."

Will is now putting the finishing touches to his training and making the necessary arrangements for the gruelling journey, with the cycle element alone expected to take up to five days. He said: "It's going to be a real challenge, but we are really looking forward to it now.

"Where we are starting is where I left the last triathlon. We will then complete each leg of the journey as I should have done on the day of my accident. I think it will bring some closure." Will wished to thank the Calvert Trust, which provides outdoor education for people with disabilities, for its part in his rehabilitation. "They've made me realise anything is possible," he said.

Carrie Taylor

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROPOSED MERGER OF AMBLESIDE AND HAWKSHEAD MEDICAL PRACTICES

Hawkshead and Ambleside Medical Practices are considering merging to provide medical care for residents and tourists in the Central Lakes area.

WHY ARE WE CONSIDERING THIS?

- Both practices want to ensure that our patients have access to **good quality local medical care** in the **long-term**.
- A larger patient population will enable us to be in a better position to attract services that will move out of hospitals under the Better Care Together strategy.
- A larger practice will be able to react more positively to the increased workload which all practices are seeing and will continue to see in the future.
- Sharing of resources will provide greater financial security for both practices and will improve **equity** of medical care across the Central Lakes area.
- We will be in a stronger position to attract more GP trainees who may stay in the area.

WHAT WOULD THIS MEAN FOR OUR PATIENTS?

- More **regular** GPs working together will mean better continuity of care, with fewer locum doctors and more appointments available even during holiday periods.
- **All patients** would have access to GPs and/or Nurses on three sites- Ambleside, Grasmere and Hawkshead
- We can provide a **wider range of services** to **all** our patients by sharing expertise and manpower.eg. minor surgery, contraceptive services, minor injury services

- Patients will have access to **more appropriate** services e.g. Phlebotomy and Practice Nurse services at a range of sites.
- The practices will continue to develop close working relationships with the pharmacies in each village to ensure patients and visitors are given the best appropriate care.
- Some changes will be required in the services at each site. We have designed these to ensure that we allocate resources to maintain the current service levels.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS OR QUESTIONS

We believe that working with the Hawkshead Practice is essential to future-proofing your GP services. We understand some of you will have comments and questions about this **so please:**

contact any of the GPs at Ambleside or Hawkshead, **in writing** if possible with your questions. The address for the Ambleside Group Practice is Rydal Road, Ambleside, Cumbria, LA22 9BP and for Hawkshead The address for the Hawkshead Medical Practice is The Old Forge Surgery, Red Lion Yard, Hawkshead, Cumbria, LA22 0NU

- place your comments in the comment boxes which are available at both surgeries.
- Come to the Public Meeting on the 15th Sept. at 7.30 at the Parish Centre, Ambleside
- Come to the Public Meeting on the 23rd September at 7.30 at Grasmere Village Hall
- come to the Public Meeting on the 16th Sept, 7.30pm the Hawkshead Market Hall.
- please look out for updates on our websites, in the surgeries and in local media.

Thank you from all the GPs at Ambleside and Hawkshead Practices

WANTED

A SELF-EMPLOYED ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE WORDSWORTH SUMMER CONFERENCE AND THE WORDSWORTH WINTER SCHOOL

We are a voluntary charity running the Wordsworth Summer Conference for ten days each August and the Wordsworth Winter School for five days in February. Both events were founded by Richard Wordsworth, great-great-grandson of the poet, and both are now held at Rydal Hall. The Winter School (in 2016 the dates are 22-27 February) is primarily for retired people with an enthusiasm for poetry. The Summer Conference (8-18 August in 2016) is primarily for academics and graduate students.

We are looking for a self-employed person with some administrative experience and computer literacy to provide Pre-Conference Administration for the two events, preferably for a period of several years. The role includes taking bookings, allocating bedrooms, booking excursions and transport, issuing invoices and receipts, and supplying name badges, conference packs, and some printed materials for participants. The actual events are run by the Directors and a graduate student. Busy periods preparing for the Summer event are March-May (for bookings) and a few days in late July or early August (printing materials), and for the Winter School, October-November (for bookings) and a few days in early February (making labels and conference packs).

We expect to pay about £2700 for providing the admin / secretarial work and supplying materials. You will need a computer, broadband access, and a laser printer, and will invoice the Foundation for these services and supplies.

If you are looking for a stimulating and rewarding outlet for your energies, and you think you might enjoy free participation in these very sociable events, please contact Richard Gravil, 01768-868920, or at the email address below, to arrange a chat.

<http://www.wordsworthconferences.org.uk> ■ wordsworth_conferences@hotmail.co.uk

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Grasmere Village Society

Emergency Plan for Grasmere

There was no formal meeting of the committee in August but the small emergency subcommittee met to continue work on an Emergency Plan for the village. This was in response to a number of concerns expressed by members after a car fire revealed that it was impossible for fire crews to access fire hydrants near the Gingerbread shop.

You should find a draft of the suggested Emergency Plan for Grasmere inserted in this copy of the magazine.

As I explained in July, severe flooding in 2009 led to the formation of a Flood Action Group so some of the suggested actions are already in place such as the provision of emergency supplies of sandbags and grit but there is still much to be done.

We are anxious for all of you to express your views and to influence the plan so it is truly owned by the Grasmere community. Also we want you to have the opportunity to volunteer to help in whatever way you can, whether it is lending or using equipment or making tea for those suffering from an emergency. We hope to arrange a meeting in October for this purpose. Debbie Binch will be present to answer any questions you may have. The date and venue will be announced in the October magazine.

Sale of Lake District National Park properties

I have received another letter about the proposed sale, but it adds little to what was said before. It repeats the hope of finding suitable purchasers who would look after Baneriggs wood and other areas such as Red Bank. We wrote to LDNPA expressing our concerns and asking for a rethink of the planned sell off.

Window Dressing workshops 15th September

There is still time for businesses to apply for a free place on the 3 hour long window dressing workshops, one in the morning and one afternoon. These are being held in Ambleside in response to my request for them to be held in a more convenient place than Kendal for small businesses in Grasmere. They are at the Beehive, the small building on the right hand side of the main drive up to the University of Cumbria (ex Charlotte Mason)

The owner of four shops in Ambleside was so impressed by the results of the workshop in Kendal that he has booked in other staff for this new opportunity. The professional trainer will give individual advice on how to improve your window display for instance if you send or take in a picture of your window and give some details of your products

Don't miss this opportunity: book by 4th September. Places are limited to 20.

Next meeting of GVS committee

The committee next meets on Tuesday, 8th **September**. Any suggestions or comments are always gratefully received.

Vivienne Rees

Donations to the Foodbank

Donations can be made at any time at the Church for the Foodbank.

Items that are requested as follows:

Milk (UHT or powdered) – Sugar – Fruit Juice – Soup

Pasta sauces – Tinned pudding – Tomatoes tinned

Cereals – Tinned Rice Pudding – Tea Bags

Instant Coffee – Instant potato – Rice/pasta

Tinned meat – Tinned fruit – Jam – Biscuits

Thank you!

Rotas for St Oswald's 2015

Sides man/women Coffee Flowers

6 Sep *Joint Service for Grasmere and Rydal at St Mary's Rydal*

13 Sep Kay Adkins June Maddison Ann Fawthrop
 Pat Taylor

20 Sep Ella Footit *Parish Lunch* *Refresh*
 Trevor Eastes

27 Sep Bob Allen Alison Nancy Stringer
 Rosalind de Wesselow

4 Oct Sonia & John Shirley Hill *Refresh*
 Rickman

11 Oct Kay Adkins Ann Jackman HARVEST
 Ann Fawthrop

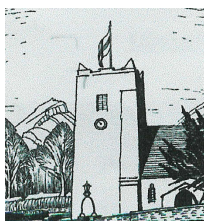
18 Oct Bob Allen Tonia Wainwright *Refresh*
 Pat Taylor

25 Oct Trevor Eastes Ann Fawthrop Hilary Beskeen
 Ella Footit

1 Nov Sonia & John Kay Adkins *Refresh*
 Rickman

8 Nov Rosalind de Wesselow *GVS at Village Hall* Sonia Rickman
 June Maddison

15 Nov Ann Fawthrop June Maddison *Refresh*
 Pat Taylor



CHURCHES CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

2nd 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP
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

9th 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP, special prayers said to celebrate
the reign of Her Majesty the Queen
12noon CTiGR Bible Study

13th Trinity 15

9.30am Eucharist at Rydal Church
11am Holy Communion, CW
12.15pm Extraordinary Vestry Meeting
No Evening Services

16th 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP
19th *CTIC Day at St Mary's Windermere*

20th Trinity 16

9.30am Eucharist at Rydal Church
11am Holy Communion, CW
No Evening Services

23rd 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP
11am Celtic Saints Talk and Tour of St Oswald's Church
25th 3-6pm Tea at the Rectory

27th St Michael and All Angels

9.30am Eucharist at Rydal Church

11am Ion Holy Communion, CW

No Evening Services

29th Pilgrimage to Heavensfield and Hexham

30th 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP



OCTOBER

1st 2.30pm Fellowship Service led by
the Rev'd Les Hann

4th Trinity 18

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

7th 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP

8th 2pm WI Meeting in the Tithe Barn

11th HARVEST FESTIVAL

9.30am Eucharist at Rydal Church

11am Harvest celebration with children from the School

Churches Together in Cumbria

Saturday 19th September, 10am to 4pm

St Mary's Windermere

Let Justice Roll Down

How the church responds to poverty

Keynote Speakers: Chris Mould, Chair of the Trussell Trust

Paul Morrison, JPIT (Joint Public Issues Team)

The Abbey fields by Kenneth Steven

That night our feet scythed the long wet grass
Made a wandering furrow through the field
Toward the ponies. They loomed across to
us

Their faces soft, their breath warm;
The black was furred with moths, the air
airless.

The trees hung in eerie orange light
And somewhere on a hillside, behind farms
and walls and roads

A fox kept yapping, his dry flat bark carrying
Across the long dark. South of us
The end of England pointing out into the sea
And the beginning of morning.

Kenneth Steven