

*The following items were held over from our February 2016 issue.*

# **Grasmere Village Society**

## **Flood Recovery meeting 20<sup>th</sup> January**

This was well attended and led to the creation of a revived Grasmere Business Partnership to be chaired initially by Nathan Rye of Keep's Courtyard, who chaired Grasmere Welcomes Christmas. Vicky Hughes was appointed treasurer. It was agreed that ideally the committee should cover the following areas: Accommodation, Catering, Retail, Trades, Attractions, Businesses run from home and Workers. People who wish to be involved wrote down their contact details and the areas of their interest. It is hoped that soon a group or possibly several sub-groups can get to work on actions to help the different areas.

## **Priorities for action were agreed;**

### **Calendar of Events.**

This would be publicised to show there was plenty for visitors to do in Grasmere. The preliminary list including events already planned (e.g. by the Wordsworth Trust) as well as new ideas.

### **Other Ideas**

- More and better publicity (helped by SLDC): Everyone was encouraged to register their events and businesses on Cumbria Tourist Website and the SLDC Explore Lakeland website.
- Individuals to use social media to spread the message that Grasmere is a great place to visit and is now fully open. Pictures help.
- **Signage** Better road signs for Grasmere at both at entries and inside village e.g. signs to the lake and signs near Gingerbread shop pointing to shops in the northern area of the village.
- **Special offers** e.g. Books of vouchers from shops and cafés.

- Integrated website for brand Grasmere
- A Reliable Source of Information e.g. Newsletter.

## **How to become involved**

Any individual or business interested in being involved should contact Nathan by email on [nathan.rye1@gmail.com](mailto:nathan.rye1@gmail.com)  
He will be calling a meeting soon to carry the ideas forward.

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## **November Weather 2015**

What a finish to the year! Up to the end of October, it could have been classed as yet another uneventful year of average temperatures, sunshine and rainfall. However, from the beginning of November for the next two months, the great flood of 2015 arrived. With the waters of the Pacific being warmer than usual due to the El Nino effect and a jet stream six miles high bringing almost tropical air from thousands of miles away in the Atlantic, Scotland and northern Britain were directly in the firing line due to low pressure over Iceland and dominant highs over France and southern Britain. Waiting in the wings were the tropical storms. Abigail was the first, followed by Barney, Clodagh, Desmond, Eva and Frank.

November started well, albeit briefly, with the best day of the month being the 2<sup>nd</sup>, beautiful, warm and sunny. However, the last remnants of Summer slipped away and all went downhill rapidly. Although if you liked it mild, it was right up your street.

The first snow of the Winter arrived on the 13<sup>th</sup>, on top of the Fairfield horseshoe, whilst the first frost was logged on the morning of the 21<sup>st</sup> -2.C. both were brief and the rest of November was very mild, with a dominant, humid southwesterly airflow and record warm temperatures.

It remained unsettled throughout and was the third warmest November since 1890, with temperatures 2 degrees Celsius above average. It was also the dullest November in the UK since 1929.

The rain was relentless, with only 2 completely dry days noted. 645.6mm . (25.42in.) fell, making it the second wettest Nov. since 1890. November 2009 (29.26in.) being the wettest.

A brief look at other Nov. rainfall figures. Seathwaite 886.8mm. Grasmere 645.6mm. Coniston 524.3mm. Shap 456.0mm. Ambleside 454.8mm. and Windermere 385.1mm

On reflection, as David Renwick quoted, "If God had intended man to live in Britain, he'd have given them gills."

Then one from Jerome K. Jerome, "You want to be foretold the weather? It's bad enough when it comes, without us having the misery of knowing about it beforehand!"

Wettest Nov day 14<sup>th</sup> 125.3mm. (4.94in.)

Total for month 645.6mm (25.42in.) last year 8.41in.

Nov. rain days 27 last year 24

Rain days to date (end Nov.) 214 last year 225

Total for year to date (end Nov.) 2311.4mm. 110.21 in.

*Peter Bailey*