

A large group of runners is seen from behind, running up a grassy hillside. The runners are wearing various athletic gear, including tank tops and t-shirts in colors like blue, yellow, green, and red. Some have text on their shirts, such as 'cajAstur' and 'DAN'. The background shows a dense crowd of spectators on the upper part of the hill, and a utility pole is visible on the right side.

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An Unseasonal Summer!

Dear Friends,

This summer is set to be the driest for half a century as the hosepipe ban begins on 5th August in Cumbria and the north-west of England. Our green and pleasant land is reacting in different ways, from some plants enjoying the dry warmth and flowering for a second time (roses, wisteria) to trees dropping leaves early in an attempt to survive hot days and lack of rain. The reservoirs are down, becks are bare rocks or pebbles, and bogs are firm enough to walk on easily.

Sometimes we go through ‘drought’ times in our own lives, when we feel parched and it’s hard to flourish. There are times of challenge throughout life, when we really value a friend alongside or a caring phone call, card or surprise visit. Being good neighbours is an essential part of living in our community through the year, whatever the weather, because each of us struggles at different times and each of us can be alongside when we’re feeling strong enough to share and care. We don’t have to be feeling superhuman to be a good neighbour – sometimes even when we’re having a tough time ourselves, it means we’re able to understand someone else’s sadness or challenges and stop to share just a word or thought or prayer of care or goodwill. Sharing ourselves and caring in the little things of everyday are quiet, unseen ways of living that make all the difference, whether in ‘drought’ times or when we feel overwhelmed by life in ‘flood’ times.

This summer season brings many visitors from all over the world to our community, often having a holiday or days off to enjoy the beauty of Grasmere and Rydal and the surrounding fells. For local residents, it’s the peak for working in the hospitality and tourism industry – and it’s peak time for traffic on our narrow lanes with small car parks. A constantly changing flow of people through our vale brings challenges, opportunities and encounters. Having time to stop for a moment, to share with our ‘neighbours’ from all around the world can be a most enriching experience, even if it’s just ten minutes and we will never meet again. The kindness of a stranger, the goodwill of someone from a different culture, the hesitant conversation in another language, all these moments can be amazing encounters that happen in a day if we’re not rushing through.

Some of our community were in church preparing for the Rushbearing in mid-July, winding the rushes on the bearings for several days. During that time, all

sorts of conversations sprang up, between the local people (whilst concentrating on the pesky rushes that were a bit short this year and sprang back with a mind of their own) and with visitors. People who came into St Oswald's were astonished to see what was going on and were full of questions about our traditions. The villagers who made such an effort to celebrate Rushbearing for another year were rewarded with a brilliant, sunny day for the procession with the music of the Ulverston Town Band who also played outside the church afterwards. Without the bellringers from RAOB to cut the rushes, without the many members of Grasmere WI and others who prepared the traditional wooden 'bearings' wound with rushes, without the two church wardens Sonia (with John) and Helen who more-or-less set up camp in the church for days to welcome helpers in, without the school and rush maidens, without the gingerbread from Sarah Nelson's and other donations of help for teas, without everyone who processed and joined in afterwards in church, Rushbearing wouldn't happen. On behalf of all the visitors and villagers who shared a wonderful day, a very big **"Thank you!"**

August and September bring shows and events and a hectic social calendar. It would be brilliant to be able to make time for 'brief encounters', to share ourselves with a kind word or a bit of goodwill as people in our village usually do. It would be great to look back on our 'drought' summer 2018 as a time to be outside, sharing and caring, with whoever crosses our path. It could be someone local – or from the other side of the world. Being good neighbours is for all of us, it makes our community the wonderful place to be for both residents and visitors. The fells around us, the meadows and paths, tarns and lakes, full of birds and flowers, are our neighbours too, all singing of God's loving care for everyone who comes. **May God's loving presence be with us and within us, shining through us all, day by day.**

Gill

Uprooted – A Photographic Exhibition

Through a series of powerful images and individual accounts, this exhibition by Christian Aid tells the stories of some of the 40 million people displaced inside their own country.

The exhibition will be in St. Oswald's from 30th July - 5th August.

News of the Rectory and Tithe Barn

The end of July saw the clearing of parish papers and resources from the Tithe Barn following the purchase of the Rectory and whole site, subject to contract, from the Diocese of Carlisle.

Proceeds from the sale will be held in the diocese's 'parsonage fund' account as the diocese seeks a new, smaller house for a resident clergy minister in the parish. In addition, a small grant will be made from the sale proceeds to St Oswald's PCC to upgrade the vestry within the church so that we can use it for PCC and other meetings (in warmth!), and as a hot-desking space with wi-fi.

The PCC is looking into providing a WC in one of the lean-to rooms at the foot of the tower (currently used for flower vases etc) and freeing up some space for storage of the Rushbearing frames and for the choir's sheet music.

Finally, the PCC is exploring with the church architects a small kitchen area next to the vestry, concealed behind wood panelling, for refreshments to be provided after services, concerts and other meetings in the church. This planning is at an early stage and there will be full consultation, with drawings put up in the church to see over the summer.

St Oswald's Church is a much-loved Grade I listed building and we are very well aware that nothing will be permitted by planning bodies that is out of character - and obviously we intend our beautiful mediaeval church to retain its glory, with very discreet upgrades. *Gill*

National Trust - house to let

The National Trust wishes to let (unfurnished) **2 Grandy Close, Grasmere, Cumbria**. A four bedroom semi-detached property with mains gas central heating, parking and gardens.

Rent set under affordable rental guidelines at £570 per calendar month.

To respect the donor's wishes only those with strong connections to Grasmere should apply.

For particulars email northwestlettings@nationaltrust.org.uk or telephone 015394 35599.

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WI NEWS

Suddenly WI find themselves 'homeless' with the sale of the Rectory and Tithe Barn. Luckily our next meeting is scheduled for a day visit to Dalemain on 9th August. The Wordsworth Trust have come to the rescue and offered us meeting space for the following three sessions which will take us into the New Year.

We have just had a busy few days preparing for the Rushbearing. All members met at Church on the Thursday and began the work. Some were old hands at the winding, but others new to the process found it considerably more demanding than they had realised. Tea and cake were plentiful.

The Rushbearing is one of our oldest village traditions and needs supporting to continue. Tradition is important, especially to those of us who have family memories from previous generations. I really enjoy taking the village over during the procession and stopping the traffic for that half-hour which gives us time and space. It is our village and it is good to pause from the increasingly busy village throng and be reminded that we are a living, resident, working, vibrant community. The band this year was just right, the traditional brass sound so necessary for our ancient Rushbearing March. So please, if you have any wish for this tradition to continue, get involved, there are so many jobs necessary for this to happen. It shouldn't have to fall to the same small number of willing people. Gathering the rushes, winding them and decorating bearings with flowers. Looking after the Rushmaidens and younger children. Organising the procession. Serving the tea and gingerbread and tidying up afterwards. The Rushbearing is ours, have a go at joining in. Don't be shy, it can be fun!

Thanks again to the Wordsworth Trust. We meet there in the Foyle Room on Thursday 6th September, 2018 at 2 p.m. The Speaker will be Maria Galvin, who will talk on **Professional Decluttering: The Facts**. New members are always welcome.

Jennifer Hardisty

*Garage/Shed Clear Out? Unwanted Tools? Please Remember -
Windermere Tools for Self Reliance*

Refurbishing Tools for use in African Communities

Contact: Richard Beskeen (Grasmere) or John Mullen (Windermere)

Grasmere Book Group

June's meeting saw Jan and Kay's birthdays, so the book group began with prosecco and several kinds of cake, setting a new precedent that will be hard to match. Generally the group found that they enjoyed reading Zadie Smith's *Swing Time* (2016) but felt like there was something lacking. The varying plots are threaded together, and whilst interesting in themselves, could each have been separate stories. Some of the members imagined a different version of the novel that focused on Tracey and the narrator's friendship, reminding them of the work of Elena Ferrante. The unreliability of the unnamed narrator and their location in the book was also a topic of some debate. Many agreed with the idea that the novel was less than the sum of its chapters.

The July meeting eerily predicted the World Cup's victors by arranging a date with French literature. After tackling some short stories once before it had been suggested that we attempt some Emile Zola. So, as a group we read the novel *Thérèse Raquin* (1867). Murder, intrigue, shopkeeping, consumption, art and the advantages of the city... all are staples of our opening conversations but this time these topics arose from the book. Members shared their experiences with French classics, misconstrued crime passionnel as a pastry ingredient, feared for French cats in literature, contemplated the workings of guilt and found a lot to unpack from a short (though some thought it could have been shorter) novel.

Our next meeting is 8pm on Thursday August 9th at the Wordsworth Trust (Foyle Room) when we'll be discussing Kamila Shamsie, *Burnt Shadows* (2009). The September book group meeting's date has yet to be confirmed, but the novel is William Faulkner's *Absalom, Absalom!* (1936).
Polly and Will

Knit and Nat

We are now well into this glorious summer and despite the heat we keep knitting! Our poppy total has reached 872 which is a really amazing total, thank you to everyone who has contributed to this real village project. We have stopped selling wool now and would be grateful if anyone who still has wool or poppies could get them back to us so we can begin creating.

Since I last wrote we have met with Gill; before the meeting in church I attached 20 poppies to a piece of fabric so we had some idea of the space

these flowers will take up. As soon as Gill saw the poppies she commented it lent itself to a new altar cloth, problem solved! This has progressed since our meeting; Alan Hetherington has made us a lovely, wooden frame that will fix onto the front of the altar. We have even had some suitable fabric donated to us which sets off the poppies beautifully, it is rather like the colour of the Rushmaiden dresses.

By the time I next write for the Parish magazine I hope the altar frontal will have been created and if we have some poppies left over we may be able to create the 'waterfall effect construction' that was one of our first thoughts.

A few of the poppies have already been used making a lectern hanging for use on the evening of Mr. Taylor's talk and organ recital on July 28th. The evening is in memory of his great aunt Nellie Taylor and we hope our hanging adds to the atmosphere of the evening.

In August we will only meet once on Tuesday 28th our dates in September will be: Friday 14th and Tuesday 25th. The Reading Room is open by 2pm and we stay until 4pm. As usual, we welcome anyone, any age, to join us for the afternoon, or any part of it; with knitting or just to nat.

Christine Batey

Nightingale Singers

The Singers will be giving a concert at **Rydal Hall (Bulley Barn)** on **Saturday 8th September at 7pm.**

The concert will feature some sumptuous sacred pieces in the first half, but the mood will then lighten, to include music from "West Side Story", a superb piano solo, progressing to a commemoration of the ending of the Great War, with an opportunity for the audience to participate.

The Nightingale Singers were established in the 1980s by several Hallé Choir members. They have a unique style arising from an eclectic repertoire - classical, jazz, traditional, spiritual, pop, music from the shows, etc.

A superb evening's music and a very memorable occasion are guaranteed.

Free entrance, with a retiring collection for Rydal Church Building Fund.

Rod Hutchinson

Events at the Wordsworth Trust

Now the summer season is well and truly underway, we've got lots of events and activities for all ages and interests taking place every week here in Town End.

As the schools have broken up for the summer, we are running four events onsite every week for families: **Dove Cottage Family Tuesdays** on Tuesdays between 2.00 and 4.00pm, **Stories and Songs for Tiny Tots** on Wednesdays from 2.30 – 3.30pm, **Outdoor Explorers** on Thursdays from 2.30 – 3.30pm and **Pop-up Poetry Cafés** on Fridays between 2.30 and 4.30pm. The education team are also running **Culture Camp**, three days of activities in conjunction with Theatre by the Lake in Keswick, for children age 7 – 13 on Tuesday 31st July, Wednesday 1st August, Thursday 2nd August. For full information about each session and the activities on offer please visit our website.

August's Saturday talk is on Saturday 4 August and is **The Annual Thelwall Society Lecture**, with Judith Thompson and Michelle Foubert both talking about Mary Shelley to tie in with our summer exhibition **In Search of Mary Shelley: the girl who wrote *Frankenstein***. Geoffrey Bindman will also be here to discuss some of the Shelley books in the Trust's collection. On Saturday 1st September we welcome Jo Taylor of Lancaster University for a talk titled '**The very Mountains' child': Dorothy Wordsworth, Mountaineering Pioneer** and the official opening of a new exhibition focussing on early women mountaineers titled **This Girl Did**. It promises to be a fantastic occasion so do join us if you are able.

Our regular groups will carry on as normal through the summer. **Discover Poetry** with Polly Atkin will take place on Thursday 2nd August and Thursday 6th September at 7.30pm with shared reading and discussion of some seasonal poems in Dove Cottage (or the garden if it's sunny!) The poetry writing group **Dove Cottage Poets** will also meet on these dates, at 2.30pm, for anyone who feels inspired to write their own poetry. It is an informal self-led group and you would be very welcome. **Grasmere History Group** are meeting on Tuesday 7th August and Tuesday 4th September.

The brand new **Introducing...** series of short informal talks has been very popular with visitors in June and July so if you've ever wanted to know more about the day-to-day work of the Trust in caring for Dove Cottage and garden, the Wordsworth Museum and a collection of over 65,000 artefacts pop down

between 11.30am and 12.00pm Tuesday – Friday. More details of each session are available on our website.

Finally, there are Wordsworth-themed guided walks with volunteers from the National Park and the Wordsworth Trust around Ullswater on Saturday 8th and Friday 28th September, Grasmere on Saturday 18th August and Hawkshead on Monday 13th August and Thursday 30th August.

As always, please visit our website <https://wordsworth.org.uk/> or contact us on **015394 35544** for more information about any events or activities. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Alice Carthy Events Manager The Wordsworth Trust

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Women's Walks to Remember: "With memory I was there"

A new project by Louise Ann Wilson.

Do you have a significant walk that you are no longer able to manage but remember vividly or long to do? Do you know someone who has talked about a walk in this way? If so, I would love to hear from you because I am creating a walking-art project that celebrates the walking-lives of Lake District women and collects their walks.

Your walk might have been for work, leisure, adventure, health, remembrance, creativity, science, companionship or solitude. The reason that the walk can no longer be might be due to the effects of ageing, illness, accident or circumstance.

If you share your walk with me, I will re-walk and bring "treasures" – sights, sounds, words and objects – back to you. Collected walks and materials gathered will contribute to an installation in Dorothy's Room at Rydal Mount in August 2018 and an exhibition at the Wordsworth Trust in September 2018.

To get involved please email Louise at:

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Grasmere Village Society

Rushbearing

In spite of having to cope with the small size and rather dried-up rushes produced by our glorious summer weather, an enthusiastic band of helpers worked hard in the church winding the traditional bearings, including the new GVS banner, which had its first outing last year.

An appreciative, constantly renewed band of observers encouraged us in our task and some even joined in to help. Several had never heard of this event and were intrigued to hear of its origins.

As well as the now traditional treat of Nicole's scrumptious brownies the WI, which used the Thursday for its monthly meeting, provided luscious scones and cakes. All this certainly helped to make the task easier.

The procession was a lovely occasion. The Ulverston Town band was splendid, playing the Rushbearing hymn with great gusto and helping all the bearers to step out in rhythm. The music they played in the sunshine outside the church after the service was also greatly enjoyed.

The Broadgate Meadow project

This is progressing well under Nick McCraith's capable leadership with the help of Polly Straker of SLDC. More than £45,000 has already been raised. Last month I reported on some of the donations, but additional ones have come in including £2,500 from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund, £750 from Grasmere Sports committee, £470 from the Garden centre's wishing well and £3,500 from the Frieda Scott Trust.

Will and the lusty helpers who are helping him "up the hill" on 28th July, are sharing the proceeds of their efforts between the activity area at Broadgate meadow and the one in Ambleside at Greenbank and Castlefield.

Further funding is being sought for Broadgate Meadow, including more from the District Council, and it is hoped that there will be enough for a grand opening next Easter.

Collecting boxes have been distributed around the village. Lee Rollitt and Tegan Sharp have volunteered to collect the money from them in the future. If you were given one and have no place to display it, please do let us have it back!

Although there were several posters in the village there was rather a disappointing turnout for the Broadgate Meadow consultation meeting. However there have been 81 responses to an online request for suggestions about equipment for the activity areas. Any further suggestions would be very welcome. If you'd prefer to speak to Nick or myself or any member of the GVS committee please feel free to do so.

Every penny you contribute will now go into improving the drainage and surface of the activity areas and buying more equipment. Unlike some other play areas we are helping ALL ages from toddlers to 90 year olds. Try some of it for yourself! It really is fun and helps keep you fit.

Issues raised at the last committee meeting

In response to a suggestion by Dave Almond, Louise Sykes will liaise regularly with the National Trust. This should make it easier for us to cooperate throughout the year rather than having to wait for an Open Evening.

Another issue discussed was the custom of some coach/bus drivers leaving their engines running so the air conditioning can keep the interior cool. It was pointed out that this is an offence punishable by a £20 fine.

Invasive Species

Sharon Savasi reports to the committee about the spread of invasive species and works on behalf of GVS to prevent this. She has been having a difficult job with the spread of pigmy weed in Skaters' tarn above White Moss. She is also concerned about the growth of Japanese knotweed near the bridge at Shoe Ducks. She has asked me to remind everyone:

Do not hoy it into the beck!

In the last few years we have had great success in controlling its spread by paying for it to be sprayed by professionals. Unfortunately if even the tiniest scrap gets into the soil it grows the most enormous roots which have been known to lift up motorways. So don't try to deal with it by throwing it in the nearest river, but do tell Sharon if you see it beginning to grow anywhere. We have got it on the run but need to keep up the fight.

The next meeting of the committee is 11th September

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

Vivienne Rees, Chairman

2018 Grasmere Sports - Sunday 26th August

The 168th Grasmere Sports and Show takes place on Sunday 26th August. Gates open 10am.

We look forward to welcoming Locals and Visitors for a full day of fun, excitement and tradition. Traditional Fell running, Cumberland and Westmorland Wrestling, and Hound trails will feature along with Children's Races, Tug of War and a variety of family entertainment.

Discounted Family and other tickets are now available from the website www.grasmeresports.com. Tickets can also be bought on the day.

Local resident discounted tickets are available from 1st August at National Trust Shop, Church Stile. Please bring council tax bill or similar to show Grasmere address.

Chris Shaw, Grasmere Sports Committee

Music Notes

Although Grasmere celebrates its Patronal Festival with Rushbearing in July, **Sunday 5th August** is St Oswald's Day and at 4.00 p.m. the Church Choir will sing **Choral Evensong** to mark the occasion, including some hymns for all to join in.

The next in our series of Music at Grasmere concerts will take place on **Thursday 30th August at 7.30 p.m.**, given by **Jonathan and Carolyn Sparey (violins)**, formerly of Keswick, where their parents founded the Keswick Music Society over 50 years ago. Jonathan was for many years a member of the internationally acclaimed Fitzwilliam Quartet, and Carolyn has played in many professional orchestras.

The Church Choir is affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music, and some of our members will be taking part in a Singing Day with the eminent composer, John Rutter, in St Andrews, Penrith on 22nd September. We will also be working towards the Launch Service of the new Mission Community, which will take place in St Mary's Church, Ambleside on **Sunday 7th October at 11.00 a.m.**

Ian Hare

CALENDAR

August 2018

1 Wed	10:00	Foyle Room	Culture Camp
1 Wed	10:30	Brockhole	Wordsworth Wednesday at Brockhole
1 Wed	14:30	WW Tr. Family Rm	Stories & Songs for Tiny Tots
2 Thu	10:00	Bufs club	Antiques Fair -> 5th
2 Thu	10:00	Foyle Room	Culture Camp
2 Thu	14:30	Foyle Room	Dove Cottage Poets
2 Thu	19:30	Dove Cottage	Discover Poetry
3 Fri	14:30	Foyle Room	Pop-up Poetry Café
4 Sat	14:30	Jerwood Centre	Thelwall Soc. Annual Lecture
5 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Trinity 10 - Parish Communion
5 Sun	16:00	St. Oswald's	Choral Evensong
7 Tue	14:00	Foyle Room	Family Yoga
7 Tue	19:30	Jerwood Centre	Grasmere History Group
8 Wed	10:00	Bufs club	Antiques Fair -> 10th
8 Wed	10:30	Brockhole	Wordsworth Wednesday at Brockhole
8 Wed	14:30	WW Tr. Family Rm	Stories & Songs for Tiny Tots
9 Thu			WI visit to Dalemain
9 Thu	14:30	WW Tr. Family Rm	Outdoor Explorers
9 Thu	20:00	Foyle Room	Book Group
10 Fri	14:30	Foyle Room	Pop-up Poetry Café
12 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Trinity 11 - Parish Communion
13 Mon		Hawkshead Car Pk	Wordsworth's Hawkshead
14 Tue	14:00	Foyle Room	Drama Activities
15 Wed	10:30	Brockhole	Wordsworth Wednesday at Brockhole
15 Wed	14:30	WW Tr. Family Rm	Stories & Songs for Tiny Tots
16 Thu		Rydal Park	Sheepdog trials

16 Thu	14:30	WW Tr. Family Rm	Outdoor Explorers
17 Fri	14:30	Foyle Room	Pop-up Poetry Café
18 Sat	10:30	Stock Ln Car Park	Wordsworth's Grasmere
19 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Methodist Service
21 Tue	14:00	Foyle Room	Photography Techniques
22 Wed	10:30	Brockhole	Wordsworth Wednesday at Brockhole
22 Wed	14:30	WW Tr. Family Rm	Stories & Songs for Tiny Tots
23 Thu	14:30	WW Tr. Family Rm	Outdoor Explorers
24 Fri	14:30	Foyle Room	Pop-up Poetry Café
26 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Trinity 13 - Parish Communion
26 Sun	10:00	Sports Field	Grasmere Sports
28 Tue	14:00	Reading Room	Knit & Nat
28 Tue	14:00	Foyle Room	Drama Activities
29 Wed	10:30	Brockhole	Wordsworth Wednesday at Brockhole
29 Wed	14:30	WW Tr. Family Rm	Stories & Songs for Tiny Tots
30 Thu		Hawkshead Car Pk	Wordsworth's Hawkshead
30 Thu	19:30	St. Oswald's	Violin concert

September 2018

1 Sat	16:00	Jerwood Centre	'The very Mountain's child'
2 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Trinity 14 - Parish Communion
4 Tue	19:30	Jerwood Centre	Grasmere History Group
5 Wed	09:00		Pilgrimage to Chester
6 Thu	14:00	Foyle Room	WI
6 Thu	14:30	Foyle Room	Dove Cottage Poets
6 Thu	19:30	Dove Cottage	Discover Poetry
8 Sat	09:30	Ullswater TIC	In the footsteps of Wordsworth
8 Sat	19:00	Rydal Hall	Nightingale Singers Concert
9 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Trinity 15 - Parish Communion
11 Tue			GVS committee

14 Fri	10:00	Village Hall	Antiques Fair -> 16th
14 Fri	14:00	Reading Room	Knit & Nat
15 Sat	12:00	St. Oswald's	Wedding
16 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Parish Eucharist & Baptism
23 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Trinity 17 - Parish Communion
25 Tue	14:00	Reading Room	Knit & Nat
28 Fri	9:30	Ullswater TIC	In the footsteps of Wordsworth
28 Fri	10:00	Village Hall	Antiques Fair -> 30th
30 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Trinity 18 - Parish Communion

October 2018

7 Sun	11:00	St Marys Amblesd	Joint Mission Community launch
7 Sun			No service at Grasmere
14 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Harvest Festival with School
14 Sun	16:00	St. Oswald's	Harvest Evensong

2018 Parish 'Pilgrimage' Outing to Chester

Join our annual trip to somewhere special, this year to historic Chester on **Wednesday 5th September**.

Chester has a wonderful city centre with great shops and cafés plus a cathedral at its heart. There's a half-hour service at 12.30 that visitors can join if they wish, in the cathedral's Lady Chapel. There's an excellent café/restaurant within the cathedral too. Plenty of (flat) walks in the centre and by the river, places to eat, drink and relax.

Do come and join us! We'll meet at the RC Church (corner of Benfield) at **9.00 a.m.** to board a coach for the smooth ride to Chester mostly on motorways. Costs just £20 for the coach - then whatever shopping or refreshments you choose! All welcome, but please book the coach with John or Sonia Rickman, 35603.

GH

Invitation to the launch of the Central Lakes Mission Community

What is a Mission Community?

A Mission Community is a group of churches, chapels and other meetings (let's call them 'worshipping communities') who agree to work more closely together with an agreed leadership structure.

What would that look like in this area?

Every worshipping community – be it a small group of three or four folk who meet occasionally or a thriving congregation who meet every week - has been asked if they would like to work together more closely. Communities from Dunmail Raise in the north, through Ambleside and Langdale and including a good part of the area between Windermere and Coniston as far as Rusland and Satterthwaite were invited. They sent representatives to a joint group and they have decided to launch this initiative.

We have our church – why do we want to join in with a Mission Community?

'The local church is the hope of the world'. Most things we do best locally. We care for our local community best because we know them. But some things are better done in co-operation with others. There are economies of scale – like having an Administrator that does paperwork for all the churches in the Community. Where things are working well, we won't need to change, but there will be scope for churches to do more, for instance when some groups joined together to put on the Moving Mountains weekend in March. It is easier to get a critical mass of people to do things together that individual worshipping communities would struggle to do alone.

So what now?

On 7th October at 11am in St. Mary's Church, Ambleside there will be a service to launch the Mission Community. Each worshipping community has been asked to produce a cloth square with their name or something about their community on it. These will be sewn together but left unfinished – in case others want to join us. After this we will have a shared lunch. The local schools will be putting up displays based on our theme of 'Creation'. The Bishop of Carlisle, the Methodist District Chairman and others will come and celebrate our intention to work together.

Please come along to help us celebrate working together and to hear more.

Beverley Lock

ROTAS FOR ST.OSWALD'S CHURCH

	Sidesmen / women	Coffee	Elements
5th Aug	June Maddison Kay Adkins	Pat Taylor	Ann Fawthrop
12th Aug	John Rickman Trevor Eastes	Tonia Wainwright	Pat Taylor
19th Aug	Ann Fawthrop Pat Taylor	Helen Bunfield	June Maddison
26th Aug	June Maddison Kay Adkins	Shirley Hill	Ann Fawthrop
2nd Sep	John Rickman Trevor Eastes	June Maddison	Pat Taylor
9th Sep	Ann Fawthrop Pat Taylor	Kay Adkins	June Maddison
16th Sep	June Maddison Kay Adkins	Helen Bunfield	Ann Fawthrop
23rd Sep	John Rickman Trevor Eastes	June Maddison	Pat Taylor
30th Sep	Ann Fawthrop Pat Taylor	Helen Bunfield	June Maddison
7th Oct	NO SERVICE IN GRASMERE CHURCH		

Congratulations to John Rickman, who recently reached a significant birthday. His "no fuss" approach to all the work he does for the Church is much appreciated. *Eds*

Lakes Collectables Antiques Fairs

Thank you for the donations received so far this year at our antique fairs. We have been fundraising for the Grasmere Red Squirrel Group and to date have raised £130. Many thanks *Sue Hearn*

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Home Visiting and Communions

Please contact the appropriate Church and member of the clergy or minister in case of need and at times of sickness for Home Communion. Any of the churches would be happy to pray for any individual, please simply let any of us know the name of the person to be prayed for and that they are agreeable to being prayed for in public.

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