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## Reflections on Lent

Dear Everyone, - and that includes all those of you whom I've never met! So here we are, in the middle of that time of year Christians call 'Lent'. It's supposed to be a time for giving up "worldly pleasures" in order to give more of our attention to more spiritual concerns. But the trouble for me, and I suspect for most of you too, is that I'm not very good at that sort of thing! Could I really give up my nightly (large!) glass of whisky? Or its accompanying packet of cheese and onion crisps? And now that I am retired, the same again at lunchtime? For what good would that do, except perhaps for my figure? And what good would that do for those around me?

There's a strong feeling these days that during Lent we shouldn't just be giving up mostly harmless pleasures, as much as "taking on" extra obligations to those who need our help. To visit that lonely, deaf old lady who never stops talking and bores the pants off us visitors. To offer a helping hand to some good work that's going on in our village - driving people to the Health Centre or to hospital for instance, or even, dare I say it, supporting our local church in some way. There's a challenge to all of us here! Are we up to it?

And then, in the middle of Lent, just as this issue of the Parish Magazine is coming out, we have Mothering Sunday - please, not "Mothers Day" which is a modern Americanism! And I always remember a hymn we used to sing long ago:

"Can a mother's tender care  
Cease towards the child she bear?"

These lines came back to me only the other day when a young friend of mine came to visit me. She's a single mum with two little boys aged three and four. She told me at one point how absolutely foul the elder one often is to his little brother, sometimes almost driving his mother to tears. "And yet," she added, almost in tears again, "I love him!"

There's a verse from the Book of Proverbs in the Old Testament which says, "A foolish child brings his mother grief." How true that can be! And Muslims, besides revering the Qur'an, also deeply value the Hadiths, the sayings of the Prophet Muhammad. There is a passage there which asks the prophet,

"Who of all people is most deserving of the best treatment from my hand?"

The Prophet said, "Your mother!" The questioner said again, "Then who is next?"

He said, "Again it is your mother!" "Then who?" "Again it is your mother!"

Which is a wonderful way of showing our appreciation, and our love, for our mothers. Give it a thought, and not just on Mothering Sunday!

Best wishes, *Tony Champion*

## Music Notes

As we move into Spring, there is a wider range of musical activities to look forward to.

On Sunday 7th April (Passion Sunday) at 4.00 p.m. Keswick Choral Society will sing **Choral Evensong** in St Andrew's Church, Dacre, accompanied by Charles Edmondson, who often plays at Grasmere.

The following week (Palm Sunday) at 4.30 p.m. the choir of Churches Together in Keswick will sing **The Passion of Christ** by Sir Arthur Somervell (1863-1937) at Grasmere. His father founded the K Shoes business, he became well known in the field of musical education, and is buried in Grasmere Cemetery.

On Thursday 2nd May at 7.30 p.m. the first of the Music at Grasmere concerts will be given by the **Aeolian Chamber Ensemble**, who will play wind quintets and sextets, including music by Rimsky-Korsakov and Ravel.

On Saturday 11th May at 7.30 p.m., Keswick Choral Society will perform **Mendelssohn's Elijah**, one of the pinnacles of the oratorio repertoire, in St John's Church, Keswick.

There are a number of other musical events planned, some involving the church choir, and further details will be published in due course.

Music at Grasmere's AGM, held on 24th February, was enthusiastically supported. Those who attended the meeting voted in favour of donating the proceeds of 2019's concert series to the Organ Renovation Appeal.

For more information about the Appeal please visit:

<http://stoswaldsgrasmere.uk/organappeal>

*Ian Hare*

**Grasmere WI**  
**INDOOR CAR BOOT SALE**

Village Hall

*Sat 18th May 10-30 to 4-30*

**£10 a table - book with Jill Morrison**

## **WI NEWS**

We celebrated our 100th birthday in February with a splendid lunch at Tweedies Lodge. Thanks to everyone who helped make this special occasion such a success.

At our March meeting speaker Will Clay talked about guarding ourselves against scams and frauds. He gave us lots of helpful tips and warned us all to be vigilant and never hand over our bank details to anyone who initiates contact with us, however plausible they may seem.

Also in March, we held our Gather Day for the Great North Air Ambulance. Thank you to everyone who donated and helped to support this vital local charity.

On Thursday 11th April Catherine Hunt will talk to us about Weleda natural skin care. Visiting WI members and non members are always welcome at our meetings £4.

Our May meeting on Thursday 9th takes place at Fox How, home of our member Rev. Doreen Harrison. Rev. Doreen is not able to get to our meetings very often, so we are taking our meeting and afternoon tea to her. Fox How is a historic house, built by Dr Thomas Arnold, friend of Wordsworth and Headmaster of Rugby School. Rev. Doreen is going to talk to us about the story of Fox How.

On Saturday 18th May we are holding an Indoor Car Boot Sale in the Village Hall. Details above.

As well as enjoying our monthly meetings, our members are involved in a wide range of activities organised by ourselves, our Federation and other local WIs. These include talks, walks, demonstrations, craft days, educational

events, sports, and visits to theatres and places of interest. Non-members are welcome to attend up to 3 meetings a year. Our full programme is on our website [grasmerewi.btck.co.uk](http://grasmerewi.btck.co.uk). Grasmere WI is a great resource right on your doorstep. New members are very welcome. Come and join us!

*Sue Dixon*

## **Knit and Nat**

Our meetings in April will be on the second Friday 12th and the fourth Tuesday 23rd, in May we will meet on Friday 10th and Tuesday 28th. We start at around 2pm and are there until 4pm. We have cups of tea or coffee and biscuits available, do bring your knitting, crocheting or any other craft you are busy with; there is always plenty of chat going on.

Carrie has delivered some of our baby knitting to University College London Hospital where her grandson, Chester, was born and cared for, after he arrived very prematurely in 2014. The hospital was pleased to receive our knitting and asked if we would like to knit some 'bonding squares'. These are pairs of 5inch squares that are given to the mothers whose baby is in an incubator. The mother keeps one near her skin and then once it has the mothers' smell on she leaves it for the baby so that he/she can smell his/her mummy. The other is kept on the mother's skin until she next goes to the incubator when the squares are swapped. The theory being that the baby will settle better when left. Several people are busy knitting these at the moment, hopefully Carrie will have a good supply of them next time she visits London!

Now for something completely different; I am looking for help, not with knitting but with sorting out the mystery of why the Knit and Nat notices I place on the board outside Barneys are being removed. In January the notice disappeared completely and I had to print another while in February it disappeared from the board but was found on the path opposite the park on Broadgate. The person who found it brought it to me at home; I wiped, dried and replaced it. Despite being a fan of the writing of PD James, Anne Cleeves and Agatha Christie I am struggling to find a reason why anyone would feel the need to do this! I would be really grateful if anyone can help me solve this one. I hope to be able to report a satisfactory conclusion next month.

*Christine Batey*

## School News

Year 6 have written poems on the theme of New Beginnings.

### 1. New Beginnings

A breath  
The last.

A song.  
The first.

New Red Robin  
sings in place of  
Grandad  
on the boat  
overcome with  
thorns prickling  
the surface of  
memory.

Small Red Robin  
sits in the  
apple tree  
opening our eyes  
lifting the mist.  
Bringing Grandad  
closer.  
A small Red Robin.

### 2. New Beginnings

Black hearts  
Stolen souls  
Blind eyes  
Starving soldiers  
Bleeding bodies  
Screaming war  
All hope sunk

with our ships  
All peace dead  
with our friends  
All humanity  
lost with our souls

For a moment  
I thought  
This is the beginning  
The beginning  
of man  
becoming monster  
The beginning  
of the end  
Our world  
will never be  
the same

### 3. New Beginnings

The sun is setting  
Sending its last ripple of excitement  
through us all  
On the horizon there are dancing  
silhouettes  
leaping in and out of the water.  
These figures inject joy into me  
This was something I hadn't seen in  
six months  
The burning hole in my heart  
is still burning as bright as ever.  
But I am starting to drown it out

Because other things are more  
important  
Like feeling cheerful  
merry  
gleeful  
I am learning to drain him out of  
my life  
This isn't the end, not for me  
I hold the future.

#### **4. New Beginnings: Little Star**

Little star shining bright  
in the darkness of the night  
but I'm sure every night  
another one of you appears  
appears in the night sky  
but ever so slightly different  
like a child being born  
you may only be little  
but you light up my heart  
little star shining bright  
in the darkness of the night

*Jo Goode Head Teacher*

**5. New Beginnings**  
a coffin  
lying still  
while  
across the world  
a letter is flown  
friends and family  
weep  
while I stare  
stare into the sky  
whispering  
whispering my last goodbye  
and as if in answer  
to my call  
a voice I knew  
a voice I knew well  
spoke  
while people want  
to be your sun  
that burns  
burns through  
your day  
I will  
be your moon  
that shines  
shines through  
your darkest  
hours.



## Canon Reginald Campbell Tait

*David Owen-Bell writes about his uncle who was Rector of Grasmere from 1945 to 1973.*



Forty years ago my uncle died in his retirement after serving 28 years as The Rector of Grasmere.

The Church was in his family, great uncle Archibald Campbell Tait was Archbishop of Canterbury (1868 - 1882).

In 1945 he was offered the Grasmere living moving there with his mother and my aunt Miss Cynthia Bell. After his mother died Auntie Cynthia took on the running of The Rectory and many parish responsibilities.

She ran The Sunday School, did flower arranging, was on the Women's Institute Committee, laundered the communion linen and distributed parish magazines. She tended the Rectory gardens with help from the verger Mr. Jack Wilson.

In 1961 Uncle Reg was made a Canon and Rural Dean of Ambleside. In 1963 he was appointed as Chaplain to the Sheriff of Westmorland.

From the late 1950s he arranged for the BBC to broadcast services; 1964 The Morning Service was televised and a week later, Songs of Praise. Sermons were well researched, and preached with impeccable communication skills.

He had loved literature and especially Wordsworth being instrumental in the commemorations to mark the poet's birth and death. He arranged recitals throughout the summer months and the church choir thrived.

The Chairman of the Governor's of Grasmere School he oversaw the appointment of one of its most successful Headmasters; Mr. James Hildrew.

My uncle supported Miss. Taylor's Ockenden Venture, and the hospital work of Dr. Alexander in Peshawar in India.

During our summer holidays I would sing in the choir and was the crucifer for The Rushbearing.

I have so many happy memories of him. With a wonderful sense of humour he never missed such radio comedies as 'Beyond Our Ken'. When Flanders & Swann were played he would enthusiastically sing along.

His retirement present from the parishioners was a colour television. His favourite programme was 'Bagpuss' as they were passionate cat lovers and cared for a succession of long haired Persians.

Auntie Cynthia moved to Wiltshire, continued to be a committed churchgoer and always enjoyed trips to the London theatre. She died in 1998.

My sister and I were both christened by him in St.Oswald's and we spent most of our childhood summer holidays at The Rectory. Having the freedom of that lovely large house as well the extensive gardens, made this place a child's paradise.

*David Owen-Bell Sudbury, Suffolk.*

*A longer version of this article is now on the Parish Mag. website at the 2019 tab. Eds.*

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## **The Future of Rushbearing in Grasmere**

*Sonia Rickman writes:*

Due to my health I feel it is time for me to retire from organising the Grasmere Rushbearing.

I had a massive heart attack and was given three months to live and only have half a heart. Luckily I am still here and wish to remain so. I have had a Defibrillator inserted which is monitored by Freemans Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne at all times and they have advised me to cut back on my commitments or else!

I have been very lucky that the W.I. have helped me during the last two or three years but have had little help from elsewhere and am now being forced to retire from Rushbearing preparations.

With the Part time Vicar having retired I will have to continue as Church Warden for the present.

If anyone would like to form a small committee to carry on Rushbearing I will be happy to give advice. I have a list of things to do, and a Vicar and the Band have been booked for 2019.

Please let me know by 30th April 2019. My telephone number is 015394 35603 otherwise Rushbearing may well cease in Grasmere.

*Sonia.*

## Events at the Wordsworth Trust

This month marks the launch of our April-September ‘What’s On’ brochure, and we have a whole host of exciting events planned not just here in Grasmere, but all across Cumbria!

This year we are taking Wordsworth on the road in a series of pop-up sessions in local libraries and community spaces: sharing our love of Wordsworth, connecting with our neighbours across the county, and asking them to participate in exciting projects that require their specialist local knowledge. You can find all of the stops for **Reimagining Wordsworth On Tour** in our brochure, or on our website – and we’ll be popping up at Ambleside Library on 29th May.

On 18th May we are also hosting a very special **Afternoon with Dorothy Wordsworth**, in which Senior Hospice Nurse Lilian Simmonds will lead a walk in Dorothy’s footsteps around Grasmere. This is followed by **Why Should We Read Dorothy Wordsworth?**, in which novelist Kathleen Winter reads aloud from Dorothy’s unpublished 1834 journal: the first of a series of talks in which speakers will introduce some of the most influential Romantic writers through the best bits of their work.

We are partnering up again with the Lake District National Park for guided walks that will explore some of Wordsworth’s favourite places. On 13th April we will be discovering **Wordsworth’s Hawkshead** with a walk around the town and surrounding countryside, and on 19th and 22nd April we will be visiting Ullswater and Aira Force with **A Host of Golden Daffodils**.

Our family fun activities will be found in local libraries, at Brockhole, and at Theatre by the Lake. The majority of the sessions are split into Rucksack of Rhymes, suitable for children aged 0-5, and Activities and Crafts, suitable for children aged 4+. The theme for the Easter holiday is **Spring Sights and Sounds**, and the theme for May half-term is **Birds**: you can find more information about the timings, content and location of each session on our website.

Our regular gatherings will continue to meet as usual. **Grasmere History Group** meets on 2nd April and 7th May in the Jerwood Centre. **Dove Cottage Poets** meets on 4th April in the Jerwood Centre and 2nd May in

the Lower Rotunda. Pamela Woof's literature class meets for the final session of **Further Explorations of *The Prelude*** on 10th April.

**Discover Poetry** meets on 18th April and 16th May at Rydal Mount. The poetry session is free, and can be booked through the Wordsworth Trust. On these occasions at Rydal Mount you are also invited to take the unique opportunity to enjoy a cream tea in Wordsworth's dining room and to explore the house after hours before joining in with Discover Poetry. Please contact Rydal Mount to book this special offer, which is from 6.00-7.30pm at £15 per person.

Finally, we will be hosting our new Poet in Residence for the month of April, **Nick Makoha**. Many of you in the village will have met Katie Hale and Matt Howard, our February and March Poets in Residence. Throughout April Nick will be working with local schools and poetry groups, as well as writing new poetry. There will be a poetry reading and wine reception celebrating the close of his residency on 23rd April, which we warmly welcome you to.

If you would like to book a place on any of these events, or find out more, please take a look at our new brochure, visit [www.wordsworth.org.uk](http://www.wordsworth.org.uk) to book tickets online, or call us on 015394 35544.

*Hannah Catterall, Events Officer, Wordsworth Trust*

## **Keswick Choral Society takes music to Dacre**

On Sunday 7th April at 4pm. members of Keswick Choral Society will sing Evensong in the ancient church of St Andrew, Dacre. The music will include Mozart's Ave Verum and Mendelssohn: "He that shall endure to the end."

The anthem is taken from Mendelssohn's oratorio "Elijah" and will serve as a taster for the Society's performance of the full work on 11th May at St John's Church, Keswick.

*Anna Blackburn Keswick Choral Society*

## **Grasmere Book Group**

February saw the group gather within the hallowed walls of Dove Cottage to discuss Ali Smith's novel *Autumn* (2016). The first in a seasonal quartet, the book was thought-provoking, reflecting on the times we live through. Smith combines a clever plot with a compelling depiction of a mother-daughter relationship and an intergenerational friendship. The lyrical prose split opinion but everyone found something appealing in the novel.

In March, the group donned their sand shoes, packed up their camp chairs, jam and bread and entered the secret cave of the Jerwood Centre\* to read Rose Macaulay's 1926 novel *Crewe Train*. Few knew of Macaulay but many appreciated the chance to discuss a different kind of book. Witty and light, yet also cutting and precise, Macaulay tells the story of Denham Dobie, the daughter of a reclusive clergyman exiled in Andorra, as she undergoes a somewhat baffling reintroduction to English society. Denham is a character who does what she wants to do and doesn't understand why other people don't. As a result, she's a strong role model to us all... especially to people who like boats, secret caves, maps and motorcycling tours. All the group were enthralled by the kindly nemesis presented by Denham's Aunt Evelyn and her continual interference both in real life and in the pages of her unpublished novel. We spent quite a time discussing possible outcomes for Denham beyond the book's pages with different members feeling more or less hopeful.

In April we're meeting on Thursday April 11th at 8pm to discuss Amor Towles, *A Gentleman in Moscow* (2016). The novel has been a word of mouth hit and is also set to be adapted for TV. On May 9th, we tackle the Booker-prize winning novel, Anna Burns' *Milkman* (2018). The venue for both meetings will be the Library at the Wordsworth Trust's Jerwood Centre. Both books are available at Sam Read's in Grasmere at the usual 10% discount for book group titles.

Look forward to catching up with members old and new in the coming meetings. All are welcome! *Polly and Will*

\* We didn't really take food into the Jerwood Centre – archive conditions are important.

## **PROBUS**

Probus clubs are for retired or semi-retired people from all walks of life, and may include business or professional people. The movement operates worldwide and was originally formed in the UK in 1965 as a spinoff from Rotary Club.

Clubs meet regularly for fellowship and an extension of their interests. Probus is not a “senior citizen” or “lonely hearts” club. The name is an amalgam of the abbreviation of the words professional and business. Probus is also a Latin word meaning honest or virtuous, from which the English word probity is derived.

Each Probus club is autonomous. There is no central organisation, and each club sets its own rules.

Ambleside and District Probus is a men’s club with several Grasmere members. Meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month at the Salutation Hotel in Ambleside, alternating between coffee mornings and speaker meetings with lunch.

We are always looking for new members, and if you think that Probus might interest you, then please contact me on 35659 or [nickmccdoc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nickmccdoc@yahoo.co.uk).  
*Nick McCraith Secretary, Ambleside and District Probus Club.*

## **Local Artist at Allan Bank**

Local artist **Christine Shaw** is displaying her work at Allan Bank from **April 5th till the end of May**.

On show will be original pen and ink drawings worked into Japanese paper. These will be on sale with a percentage going to support this special place.

Allan Bank is now open seven days a week for the 2019 season and we look forward to welcoming you. Lots of other exciting things are planned this year. See [nationaltrust.org.uk](http://nationaltrust.org.uk) for details. We hope you will enjoy both the house and grounds. Admission prices apply, free to National Trust members. Limited blue badge parking on site.

*Elaine Taylor. Manager*

## **Brownies**



Grasmere Brownies have now joined with Ambleside Brownies meeting on Monday from 5.50pm to 7.20pm. Any girl who is interested in joining us can be registered at [www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus) or for more details contact Zoe 07912996887 or Kath 07792861020.

*Kath Travis*

# Grasmere Village Society

## Events in March

By the time you read this I hope you will have enjoyed some important GVS events which this year had to be held in March. This included the AGM, which originally we had scheduled for April 11th. Due to factors beyond our control we had to have the annual dinner (March 21st) and the AGM (March 26th) within days of each other.

I hope you managed to get to both of these and that they proved to be enjoyable social occasions with plenty of opportunities to chat. I hope they also helped you to learn about changes taking place or proposed for the area and helped you to influence or play a part in what is happening.

The changes in Broadgate meadow are still being implemented, so it is not possible as yet to give a firm date for the celebrations we hope will accompany the official opening. We hope this will be sometime in September. Certainly we are leading the way with regard to provision for older as well as young people and have been held up by SLDC as an example to other areas of the District, including Ambleside.

The AGM, along with many other local events, continues to benefit from the transformation of Grasmere Hall into a really warm and comfortable place. The trustees still have plans for more improvements and would welcome suggestions as well as donations if you wish to support them. They would also welcome some new blood so don't be afraid to put yourself forward if you would like to help with the hard work.

They wish me to remind you that residents can take advantage of any empty space in the car park for a short period of essential shopping in the village. Please be careful not to abuse this. Recently there have been some unpleasant incidents with abusive language being used. The trustees genuinely want to help people with their shopping, particularly if they have mobility problems or live some way out of the village. Hirers, however, are vital if the Hall is to be maintained and their needs must be respected.

## John Taylor

The news of his death brought memories of how much he contributed to the village. Recently he gave substantial sums to both the current Locally Important Projects: Heating the Hall and Improving Broadgate Meadow activities for both young and old.

But his generosity stretched back much further and characteristically was done unobtrusively. Whenever I look up at the church clock I remember Geoff Lancaster telling me he had strict instructions to deal immediately with any deterioration in the gold leaf on the face of the clock, but not to mention it to anyone. I was particularly touched when he offered a very large donation to heat the Hall for the community as he himself did not seem to feel the cold, which unintentionally could cause problems for others.

### **Problems over transport**

The NOW card has provided useful support for older people who need transport but there are still problems, such as restrictions on travelling before 9.30am.

Do let us know if you or someone you know would like a lift or help in getting to and from village events such as those in the Hall. Some people rarely go out at night, but when we suggested having the AGM during the day there was an outcry that it would cut out too many people.

There are many generous people who offer lifts, but many people feel diffident about asking too often. This is a particular problem when it comes to events outside Grasmere. Ambleside Parish Centre has a good, creative programme of events for older people, such as “men in sheds” and “gentle exercise”. Recently SLDC donated £1000 SLDC locality money to the Parish Centre on condition that they used it for improving access to older people from outside Ambleside itself. They were very pleased to do this and are hoping to set up schemes to deal with the problem. Do apply to the parish centre co-ordinator if you hear of anything that you would like to attend if only you could get in to Ambleside.

### **First Meeting of the new committee: Tuesday 9th April**

Please pass any comments/suggestions to Vivienne Rees (35401)

*Vivienne Rees*

### **Grasmere Parking Survey**

In January 2019, 200 surveys were circulated at random to Grasmere residents to consult on the proposed removal of parking spaces outside The Old Bakery (Formally Croft House). The reason to remove these spaces was on both the grounds of safety and to improve access to the café.



To ensure this process was transparent, fair and open to all, further copies of the survey were made available in Grasmere Pharmacy.

The main question on the consultation was whether residents supported the removal of these spaces. Of the 43 completed surveys, 27 supported the removal. One of the supplementary questions was if additional spaces should be added on Broadgate to compensate for this. 28 rejected this proposal.

Using this data as the basis for a decision, Cumbria County Council local committee agreed to the removal of these spaces. The work will be undertaken shortly.

The survey also gave Grasmere residents the opportunity to raise other issues. Much of the minor work suggested, including potholes, a missing section of yellow line on Broadgate and missing white lines on the junction between Red Bank and High Close have been registered for completion.

There were a number of other good suggestions which couldn't be initiated at this stage due to cost or logistics.

Whilst the desire for a local permit for those visiting the shops was highlighted, administering this would be impossible. The Village hall have kindly agreed that their property can be used by locals on a short stay basis (up to 30 minutes) when using village amenities. It is also possible to pay for a parking permit to use the hall for longer stays in the village.

The question of Parking Discs (like those currently used in Ambleside) was supported by the majority and this will be facilitated when finance permits.

If you want to discuss any matter relating to the local highway please don't hesitate to contact myself on [will.clark@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:will.clark@cumbria.gov.uk) or 015394 35070.

Thanks, *Will Clark, County Councillor.*

## **Grasmere Pharmacy - Change of Ownership**

Trevor and Helen would like to thank everybody for all their support over the past eighteen years, but the time has come for us to hang up our pestles and mortars.

We have passed the responsibility on to Abbas and Shahbaz, two young pharmacists who are keen, more highly qualified and anxious to expand the services offered by the pharmacy. We wish them every success for the future.

We would also like to thank Jenny. She has worked with us for the past six years and we wish her well in her new role as a home carer.

On a different note, we would also like to thank everyone for the kindness and support over the past six months following the fire at home. Special thanks must go to Alison for providing us with a lovely comfortable cottage to stay in. As we write, 'home' is not quite 'home' but is well on the way and we hope to be straight before Easter. Thank you for all the soup, cakes and biscuits we have gratefully received! We look forward to seeing you when we're out and about around the village. Thank you once again. *Trevor and Helen*

## **Grasmere Rambles**

A group of us have begun to walk on the afternoon of the fourth Thursday of every month. We meet at 1.30 pm at Moss Parrock and ramble (and chat!) wherever the fancy takes us, often ending with a well-deserved tea or coffee in the village.

A warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us at any time. Looking forward to meeting you, *Jill Morrison*

## **Allan Bank**

We know that some of you love to access Allan Bank for dog walking or, just to enjoy the views and we want you to feel welcome.

We are working to improve the presentation standards within the Allan Bank estate, with the ultimate aim of restoring the historic pleasure grounds, with vantage points that give onto the sublime views of Grasmere valley.

To support the significant restoration of the Allan Bank estate and to pay for its upkeep, we are trialling an admission price for the house and grounds.

If you'd like to obtain a community pass please get in touch with us as soon as possible. Please bring a utility bill or driving licence with proof of address. This will make sure that you continue to have free access to the grounds.

Thank you, *Elaine Taylor Manager*

## **New Manager at Ambleside Parish Centre**

The month of March saw some big changes within Ambleside Parish Centre.

At the end of the month Helen Minton retired as Centre Development Manager after serving ten years in the post. That period has seen a transformation in the use of the Centre from its beginning as supplying a venue for youth work and for meetings for older people.

Its growth to include a free Counselling Service, a range of physical activities from Pilates, Tai Chai to Badminton, a Chiropody suite and Fare Share free weekly lunches, and providing a base for Lake District Summer Music and the local Arts Society, has all come about under Helen's tenure. We now have more than 60 volunteers, most of whom have been recruited by Helen, with her enthusiasm and winsome smile. We are enormously in debt to her, and wish her and husband Chris well as they step back from the pressure of their consistent commitment.

We are delighted that we have appointed Caroline Gunning to succeed Helen. She comes to us from a very varied background in management, serving as a Care Manager for Westmorland Homecare, as a Support Services Manager in the Calvert Trust, and in leadership roles for over 15 years in the Scout Association. *John Biggs, Chairman*

## **Open public lectures at University of Cumbria, Ambleside**

**Ambleside Natural History Society** [anh.s.org.uk](http://anh.s.org.uk)

### **Swifts – the Magic, the Mystery and the Tragedy**

This is a talk about how remarkable swifts are, how much we are only just understanding and how much we still don't know.

Speaker: **Peter Morton** (Project Coordinator for Swifts in the Community)

**11 April 2019 - 19.30.** Free to members, £3.00 for non-members.

### **IFLAS Open Lecture**

#### **How your Good Life Goals can Change the World**

**Solitaire Townsend** will explore the ways individuals can lever change at scale, and how people power is important to save the world.

**30 April 2019 17.30 -19.00** To book email [iflas@cumbria.ac.uk](mailto:iflas@cumbria.ac.uk)

## **IFLAS Open Lecture**

### **Collaborating for Fisheries Sustainability**

**Aimee Leslie** will talk about the sustainability challenges faced by the fisheries sector in Peru, and what WWF is doing to address these challenges.

**14 May 2019 17.30 – 19.00** To book email [iflas@cumbria.ac.uk](mailto:iflas@cumbria.ac.uk)

## **The Kelsick Trust**

The Kelsick Trust is a registered charity with the aim of enhancing and broadening educational opportunities for individual local children and young people.

Grants are awarded to all eligible and are not means tested.

The Kelsick Trust will contribute a set percentage towards the total cost of various musical and sporting activities. For those going on to college or university, support is available for books and a one-off grant of £300 for a computer. Apprentices can have assistance with the equipment required for their trade.

The Trust invites applications at any time and meets quarterly. To be eligible for the next meeting applications should be submitted by April 30th.

For more details contact the Clerk to the Kelsick Trust Mr P G Frost on 015394 31289 or [john@kelsick.plus.com](mailto:john@kelsick.plus.com) Office hours 9.30am-12.30pm.

*Will Clark*

## **Antique & Artisan Fairs**

The antique fairs held regularly in the village have been rebranded as Antique & Artisan and will now include some craft stalls alongside our regular antique and collectables stallholders.

We will be fundraising for Grasmere Red Squirrel Group again this year at our Grasmere fairs.

We would also like to offer a stall free of charge to a local charity or community group to help them with their fundraising efforts.

New stallholders and local groups are invited to contact the organiser on 07841 145692. *Sue Hearn*

# CALENDAR

March 2019

31 Sun 11:00 St. Oswald's **Mothering Sunday**

April 2019

1 Mon	10:30	Wigton Library	Family Fun
1 Mon	14:00	Cockerm'th Library	Family Fun
2 Tue	19:30	Jerwood Centre	History Group
3 Wed	10:30	Brockhole	Family Fun
3 Wed	12:00	Brockhole	Family Fun
4 Thu	14:00	Jerwood Centre	Dove Cottage Poets
5 Fri		College Street	Farmers' Market
5 Fri			School Street Market
7 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	<b>Passion Sunday - Holy Communion</b>
7 Sun	16:00	Dacre Church	Choral Evensong
9 Tue			GVS committee
10 Wed	10:30	Brockhole	Family Fun
10 Wed	12:00	Brockhole	Family Fun
10 Wed	14:15	Jerwood Centre	The Prelude 1805
11 Thu	14:00	Village Hall	WI
11 Thu	19:30	Ambleside College	Ambleside Nat Hist Soc
11 Thu	20:00	Jerwood Centre	Book Group
12 Fri	10:00	Village Hall	Antique & Artisan Fair -> 14th
12 Fri	10:30	Theatre by th Lake	Family Fun
12 Fri	14:00	Reading Room	Knit & Nat
12 Fri	14:00	Ambleside Library	Family Fun
13 Sat	10:30	Hawkshead Car Pk	Wordsworth's Hawkshead
13 Sat	13:00	Hawkshead Car Pk	Wordsworth's Hawkshead
14 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	<b>Palm Sunday - Holy Communion</b>

14 Sun	16:30	St. Oswald's	The Passion of Christ
17 Wed	10:30	Brockhole	Family Fun
17 Wed	12:00	Brockhole	Family Fun
18 Thu	19:30	Rydal Mount	Discover Poetry
19 Fri	10:40	Ullswater TIC	A Host of Golden Daffodils
19 Fri	11:00	St. Oswald's	<b>Good Friday Service</b>
21 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	<b>Easter Day - Holy Communion</b>
22 Mon	10:40	Ullswater TIC	A Host of Golden Daffodils
23 Tue	14:00	Reading Room	Knit & Nat
23 Tue	19:30	Jerwood Centre	Poet in Residence
25 Thu	13:30	Moss Parrock	Grasmere Rambles
27 Sat	13:00	St. Oswald's	Wedding
28 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	<b>Easter 2 - Holy Communion</b>
28 Sun	12:15	St. Oswald's	Annual Parochial Church Meetings
30 Tue	17:30	Ambleside College	IFLAS Open Lecture

## May 2019

2 Thu	14:30	Lower Rotunda	Dove Cottage Poets
2 Thu	19:30	St. Oswald's	Aeolian Chamber Ensemble
3 Fri		College Street	Farmers' Market
3 Fri	10:00	Village Hall	Antique & Artisan Fair -> 6th
5 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	<b>Easter 3 - Holy Communion</b>
7 Tue	19:30	Jerwood Centre	History Group
9 Thu	14:00	Fox How	WI
9 Thu	20:00	Jerwood Centre	Book Group
10 Fri	14:00	Reading Room	Knit & Nat
11 Sat	19:30	St. John's Keswick	Mendelssohn Elijah
12 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	<b>Easter 4 - Holy Communion</b>
14 Tue	17:30	Ambleside College	IFLAS Open Lecture
16 Thu	19:30	Rydal Mount	Discover Poetry

18 Sat		St. Oswald's	Wedding
18 Sat	10:30	Village Hall	WI Table top sale
18 Sat	13:00	Trust shop (start)	An afternoon with Dorothy Wordsw
18 Sat	16:00	Jerwood Centre	Why read Dorothy Wordsworth
19 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	<b>Easter 5 - Methodist Service</b>
23 Thu	13:30	Moss Parrock	Grasmere Rambles
25 Sat	10:00	Village Hall	Antique & Artisan Fair -> 27th
26 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	<b>Rogation Sunday - Holy Communion</b>
28 Tue	14:00	Reading Room	Knit & Nat
29 Wed	10:30	Brockhole	Family Fun
29 Wed	12:00	Brockhole	Family Fun
29 Wed	14:00	Ambleside Library	Reimagining Wordsworth on Tour
30 Thu		St. Oswald's	<b>Ascension Day</b>
31 Fri	10:30	Theatre by th Lake	Family Fun
<b>June 2019</b>			
2 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	<b>Sunday after Ascension - HC</b>
7 Fri		College Street	Farmers' Market
7 Fri	10:00	Village Hall	Antique & Artisan Fair -> 9th

## Church mobile payment pilot

The Diocese of Carlisle – the Church of England in Cumbria – is piloting a special mobile phone scheme in a bid to boost church coffers in some of the county’s tourist hot spots.

At the request of the Church Commissioners, the body which supports the Anglican Church’s work and mission, six churches are taking part in the scheme: St John’s Keswick, St John the Evangelist Cowgill, St Oswald’s Grasmere, St Patrick’s Patterdale, St Andrew’s Penrith and St Mary’s Rydal.

Each is being provided with bespoke publicity material and roller banners which include a special Quick Response (QR) bar code. Visitors simply scan

the QR code using their mobile phone's camera (no special app is needed) to access a dedicated donations page for the church.

*Carlisle Diocese January 2019*

*Editor's note. At Grasmere we have linked this site to our Organ Appeal as one route for people to donate.*

## **ROTAS FOR ST.OSWALD'S CHURCH**

	Sidesmen / women	Coffee	Elements
7th Apr	John Rickman Trevor Eastes	<i>June Maddison</i>	<i>Pat Taylor</i>
14th Apr	Ann Fawthrop Pat Taylor	<i>Kay Adkins</i>	<i>John Rickman</i>
21st Apr	June Maddison Kay Adkins	<i>Shirley Hill</i>	<i>Ann Fawthrop</i>
28th Apr	John Rickman Trevor Eastes	<i>Helen Bunfield</i>	<i>Pat Taylor</i>
5th May	Ann Fawthrop Pat Taylor	<i>Helen Bunfield</i>	<i>John Rickman</i>
12th May	June Maddison Kay Adkins	<i>Shirley Hill</i>	<i>Ann Fawthrop</i>
19th May	John Rickman Trevor Eastes	<i>June Maddison</i>	
26th May	Ann Fawthrop Pat Taylor	<i>Kay Adkins</i>	<i>John Rickman</i>
2nd Jun	June Maddison Kay Adkins	<i>Helen Bunfield</i>	<i>Ann Fawthrop</i>

## **St. Oswald's Church Annual Meetings**

The annual Vestry Meeting and Parochial Church Meeting of St. Oswald's Church will be held in the Church at 12.15 on 28th April.





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If you think you've been underpaid, act quickly, as it's harder to get your money back after three months. Check your payslip and ask your employer to explain anything you don't understand. Tell them why you think you have been underpaid. If there was a genuine mistake, you should be repaid immediately.

If your employer refuses to pay, you can formally raise a grievance, either by writing a letter or following your company's grievance procedure.

If this still doesn't work, contact the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas), who will see if your employer will agree to a conciliation process, rather than go to court. Otherwise you can take your employer to a tribunal, but think carefully because a tribunal claim can be expensive and stressful.

If you need any advice or guidance through this process, contact your nearest Citizens Advice.

***Free, confidential advice and help is available from South Lakes Citizens Advice on any aspect of debt, consumer problems, benefits, housing, employment or any other problems. We have various outlets across South Lakeland and can also give advice over the phone – telephone 03444 111 444 for an appointment and help, 015394 46464 for debt and on-going enquiries. Please note the opening hours at Windermere have been reduced, but contact details remain the same.***

South Lakes Citizens Advice is a registered charity no: 1118656 and company limited by guarantee, No: 6113551. FRN: 617574

# CONTACTS

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Priest-in-charge: Vacancy.

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## Other church contacts

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### **URC Minister:**

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Rev. John Dixon 36301 jjcedixon@btinternet.com

## Folk Song

The cuckoo she's a pretty bird,  
She sings as she flies,  
She brings us good tidings,  
She tells us no lies;  
She sucketh white flowers  
For to make her voice clear,  
And the more she sings 'cuckoo!'  
The summer draws near.

*Anon*

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