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Come close to God

Dear Everyone,

I have been taking regular "Acts of Worship" here in our school in Grasmere for nearly four years now. (In my younger days we used to call it "Prayers") And I start each time with words from the New Testament. "Come close to God!" and the children reply together, "And he will come close to you!" I think of those words as being some of the most important in the whole Bible. Because they are so true!

We can't get to know anyone - a new neighbour in our street perhaps - unless we take the trouble to go up to that person and introduce ourselves. Just as we can't know anything about God unless we think about him, wonder about him, even talk about him to others who perhaps know him better than we do. We will never enjoy the experience of God in our lives if we just can't be bothered to get to know him, to "come close to him".

Then at the school, we finish by all saying together a modern version of an ancient prayer:- "Day by day, day by day, O dear Lord three things I pray. To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly. Day by day."

Do you remember when you first fell in love with the right person? You had to meet that person first - to "come close" to that person. Only then is love possible. And only when you realise that you do love, do you realise also that you want to "follow" that person, to spend the rest of your life with that person. "Day by day!"

And it's the same with God! Best wishes, *Tony Champion*

The announcement we have all been waiting for...

New Priest-in-Charge for Grasmere and Rydal

The Bishop of Carlisle has appointed **The Rev David Wilmot**, at present Vicar of St. Mary Windermere, as Priest-in charge of St. Oswald's Grasmere and Priest-in-charge St. Mary's Rydal and Chaplain to Rydal Hall.

The Licensing Service will be on **Sunday September 8th at 7.30 p.m.**

Carlisle Diocese

See also Churchwarden's notices on page 20

St. Oswald's wins prestigious John Betjeman award

The annual award from the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) honours the memory of church enthusiast and SPAB member Sir John Betjeman and is made for outstanding repairs to the fabric of places of worship in England and Wales completed in the last 18 months. Importantly, the award is always made to the winning building rather than to individuals.



The SPAB Press Release continues:

This year brought twenty-four entries. At the end of the site visit, all five judges agreed that the project was executed to the highest of conservation standards.

The tower of St Oswald's was cement rendered in the 1920s. This coating had blown, cracked and was falling onto the public highway. The repairs were challenging, pioneering in the use of hot-lime mortars on this scale was commendable. Great care was taken by both architect and contractor to retain as much historic fabric as possible and repair in a truly like-for-like manner, showing exceptional attention to detail and execution.

A special part of this project was the outreach activities. Scaffold tours were conducted throughout the works allowing members of the local community to access the tower roof and see lime mortar works at first hand. A final tour was held so locals could see the end-result of the project.

Paul Crosby, of Crosby Granger Architects, said the judges particularly noted the teamwork of the architects, the Contractor UK Restoration Services and St.Oswald's PCC

Chloe Granger said: "Standing next to the River Rothay, the reinstatement of the limewashed tower is a beacon whether seen from Grasmere's lanes or the surrounding fells, it reminds us of its presence and the celebration of God, as originally intended."

The award will be presented at a special ceremony after the morning service on Sunday, 1st September.

Editors

Music Notes

On Sunday 4th August at 4.00 p.m. there will be a Choral Evensong in church for the eve of St Oswald, our patron saint, led by the church choir.

The next concert in the Music at Grasmere series will be a piano recital given by Jill Crossland, who has performed in major venues in London and internationally. This will be on Thursday 29th August at 7.30 p.m., admission £6.00.

In September there will be a special service on Sunday 1st to celebrate an award for the tower renovation project, and later in the month we will welcome our new Priest.

The organ appeal has made good progress, although Andrew Carter is retiring and his place has been taken by Nicholson & Co. of Malvern, who hope to start work in autumn 2020. Further donations continue to be welcome.

Ian Hare

Keswick Choral Society - 2019-20 Season

Keswick Choral Society has announced its programme for the 2019-20 season.

The first event will be Choral Evensong at St John's Church, Keswick, on Sunday 27 October 2019 at 4pm. This will include anthems by Christopher Tye and Charles Wood, settings of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by Herbert Murrill, and Preces and Responses by Smith of Durham.

The annual Festival of Christmas Music will be at 7.30 pm in Keswick Crosthwaite Church on Tuesday 10 December 2019 and will feature "Fantasia on Christmas Carols" by Ralph Vaughan Williams, "In Terra Pax" by Gerald Finzi and a new carol from Tamsin Jones, "Be Merry", commissioned by the Society. Ms Jones is a lay clerk at Carlisle Cathedral. There will also be the opportunity for the audience to join in a selection of popular carols and Christmas songs.

Further details of the 2020 programme, which includes events celebrating William Wordsworth and Canon Hardwicke Rawnsley, can be found at www.keswickchoralsociety.org.uk, from our Facebook page, and from the society's brochure which is distributed throughout the area.

Keswick Choral Society

Grasmere Book Group

June's book group met to discuss Miriam Darlington's study of owls, human life and nature, *Owl Sense* (2018). A true parliament of comment was drawn. For many of the group it was their first real introduction to nature writing and so a lively conversation ensued. There were hoots of derision from some parties about the foil bookcover giving a misleading impression of the book. Some people's feathers were ruffled by the book's coverage of too many owls, and not enough personal story. Others thought there was too much personal story and not enough about owls. We all worried about the domestic situation following Miriam's husband's scathing response to her keeping dead birds in the freezer. Some of us thought this was more normal behaviour than others. Will tried to talk about pigeons.

In July, we gathered amongst the green, green rushes of St. Oswald's church as book group took place amidst rushbearing preparations. The book this time was Philip Pullman's *La Belle Sauvage* (2017), volume one of the prequel/sequel to Pullman's *His Dark Materials* trilogy. Not all of the group were familiar with Pullman's work and yet many were charmed by a complex story. Working on many levels, Pullman's book is a tale of espionage, one of near apocalypse in a parallel Oxford, introducing and expanding upon characters and mythologies present in Pullman's previous work. Some sections of the book appealed to the group more than others, with some of the more abstract, allegorical encounters interrupting the joy of a very concrete fantasy world. Others were troubled by baby Lyra's ability to make it through the night in a dirty nappy in a flood. All now look forward to Pullman's next book (*The Secret Commonwealth* due out in October), and the upcoming BBC adaptation of *Northern Lights*, volume one of *His Dark Materials*.

Our next book group meeting is on Thursday August 8th at 8pm, at the Wordsworth Trust, when we'll discuss Salley Vickers' *The Librarian* (2018). For those reading ahead, September 12th's meeting will be on Isabelle Allende's *In the Midst of Winter* (2017). Both books are available at Sam Read's in Grasmere at the usual 10% discount for book group titles.

One free literary event to mention in collaboration with Sam Read Bookseller: New Zealand novelist Annaleese Jochems is joining us as part of her UK tour to discuss her debut novel *Baby*. Jochems' book is a Patricia Highsmith-esque thriller and has won prizes and admiration in her home country. Annaleese will be reading from the novel and in discussion with us at Emma's Dell on Wednesday August 14th at 7.30pm (doors 7pm).

We look forward to catching up with members old and new at the coming events. All are welcome!

Polly and Will

WI News

Our June meeting was called “Active Fun and Games” with Anne Cradock. It was a hugely enjoyable afternoon playing amongst other things Kurling, Boccia (an official Paralympic game) and Parachute games. Amy Burton (and Tilly) also joined in. Amy had come to talk to us about this year’s plans for the Rushbearing.

In July our meeting was a Summer Walk and Afternoon Tea Party to celebrate our centenary. We were joined by Karen Hanks, Chair of Cumbria Westmorland Federation of WIs, guests from Rydal, Troutbeck and Windermere WIs, and a large party from Hart Station WI, our “sister” WI. The Village Hall looked wonderful with bunting, flowers and the Rushbearing painting. Carol Nicholson made a beautiful 100th Birthday cake. The tables were laid with delicious sandwiches and tiers of amazing cakes. Everyone had a great time!

The next day we helped with rushwinding and preparation for Rushbearing, and took part in the procession on the Saturday. Congratulations to Amy, Will, Carrie and all the other people who stepped forward to make sure this historic village tradition continues into the future.

Our next meeting on Thursday 8th August takes place at 2pm at the Wordsworth Trust. Jeff Cowton will talk to us about the ongoing work at the Trust as part of the “Reimagining Wordsworth” project. Visitors welcome £4.

Our September meeting is on Thursday 5th September, when we will be visiting Brantwood Garden and House 10am - 4pm. Transport will be arranged nearer the time. Please note that in September we meet on the first Thursday of the month to avoid clashing with the County Show.

There are lots of photos of our activities on our Grasmere WI Facebook page.
Sue Dixon

Knit and Nat

Our meetings for the next two months are: August, the second Friday - 9th and the fourth Tuesday - 27th, in September: Friday 13th and Tuesday 24th. As usual we will meet at the Reading Room around 2pm and stay until 4pm. We have cups of tea or coffee and biscuits available, do bring any craft you are busy with or just come to enjoy our friendly welcome and a chat.

We had an interesting meeting in July; we met in church when the Rushbearings were being created, although we found the seats harder than at the Reading Room, we did enjoy some lovely cakes (flapjack AND brownies) with our cup of tea and saw the people hard at work making rushes from the fields into a variety of items to carry in the procession the following day.

By the time you read this article you may have noticed that Carrie has done some yarn bombing on the oak tree in Broadgate Park using some of the poppies knitted to commemorate the centenary of the end of WW1. The oak tree was planted by Canon Rawnsley on July 19th 1919 as part of the village celebrations for World Peace Day. Communities throughout the country celebrated the day in different ways; the village where I was born, in the south of the county, celebrated with a village sports which has been held every July since.

Carol, one of our group, has asked if we would be interested in knitting for the St. James Hospital Leeds; a member of her family had a premature baby at the hospital. They are in desperate need of baby hats and small blankets to lie beside babies in their incubators, these blankets are 7 inches by 10 inches, larger than the bonding squares we have knitted previously but the theory behind them seems to be same: to comfort these tiny babies by being able to smell their mummy on the blanket. Do contact us if you would like a pattern to knit for this worthwhile cause. We do not have any patterns for the blankets, I intend to knit one so I will be able to give out instructions by the time this article is published.

Christine Batey

Brownies

Ambleside Rainbows and Brownies start the new term on **Monday 9th September**. We meet from 5.50 pm. to 7.20. Anyone interested in joining please email Kath on **amblesidebrownies@yahoo.co.uk**

Ambleside Friends of Guiding who look after the meeting hut are having a coffee morning on **Saturday 14th September 10.00 - 12.00** at the Kelsick Centre Ambleside. All are welcome.

Kath Travis

School News

We have had a wonderful summer term at Grasmere, and at this time of year we always feel very proud to say goodbye to our Year 6 children as they move on to secondary school; we are proud of the mature, interesting and informed learners and kind, empathetic and world-aware young people that they have become. The Year 6 children have composed some reflections on Grasmere School, which you can read here.

“The diamond feature of our school is how we don't need to pay for any of our school trips, thanks to all our amazing parents who raise money from events like cake sales, serving teas at events, the school car park, and loads more. We've been to London, Brathay, Yorkshire, Hadrian's Wall, Elterwater and many more.”

“There are lots of good things about Grasmere but a stand-out quality has to be the teachers and volunteers. Everyone who helps at the school organises amazing lessons and opportunities such as sporting events, drama, out-of-the-classroom lessons and topic work in the classroom, all of which help form a bond between teacher and pupil. Another shining feature of this school is that it welcomes everyone with opportunities and advice on their personality and talents. For example, in class the teachers make the lessons fun but challenging for a range of skills. Out of the classroom there is sport and drama or art. Everything the teachers teach or coach us is planned to bring out the best in us, to build our confidence in secondary and later life. All in all, Grasmere School is the only school of its kind; like a giraffe in a field of zebras.”

“I have enjoyed and appreciated many opportunities, all of which have massively improved my confidence and helped with my transfer to secondary school. Stage performances like Matilda and many sports, like football, cricket, running and rugby have helped me grow immensely as an actress and sportswoman; SATs made me feel confident, more grown-up and more ready for the future; my writing poems, stories and science hypotheses will remain proud pieces of work as well as all of my artwork from many different artists.”

“At Grasmere School we have encouraging teachers who never give up on you and we do so many exciting things, not just what the curriculum tells us,

for example open water swimming, wrestling and even a mini-triathlon. But overall, I like this school because I don't have to pretend I'm something I'm not to my friends - they will accept me for who I am, not who they might want me to be."

"I believe that the best thing is the friendly teachers. Ever since I first started school, as a small nursery child, I was welcomed with wide arms. When I leave this year, I will really miss the teachers that have guided me through the good times and the bad."

"I think the best thing about our school is how everyone, including the teacher, accepts me for who I am. All the teachers are 'themselves' and don't have to fake anything. I really like how we are so different from everyone else- I think we are a real stand-out school. All the teachers don't do the boring - they do the spectacular. They do things in an interesting way."

"At our school we work very hard so we can be the best we can be. I especially enjoyed when we researched climate change, created political parties, wrote campaign posters and went to London to take part in a mass climate lobby. None of it could happen if the teachers hadn't gone the extra mile to come along with everything and be happy."

"One thing that makes Grasmere School stand out is the bond that connects everyone in the school. I will always feel welcome here. Another diamond feature of this school is that as well as offering the best education, they also encourage you to try new things, like open water swimming and Cumberland Wrestling. (Sometimes you even get to see the teachers try!)"

"I have loved everything about Year 6, but the real standouts for me were all the school trips, all the sporting events, chocolate tasting, sailing, Matilda, and of course music. I love music because everything that you play is different in its own way. It's like another way of telling yourself a story. I really enjoy acting, so playing Mrs Wormwood in Matilda was so much fun. I could keep on going for ever but I better stop here. I love Grasmere School and I am so lucky to be a part of it."

We are a happy school and always welcome volunteers to support us, whether in the classroom and on our many trips. Phone school if you think you can offer some time. 015394 35313. *Eleanor Knowles Year 6 Teacher*

GRASMERE SPORTS AND SHOW 2019

The Sports Field, Sunday 25th August starting at 10.00am.

Following the traditional format this will be the first Sports organised by our new Manager, Deborah Black. She is keen to retain the traditional elements of the Sports and develop existing links with the village. Deborah can be contacted on 07977 542853 or email: manager@grasmeresports.com

This year sees the return of Dangerous Steve, whose chainsaw and fire juggling whilst riding a unicycle is a sight to behold. Tom Longton will be entertaining us with his sheep dogs and duck display. As usual all traditional events are entered on the day with something for everyone, Adults, Children and not forgetting Dogs.

Admission charges are unchanged from last year, and lots of information is available on the new updated website at: <http://www.grasmeresports.com> Tickets are now on sale. Reduced Price Family tickets available on the website only. Reduced price residents' tickets will be available from the National Trust Shop (bring proof of residence) - residents' tickets sales will finish the evening before the Sports and not be available on the day.

Keep watching our Twitter account @grasmeresports for information. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Christine Shaw, Director

Rushbearing 2019

Grasmere Village came together in true community spirit for the Annual Rushbearing. New organisers Amy Burton, Will Clark, Charlotte Ellwood and Carrie Taylor stepped up to the challenge after years of dedication from Sonia Rickman who retired on health grounds.

The week leading up to Rushbearing involved a number of Rushcrafting events led by Amy and Carrie in Grasmere School and Allan Bank, before moving to Grasmere Church on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. People of all ages came together to prepare the traditional bearings that would be carried through the village on the Saturday afternoon. These events helped to recruit many new faces from near and far. On the day itself visitors turned out in vast numbers to be part of the procession and included many local participants and some from as far afield as China.

Many said it was like the Rushbearing they remembered as children.

Dr E Taylor helped pay for the flowers and Grasmere Players & Grasmere Co-op were generous in their support. The Lake District Pound gave all children that processed a £1 note and cash passport. The Rush maidens enjoyed tea at The Rothay Garden. Goody Blakes and The Good Sport provided a children's tea following the procession. Grasmere Gingerbread donated the traditional cake as always enjoyed by all.

Ulverston town band fuelled by Lucias Sausage rolls and sandwiches from The Apple Pie played the Rushbearing hymn in the procession and then played again after the service with music for all ages from the 1940s to modern day children's favourite Baby Shark!

The following day (Sunday 14th) the Buffs Club held a children's sports on the Sports Field, with the Taylor family cup (dating back to 1935) being reinstated for the first time in ten years for Jack Dixon, the winner of the under 17 fell race. Mason Smith was 1st under 11. Sarah Dixon was not only a Rush maiden but also first female under 11 in the fell race. The sports finished with a duck race which was won by Wendy Robinson.

Thank you to all those involved. We hope you enjoyed your day, we would love to hear from you. It would be great to have your help next year however much time you can give or if you want to sponsor the event.

Will Clark will_clark@hotmail.com

Grasmere Food Bank

Supporting those in need through the School Holidays

We appreciate school holidays can be an expensive time even before taking into account many families will be without their regular free school meals.

Over the summer holidays we will be offering those who get free school meals a picnic packed lunch for the week. If you are in need or want to sponsor a child anonymously (£5 per week) please contact Will or Vicky.

Thanks for your continued support, its amazing how generous the people of Grasmere are. If you find yourself struggling even for a short time please contact Will or Vicky, or leave a slip in the pharmacy.

Will Clark 07435 596596 Vicky Hughes 07960 590531

Events at the Wordsworth Trust

The sun is shining, the flowers are bold and bright, and our summer programme of events is in full swing!

Why Should We Read...? is a series of talks introducing you to the Romantic writers through the very best bits of their work, read aloud from original 200-year old books. On 3rd August Professor Judith Thompson invites you to spend the day with **John Thelwall**, retracing the journey of Thelwall's ill-fated excursion to and from Devil's Bridge in Kirkby Lonsdale in the morning, with a stop at the pub for lunch, before convening in the Jerwood Centre to give John Thelwall's *Poems Chiefly Suggested by the Scenery of Nature* (1805) the book launch it never had – and she will be in full period dress, too! On 7th September Professor Simon Bainbridge will showcase the work of **Lord Byron**, and on 28th September Dr Meiko O'Halloran will explore the work of **Samuel Taylor Coleridge**.

On 24th August we are launching our series of creative workshops with a **Notebook Binding Workshop**. Helen Golding Miller will take you through creating a leather-bound notebook with marble paper endpapers sewn in a traditional long stitch style. On 28th September Manny Ling's **Calligraphy Workshop** will introduce you to the basics of calligraphy, from how to use essential tools to some of the scripts that can transform words into visual art. Both workshops include all materials and are fully catered.

As part of **Heritage Open Days**, from 13th to 22nd September we will be giving daily short talks exploring the women and men who left their mark on Wordsworth's life and poetry, as well as the opportunity to see some of William and Dorothy Wordsworth's original manuscripts.

We are leading guided walks with the Lake District National Park at some of Wordsworth's favourite places in the Lake District. On 3rd and 21st August we will be visiting Ullswater and Aira Force with **In the Footsteps of Wordsworth**, on 16th August we will be exploring **Wordsworth's Hawkshead** with two walks around the town and surrounding countryside, and on 9th and 24th August we will take a stroll around **Wordsworth's Grasmere**.

Our family fun activities will be found in local libraries, at Brockhole, and at Theatre by the Lake. The themes for August and September are 'Summer Garden' and 'High Hills and Mighty Mountains': you can find a full list of dates and venues on our website.

Our summer **Pop-up Poetry** sessions begin on 26th July and continue on Fridays through to 30th August. Drop by and rediscover an old favourite poem, find a new one, or even have a go at writing your own. There will also be refreshing drinks and lots of nibbles – and, hopefully, sunshine!

Our regular groups will continue to meet as usual. **Grasmere History Group** meets on 6th August and 3rd September in the Jerwood Centre. **Dove Cottage Poets** meets on 1st August and 5th September in the Lower Rotunda. **Discover Poetry** with Polly Atkin meets on 15th August at Rydal Mount and on 19th September in Dove Cottage.

If you would like to find out more about any of these events, please take a look at our brochure, visit www.wordsworth.org.uk to book online, or give us a ring on 015394 35544. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Hannah Catterall, Events Officer, Wordsworth Trust

Grasmere History Group

This informal group, which meets monthly in the Wordsworth Trust Jerwood Centre, is exploring how we might tell the history of the valley through the stories of individual buildings. It's a bit like the radio series 'History of the world in 100 objects'. Just as with this programme, the buildings don't all have to be grand or particularly old. So the 50 buildings might include the church and village hall, a house from the 1700s and a house from the 1900s.

The important thing is that the building tells a story of a moment or period in time, and that together, the 50 buildings give a fair overall picture of Grasmere settlement. The stories connected to the buildings can be about dates and structures and about the people who used them.

We have created a provisional list, and others can be added to it. The broader the range of buildings covered, the better the outcome. We hope to publish a book of histories and images in the next few months.

The group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm - everyone is welcome. If you would like to know more or add your name to the email circulation for the group, please contact j.cowton@wordsworth.org.uk.

Jeff Cowton Curator The Wordsworth Trust

Summer at Allan Bank

We are excited about our plans for a phased restoration and development of the estate, beginning with the walled kitchen garden.

A planning application will be submitted in late August for better deer fencing, a glasshouse and services to enable us to start the restoration of the walled garden.

We hope to have the infrastructure in place by June 2020 which will be followed by new planting. Funding will be sought from National Trust Gardens Funds. There will also be a fundraising campaign at the property.

Plans will be available to view in the walled garden. We would like to share our plans with the community so keep in touch as our project unfolds...

Heritage Open Day Friday 20 September An introduction to the designed landscape.

To herald our plans to revive the grounds and garden there will be guided walks led Annette Dalton and Harvey Wilkinson of the National Trust.

Free entry from 10.30- 17.00 (last admission 16.30)

Guided walks from 11.00- 15.00.

Other Events

Woodland Felting Workshop: Saturday 24 August

Drop in needle felting workshop with artist Kathryn Thompson. Craft a beautiful squirrel or oak leaf motif.

£5.00 per person, booking not needed Admission applies

Harvest time Printmaking: Monday 26 August 10.30-16.00

What does harvest mean to you? Is it collecting apples, autumn leaves, pumpkins, the pinecones that fall from the trees, colours, or is it something else? Put your creativity into a print at our workshop with local artist Karen Lester.

£6.00 per person, booking not needed Admission applies

Exhibitions

An Image of Cumbria by Karen Lester:

A collection of paintings, drawings and print work by local artist Karen Lester
To 22 September 10.30-17.00

Elements by Kathryn Thompson:

Inspired by our beautiful planet, a collection created from reclaimed materials, natural fibres, and acrylic paint.

23 September to 30 October 10.30-17.00

Exhibitions free, but admission prices apply for entry to the house & grounds.

More details of our events at:

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/allan-bank-and-grasmere/whats-on

Elaine Taylor, Visitor Experience & Volunteering Manager Allan Bank



Join Amy, 16, on top of one of the 214 Wainwright fells on **31st August** to show that individuals uniting together can make a difference to the future of our planet.

Amy, the daughter of the proprietors of Emma's Dell, in Grasmere, is organising the event to launch her charity, **Another Way**, which educates individuals on how they can live more sustainably. There are lots of activities taking place on the summits - in Grasmere, Cumbria Wildlife Trust's Education Officer will be using the book, *The Lost Words*, to create activities for families on Silver How; Somewhere Nowhere will be co-ordinating a poem that everyone can participate in on Helm Crag and The Brathay Trust will be leading creative sculpture and art on Loughrigg.

Join one of these or many other activities or climb your own fell. Details and registration at **www.another-way.org.uk**

Emma Bray

Grasmere Red Squirrels

Our reds are doing well this year with kits from second litters appearing regularly.

We do the annual population census in August/September so do tell us how many reds you see in a specific location.

There have been quite a lot of greys so far this year, though not as many as in 2018. IF YOU SEE A GREY (or a sickly looking red) ANYWHERE AROUND GRASMERE PLEASE TELL US IMMEDIATELY with an exact description of the location and the time it was seen – Don't leave it till tomorrow!

**Text: David Birkett or Stuart Dickson or
Phone: Trevor Cooper, Jane Cooper or Stewart Sutcliffe.**

If still no response email grasmerersg@gmail.com and we'll pick it up when we look at the photos from the cameras.

Funding

The National Trust continue to be our main funder, but we do need more money to continue to pay for our ranger. If you would like to donate to the conservation of the red squirrels in Grasmere, please send me a cheque or use a collection box in the shops in Grasmere:

Sam Read Bookshop (buy postcards of red squirrels), **Heaton Cooper, Regatta, Post Office, Mountain Warehouse, Trespass, Tweedies, the Garden Centre** and the **Daffodil Hotel**

Many thanks to everyone who has donated.

How you can help us

We would welcome anyone who is willing to share the effort involved in monitoring traps in local woodlands (mainly White Moss and Red Bank) We'd also like people to walk through woodlands from time to time looking for squirrels. Please do get in contact with me if you can help with these activities.

If you would like to receive our email newsletters please email Stewart on grasmerersg@gmail.com

Stewart Sutcliffe, Grasmere Red Squirrel Group

Grasmere Village Society

Broadgate Meadow Playground

At last the end is in sight of the Broadgate Meadow playground project. After more than two years of fund raising we have raised £99,000.

By the time you read this Polly Straker, Green Spaces coordinator for South Lakes District Council, will have presented the plans from three contractors and the pieces of equipment will have been chosen with the help of the Grasmere School children. The installation will include suitable flooring and drainage of the site and should begin in late September.

Mary Bass GVS Secretary

Peace Oak

If you walk around Broadgate Meadow circular path you may have noticed the rock commemorating Peace Day 1919. Then it was 19th July; now its on September 21st.

To mark the centenary of planting the oak by Canon Rawnsley, you will have seen our repurposed poppies, yarn bombed in the later part of July. This is a mark of respect for the fallen, and those that came home, all changed people, who got on with life. The war to end all wars, that didn't.

Many thanks to all those who gave time and money to create our remembrance net. We will remember them.

Carrie Taylor

Work starts on the Rectory Garden.

Villagers can't fail to have noticed the recent work in the Rectory grounds. The new owners Richard and Anna want to improve the state of the gardens and have started clearance work with the help of a tree surgeon following consultation with LDNPA.

They would be very interested to receive copies of old photos of the house and gardens to see how they looked in the past.

Please send these to Richard at rjstaite@hotmail.com

If anyone has photos but needs help with scanning to send them by email, please contact the editors.

CALENDAR

August 2019

1 Thu	14:00	WW Trust Shop	Places of Poetry -> 4th
1 Thu	14:30	Jerwood Rotunda	Dove Cottage Poets
2 Fri	14:30	WW Trust Shop	Pop-up Poetry
3 Sat	09:40	Ullswater TIC	In the Footsteps of Wordsworth
3 Sat	10:00	Kirby Lonsdale	A Day with John Thelwall
3 Sat	16:00	Jerwood Centre	Why read John Thelwall?
4 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Trinity 7 - Holy Communion
4 Sun	16:00	St. Oswald's	Choral Evensong
6 Tue	19:30	Jerwood Centre	History Group
8 Thu	14:00	Wordsworth Trust	WI
8 Thu	20:00	Wordsworth Trust	Book Group
9 Fri		College Street	Farmers' Market
9 Fri	10:30	Stock Ln. car park	Wordsworth's Grasmere
9 Fri	14:00	Reading Room	Knit & Nat
9 Fri	14:30	WW Trust Shop	Pop-up Poetry
11 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Trinity 8 - Mattins
14 Wed	19:15	Emma's Dell	Book Reading
15 Thu	19:30	Rydal Mount	Discover Poetry
16 Fri	10:30	Hawkshead Car Pk	Wordsworth's Hawkshead
16 Fri	13:00	Hawkshead Car Pk	Wordsworth's Hawkshead
16 Fri	14:30	WW Trust Shop	Pop-up Poetry
18 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Trinity 9 Methodist Service
21 Wed	09:40	Ullswater TIC	In the Footsteps of Wordsworth
22 Thu	13:30	Moss Parrock	Grasmere Rambles
23 Fri	14:30	WW Trust Shop	Pop-up Poetry
24 Sat		Allan Bank	Woodland Felting Workshop

24 Sat	10:00	Jerwood Centre	Notebook binding workshop
24 Sat	10:30	Stock Ln. car park	Wordsworth's Grasmere
25 Sun			Grasmere Sports
25 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Trinity 10 - Holy Communion
26 Mon		Allan Bank	Harvest time Printmaking
27 Tue	14:00	Reading Room	Knit & Nat
28 Wed	10:00	Bufs club	Antique & Artisan Fair -> 30th
29 Thu	19:30	St. Oswald's	Piano Recital
30 Fri	14:30	WW Trust Shop	Pop-up Poetry
31 Sat		See magazine	Another Waynwright Day

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1 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Trinity 11 - Holy Communion
1 Sun		St. Oswald's	SPAB award presentation
3 Tue	19:30	Jerwood Centre	History Group
5 Thu	10:00	Brantwood	WI
5 Thu	14:30	Jerwood Rotunda	Dove Cottage Poets
7 Sat	16:00	Jerwood Centre	Why read Lord Byron?
8 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Trinity 12 - Holy Communion
8 Sun	19:30	St. Oswald's	Licensing Service
10 Tue	09:00	Benfield	Church Outing to Manchester
12 Thu	10:00	Village Hall	Antique & Artisan Fair -> 15th
12 Thu	20:00	Wordsworth Trust	Book Group
13 Fri		College Street	Farmers' Market
13 Fri	14:00	Reading Room	Knit & Nat
13 Fri	14:00	Jerwood Centre	People Power -> 22nd
14 Sat		Kelsick Centre	Brownies Coffee Morning
15 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Trinity 13 - Holy Communion
19 Thu	19:30	Dove Cottage	Discover Poetry
20 Fri		Allan Bank	Heritage Open Day

22 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Trinity 14 - Holy Communion
24 Tue	14:00	Reading Room	Knit & Nat
26 Thu	10:00	Village Hall	Antique & Artisan Fair -> 29th
26 Thu	13:30	Moss Parrock	Grasmere Rambles
28 Sat	10:00	WW Trust	Calligraphy Workshop
28 Sat	16:00	Jerwood Centre	Why read Coleridge?
29 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Trinity 15 - Holy Communion

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6 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Trinity 16 Harvest Festival
6 Sun	16:00	St. Oswald's	Choral Evensong

Churchwarden's notices

I would like to give a big thank you to Amy, Will, Carrie & Charlotte for all their hard work preparing for Rushbearing. Everyone enjoyed the day.

In September we welcome our new Priest, Rev'd David Wilmot, Rural Dean who comes from St. Mary's Church, Windermere. He will be Priest-in-Charge of St. Oswald's, Grasmere and St. Mary's, Rydal as well as Chaplain of Rydal Hall

The Licensing Service will be on Sunday September 8th at 7.30 p.m. Please check the Church Notice Boards for details.

David is looking forward to his new position and meeting the parishioners, and I am looking forward to working with him to promote the Church.

Sonia

Church Annual Outing

This year the trip will be to Manchester on Tuesday 10th September.

We will leave Benfield, by the Catholic Church, at 9am returning to Grasmere about 8.30pm.

The price for the coach is £20 per person, payable on booking.

See Sonia or John to book a seat, they are going fast.

John Rickman

ROTAS FOR ST.OSWALD'S CHURCH

	Sidesmen / women	Coffee	Elements
4th Aug	John Rickman Trevor Eastes	<i>June Maddison</i>	<i>Pat Taylor</i>
11th Aug	Ann Fawthrop Pat Taylor	<i>Kay Adkins</i>	
18th Aug	David Dodgson Sonia Rickman	<i>Shirley Hill</i>	
25th Aug	June Maddison Kay Adkins	<i>Helen Bunfield</i>	<i>Pat Taylor</i>
1st Sep	John Rickman Trevor Eastes	<i>June Maddison</i>	<i>John Rickman</i>
8th Sep	Ann Fawthrop Pat Taylor	<i>Helen Bunfield</i>	<i>John Rickman</i>
15th Sep	David Dodgson Sonia Rickman	<i>Kay Adkins</i>	<i>Ann Fawthrop</i>
22nd Sep	June Maddison Kay Adkins	<i>Helen Bunfield</i>	<i>Pat Taylor</i>
29th Sep	John Rickman Trevor Eastes	<i>Shirley Hill</i>	<i>John Rickman</i>
6th Oct	Ann Fawthrop Pat Taylor	<i>Helen Bunfield</i>	<i>John Rickman</i>

Guitar Teacher wanted

Wanted - Bass Guitar teacher for adult beginner in Grasmere.
Call Debbie 07788 411863.

Lakes Parish Council - Vacancy for a Councillor

Lakes Parish Council are looking to co-opt a Councillor for the Langdales Ward of the Council. There are already two Councillors for that Ward and a third is required.

The Parish Council would welcome applications from any elector of the Parish (Ambleside, Grasmere, Rydal/Loughrigg, Langdales and Troutbeck) who might be interested in filling the Vacancy.

The successful applicant will be co-opted and become a fully fledged Parish Councillor (training is available).

The position is unpaid, there is a requirement to attend two evening meetings a month.

Further details from: Michael Johnson, First Floor Ambleside Library, Kelsick Road, Ambleside LA22 0BZ Tel: 015394 31656



Would you like to help contribute to sustaining your local community?

Mitre Housing Association are seeking development land for local occupancy affordable housing and would like to work with local landowners to deliver the right type of homes to fit the community.

To discuss further, please contact:

Rebecca Field, Development Manager on 01768 861445 or rebecca.field@edenha.org.uk



My first council tax bill of the year has come through and I know I'm not going to be able to afford it with so many other important bills to pay, let alone food. What should I do?

Council tax arrears are a "priority debt", which means you need to pay them before other non-priority loans like credit cards. 14 days after you've missed a council tax payment your council can take you to court and request you pay your entire year's bill at once. If you don't pay, you'll owe court costs and possibly bailiff fees as well as your debt, which can add hundreds of pounds to your bill.

It's important to speak to someone in the council tax office about your situation immediately. You'll probably be asked to commit to paying a regular amount each month. If you're on a low income, you might be able to get a reduction on your council tax bill. You may also qualify for your council's Hardship Scheme.

For more help, use the Citizens Advice budgeting tool on their website or contact your local 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

A Remembrance of Grasmere

O vale and lake, within your mountain-urn
Smiling so tranquilly, and set so deep!
Oft doth your dreamy loveliness return,
Colouring the tender shadows of my sleep
With light Elysian:—for the hues that steep
Your shores in melting lustre seem to float
On golden clouds from Spirit-lands remote,
Isles of the blest;—and in our memory keep
Their place with holiest harmonies:—Fair scene,
Most lov'd by evening and her dewy star!
Oh! ne'er may man, with touch unhallow'd, jar
The perfect music of the charm serene!
Still, still unchanged, may one sweet region wear
Smiles that subdue the soul to love, and tears, and prayer!

Felicia Hemans 1793-1835

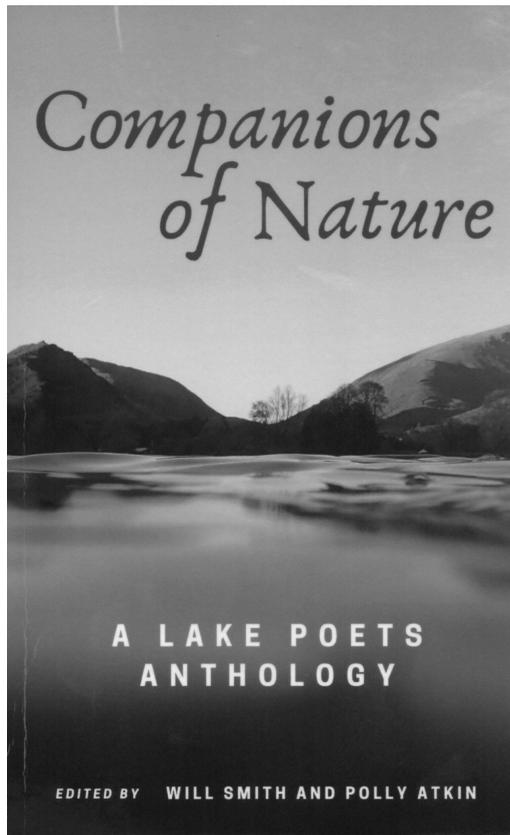


This month's poem is taken from "Companions of Nature", a new anthology compiled by our regular contributors Will Smith and Polly Atkin.

This delightful handy little book is full of treasures.

It can be found in the Church Bookshop and of course Sam Read's bookshop in the village.

Kay Adkins



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