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Spot the Connection

With Christmas coming, Grandma was out shopping for gifts for her grandchildren. While she was at the toy shop going through her list and carefully selecting gifts, she noticed a small homeless girl outside wistfully looking into the shop. Grandma's heart went out to this little girl. She invited her into the shop and asked her to pick out a gift for herself. As they walked out of the shop, the little girl held Grandma's hand and looked into her kind eyes and asked, "Are you God?" Grandma, somewhat embarrassed and somewhat touched, said, "No, my dear, I am not God." "Then who are you?" continued the little girl. Grandma thought for a moment and said, "I am a child of God." The little girl, fully satisfied and smiling, said, "I knew there was a connection!"

At the heart of the Christmas celebrations is St. John's amazing statement about those who believe in Christ: "But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. (John 1:12-13)

For many of us Christmas is about renewing the connections we have with family and friends. We make the time to send and receive cards, we go and visit, we catch up on all the news. We grieve the connection lost with a loved one who has died. But Christmas is fundamentally about renewing our sense of connection with God. That time spent at the Carol service or thinking about the Christmas story carries an invitation to see ourselves in a perhaps different light.

The little girl mentioned in the story gave Grandma a wonderful Christmas gift. She helped Grandma see that she was a child of God; and this is what St. John wants us to see. As we receive Christ into our hearts, so we discover that we are more than the name we acquire through our daily work or the many other relationships we have. We have a connection and a worth beyond anything we could achieve or gain by our own efforts. In short, we also are children of God and what a blessing it is when others see the divine connection!

Every Blessing for Christmas and New Year, *David*

Music Notes

The Come and Sing Mozart's Requiem on All Souls' Day was well supported by 125 singers and an audience of about 100, four excellent soloists and organ accompaniment. A sum in the region of £1500 was raised for the Organ Renovation Appeal.

Preparations are well in hand for the Carol Service on Sunday 22nd December at 4.00 p.m., which will celebrate the Christmas story in words and music.

If you are looking for a New Year resolution, why not consider singing in the church choir, which meets almost every Sunday morning at 10.00 a.m. before the service for an enjoyable rehearsal. In the immortal words of the great Elizabethan composer, William Byrd:

Since singing is so good a thing
I wish all men (*and women*) would learne to sing.

Ian Hare

Keswick Choral Society Musical Director: Ian Hare

CHRISTMAS CHORAL CHEER

Crosthwaite Church, Keswick Tuesday 10th December 7.30 pm.

Programme to include:

“Fantasia on Christmas Carols” by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

"Be Merry" - Tamsin Jones

“Love came down at Christmas” Ian Hare

Keswick Choral Society's annual Festival of Christmas Music offers the audience the opportunity to join in a selection of popular carols and Christmas songs.

Tickets: £14 on the door £12 from choir members and Bookends, Keswick

Christmas at St. Oswald's

Sunday 22nd December at 4.00pm - Carols by Candlelight



The traditional Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols led by St Oswald's Church Choir & Director/Organist Ian Hare. An unforgettable evening of mystery, in the timelessness of midwinter, as we count down the last week before Christmas. Recommended for adults and children of junior age upwards, who enjoy traditional worship based on the King's College Cambridge readings, singing the carols and listening to the choir's anthems. With candlelight.

Christmas Eve (24th) at 5.00pm - Carols by the Crib A telling of the Christmas Story for families & children



As dusk falls for Christmas Night, everyone gathers together to re-tell the Nativity story. With Crib figures carried by children who come, while we sing our favourite carols. The Christmas tree and all the decorations will be in place, with candlelight. Suitable for all children and all ages – a great way to begin Christmas together. The service will last about 45 minutes.

Christmas Eve at 11.00pm - Midnight Mass



The traditional welcome for the birth of the Christ Child. Christmas Holy Communion – All most welcome!

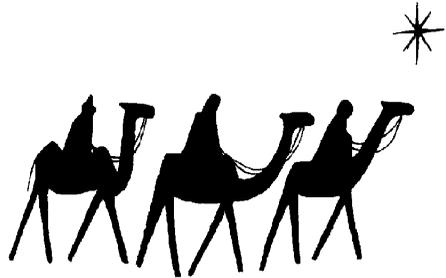
Christmas Day at 11.00am - Festival Communion



Join the shepherds in the 'stable' and Christians all over the world to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. A service for all ages with carols and a short talk. Children are very welcome to bring something from their stocking to show. Bring along your guests and celebrate together. Everyone welcome!

The Epiphany: Sunday 5th January at 11.00am Arrival of the Three Kings - Festival Communion

The kings (Magi, or wise men) bring their gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh. After their long journey, the visitors arrive from afar with gifts for the new baby.



WI News

Our October meeting took place in the Village Hall, where Patricia Howell gave an illustrated talk about “Springtime in the Isles of Scilly” . This was followed by tea and a wonderful spread of cakes. Many thanks to Jan Perritt and Anne Truelove.

Ann Fawthrop and Louise Sykes attended the Federation Annual Council Meeting in Kendal, where they were presented with a certificate for Grasmere WI from the National Federation to mark our Centenary.

Many members also attended a Federation lunch with Edwina Currie, which they thoroughly enjoyed. There are photos on our Facebook page.

Our November meeting was our AGM. All the current Committee are continuing, and all the other officers have stayed the same for next year. Mary Bass was thanked for her sterling work as Treasurer, Jill Morrison was thanked for stepping forward to take the role of Secretary. Sue Dixon was re-elected President for the coming year and was thanked by the members.

Following the formal meeting, Joan Bentley led us in a Christmas Foliage Decoration workshop. We all went home with impressive decorations.

Tea and a lovely selection of cakes followed, thanks to Elaine and Lin. We surprised Joan Lagoie with a special 90th birthday cake, made by Carol. Everyone agreed that it had been a most enjoyable afternoon.

On 6 December a group of us will meet for lunch in Kendal before the Federation Carol Service in the Parish Church.

We don't have a formal meeting in December, but we'll be getting together to enjoy our Christmas Lunch at Tweedies on 12 December.

Our first meeting of 2020 takes place in the Village Hall at 2pm on Thursday 9 January. Sarah Armstrong will be talking to us about her work with Fix the Fells and Ambleside and Langdale Mountain Rescue. Non-members welcome (£5)

We were delighted to welcome lots of new members in 2019. If you are interested in joining come along for a free “taster” meeting. You will be made very welcome. *Sue Dixon*

Knit and Nat

I am pleased to be able to tell you that at our first meeting in November we

counted up the knitted daffodils we have received so far and the grand total was 231 and a half! This means that we have only got 18 and a half to knit to reach our target of 250. Could anyone who still has daffodils or wool please return them either to the Reading Room, at one of our meetings, or give me a call and I will collect them. These daffodils have been much more 'time consuming' to knit than the poppies were last year. I timed myself knitting one from start to finish, including the sewing up each has taken me 2 hours and 10 minutes.

Just to remind you the original plan for the daffodils was an outdoor display (sometimes called a yarn bomb!) on a tree in Moss Parrock; unfortunately, the tree that was the intended 'victim' has now been chopped down. The display will go ahead but we are not yet certain exactly where, perhaps that's a challenge for our readers! More about this in the next magazine.

Having mentioned the poppies, I hope many of you saw the Peace display again in church on Remembrance Sunday, the poppies survived the outdoors on the oak tree in the park but needed a bit of attention to be fixed again onto the Rushbearing frame. We hope we will be able to display them annually after there was such a great village effort to knit so many last year.

The Knitters and Natters will meet only once in December on the 10th and in January 2020 on the 14th and 28th (the second and fourth Tuesdays). We meet in the Reading Room from 2pm until 4pm and everyone is welcome; the kettle is always hot! As we start the New Year we do not have a specific project in mind apart from finishing the daffodils so we will either be nattering or working our own projects.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. *Christine Batey*

Update on the Prelude Panels:

With supporting funding from the Wordsworth Trust we are assured of the materials to create 'The Home at Grasmere Tapestries' that will become Rushbearings next year celebrating and marking William Wordsworth's 250th anniversary. What we now need are some people to sew!

Male or female, long stitch tapestry is not hard. There 15 images covering his life in the area. Please come forward and join in! *Carrie Taylor*

School News

A Midwinter Night's Dream

Class 4 have just performed A Midwinter Night's Dream at The Theatre by the Lake. And it was beautiful! The SSF Theatre Director said that the children 'were a professional company, who understood the language and were able to communicate it to the audience'. The audience were enthralled from beginning to end. Each individual child was confident, clear and in character throughout. Credit goes to Adam Foster, for doing such a great job of writing (well, pruning Shakespeare to great effect) and directing, and to all the staff and parents of Grasmere School, for instilling the habits of positivity, courage and hard work.

Why do we put so much emphasis on performance?

1. It's hard! It takes a lot of self-discipline and boring repetition to create something like this. Children learn to work hard to create something as-good-as-it-can-possibly-be.
2. Together we can create something magical. Everyone is integrally important in a play.
3. Confidence. To physically 'own' the stage, and create a presence on it is an immensely powerful experience for a child. Learning to speak confidently, clearly and with authority is key to coping with many challenges in adult life.
4. Problem solving. There are many options... Questions can have more than one answer. Through exploration we find the 'right' way for us to speak.
5. Celebration of multiple perspectives – a play's words can be interpreted in many ways.
6. The stage is where some people shine... and often not the people you might think.
7. Dealing with stress. Coping with a rollercoaster of emotions and finding peace and a way to compose themselves.
8. It helps us to explore the range and variety of human emotion.
9. The words are treasures which will resurface throughout the children's lives.
10. It is wonderful to produce something which feels perfect in that moment, and gives a lot of people a lot of pleasure. Memories...

If you would like to see this production, you can. We are putting it on for the village on Thursday 19th December at 6:30pm, in St Oswald's Church. It will have wintery songs to send us on our way feeling seasonally uplifted.

Nativity

Our Nativity service is at 2pm on Tuesday 17th December, also in St Oswald's Church. Classes 1 and 2 are performing a very cheerful nativity. They're almost word perfect already, and extremely enthusiastic!

Carbon Literacy – Looking after the World's resources

Currently at school we are doing the following:

- Using milk bottles instead of plastic bottles
- Checking that lights and taps are turned off, every playtime
- Comparing the meter readings for gas, electricity and water, monthly, to monitor our resource use
- Checking that the bins contain the right things, each day
- Keeping external doors closed
- Limiting our biscuit-buying to 'rich tea' biscuits, which don't contain palm oil
- Trying to eat all our lunch

Thirlmere Aqueduct and other marvels of the Victorian era

The upper juniors are learning about the Thirlmere Aqueduct, and have fieldwork planned this month, to go and find its route. It is such an amazing piece of engineering. We're also studying the social history of Grasmere during its building. Pupils appear on the old registers whose fathers had moved to Grasmere, Dunmail Raise or White Moss huts to work as labourers on the aqueduct We have also visited Quarry Bank Mill in Manchester to see why the cotton mills needed clean water from the Lake District.

Class 2 are learning about the Victorian era too, and if you peer in through their window, you should see Queen Victoria sitting on the windowsill. Una Aynsley has made her with the children. They were so inspired by using 'mod rock' and wire, that when David Wilmot asked if we'd like to make some crib figures for church, Una and the children began to create a host of beautiful little figures. They are really lovely, and I'm sure they're destined to be treasured. *Jo Goode Head Teacher*

Events at the Wordsworth Trust

There's snow on the tops, a snap to the air, and we're ready for a dose of festive cheer and revelry! Dove Cottage may now be closed until the spring, but our lively programme of events will see you through the winter.

Our annual **Grasmere Residents' Afternoon** takes place on 20th December from 2.00-4.00pm in our cosy new Café. There will be carols, mulled wine and mince pies, as well as an opportunity to see Dove Cottage dressed for Christmas. Also taking place on 20th December, **Walking Home: A Celebration of Arrival** is a walk from Ambleside to Grasmere celebrating William and Dorothy Wordsworth's journey to and arrival at Dove Cottage in 1799, finishing with a reading from poet Paul Farley in Dove Cottage and a viewing of the Wordsworths' letter to Coleridge on Christmas Day 1799. If you are not joining in the walk, we warmly invite you to stay on after Residents' Afternoon to enjoy the latter part of this event.

On 11th December local herbalist Lesley Hoyle will be leading a **Yuletide Traditions** workshop from 6.30-9.30pm, which includes a light vegetarian supper. You will explore the traditions connected to local seasonal plants, and create professional-quality aromatic and decorative items to take home with you.

Our Wintertide Reflections take place every Tuesday at 3.30pm and are given by our own staff and trainees on topics that they have great enthusiasm for, and have been researching for a better part of the year in preparation. On 3rd December Lee explores **Wordsworth and the Grasmere Volunteers**; on 10th December Tom discusses **Wordsworth and the French Revolution**; and on 17th December Abby introduces **The Women Who Created the Cottonian Libraries**. Tickets include cake from our new Café, as well as tea or coffee.

On 14th December at 2.30pm Penelope Hemingway goes in search of the women who created and drove the Langdale linen industry's success in **A Handmade Tale**, including a demonstration of handspinning flax. In **An Afternoon with Grasmere History Group** on 4th January at 2.30pm the group will share stories and findings from 'Grasmere's History in 56 Buildings', their extensive year-long project, soon to be published. The group plans that this will be a celebratory launch for the book – please come along if you can.

Our regular groups will continue to meet as usual: **Grasmere History Group** on 3rd December; **Dove Cottage Poets** on 5th December, and **Discover Poetry** with Polly Atkin on 19th December. Pamela Woof continues her literature classes with **Finishing *The Prelude***, taking place on 18th December and 15th January.

Finally, on 1st February at 2.00pm it is **The 2019 Poetry Business Competition Winners' Reading** – and beforehand, from 12.00-1.30pm, there is a **Writing Workshop with the Poetry Business**, guaranteeing a focussed but hugely enjoyable writing time with Peter and Ann Sansom.

To find out more about any of these events please take a look at our brochure, visit www.wordsworth.org.uk , or call us on 015394 35544. We look forward to seeing you!

Hannah Catterall, Events Officer, Wordsworth Trust

Ambleside & District Choral Society



Christmas Concert

Puccini: *Messa di Gloria* Bizet: *Pearl Fishers Duet*

Christmas Music for Soloists, Choir and Audience

Conductor: Jolyon Dodgson Organ: Andrew Plowman

St. Mary's Church, Ambleside Saturday 14th December 7.30 pm

Tickets: £12 from Fred's Ambleside Bookshop, choir members or at the door
Children under 12 years free. To book in advance: 015394 36260/33944

Grasmere Book Group

October's book group met to discuss Stevie Smith's *Novel on Yellow Paper* (1936). Smith's novel is written in a stream of consciousness, as a unique narrative voice grabs hold of the reader from the beginning and doesn't let up. Nearly all found this engaging, particularly given the racy, edgy humour of the feisty protagonist, but some were uncertain about what it all amounted to.

In November, the group discussed freshly crowned Nobel laureate Olga Tokarczuk's *Flights* (2007, trans. Jennifer Croft 2017). An experimental novel translated from the Polish, *Flights* is a series of vignettes and short prose sections. This might sound daunting, but poetic sentences and engaging storytelling transfixed many of the group. Some professed to racing through it and most read it for everyday insights and characters rather than plot. Group admiration also turned to the book itself, with Fitzcarraldo Editions publishing a practical and beautiful paperback.

Our final meeting of 2019 is at 8pm on Thursday December 12th at the Wordsworth Trust's Learning Space, when we turn our attention to EM Forster's *Selected Stories* (Penguin, 2001). Forster was a great lover of Grasmere, often spending his holidays here writing lectures, walking and posting letters via the bookshop "care of Mrs Read, Grasmere".

In the New Year, we rearrange our bookshelves and ask the question 'what shall we read next?' The January meeting is a good time to reflect on what we've always wanted to read, what we're hearing is excellent and all the various recommendations that accumulate over the holidays. We try to cover a broad selection of genres and subjects, classic or modern, both fiction and non-fiction, so if there's anything you think we should consider then either come along on Thursday January 9th (8pm at the Wordsworth Trust), or drop us an email ahead of the meeting. All suggestions are considered as we whittle down books for our eleven monthly slots. We try and select books which are in print and in paperback, but we'll check those details so don't feel constrained.

Thanks for another brilliant year of reading, laughing and discussion. We hope to welcome new and returning readers in 2020.

Free literary events to mention in collaboration with Sam Read Bookseller:

For those interested in 'Writing About Place' there is a free two-hour creative writing workshop with writing tutor, memoirist and beekeeper, Helen Jukes on Wednesday December 11th at The Wordsworth Trust Learning Space, 3pm-5pm.

We're buzzing that Helen Jukes will also be reading from her nature memoir *A Honeybee Heart Has Five Openings* (Simon and Schuster) at Emma's Dell on Wednesday December 11th at 7.30pm (doors 7pm). Expect beekeeping stories.

Award-winning Cumbrian novelist Sarah Hall will be reading from her new book of short stories *Sudden Traveller* (Faber & Faber) at Emma's Dell on Monday December 23rd at 7.30pm (doors 7pm). Expect mulled wine and festive exuberance.

Places for all events are free but limited so do book ahead by calling at the bookshop, or via the online listing at www.eventbrite.co.uk

We look forward to catching up with friends old and new at all coming events.
Polly and Will



GRASMERE PLAYERS PRESENT

Terry Pratchett's

WYRD SISTERS

*Grasmere Hall, Thursday, Friday and Saturday
12th - 14th December 2019*

7.30pm and Saturday matinee at 2.30pm

Tickets from Barney's Newsbox £10 (£5 Juniors)

Tel 35627 during shop hours

Enquiries: Tel Anne Miller

Grasmere Village Society

Well, here goes with my first GVS report. I wonder whether, like Vivienne Rees, I will still be posting updates to you in 20 years time? Huge thanks to Vivienne, who of course remains as GVS chairman, ably assisted by a hard-working and dedicated committee. We all care about Grasmere and are keen to protect, improve and enhance the village. The committee is always on the lookout for additional members and if you have the time and energy please join us.

What do we do? Our major project over the past 3 years has been fund raising for a new playground on Broadgate Meadow. This has now come to fruition and with just over £100k in the kitty the diggers and bulldozers are removing the old playground even as I write this. Hopefully the new one will be in place and open for use before Christmas.

Other financial aims include providing support to the Rothay Trust in maintaining the riverside walk through the village and also supporting the National Trust with work on the lake island. We have recently agreed a sponsorship donation to the Grasmere Business Partnership towards Christmas lights in Grasmere. The Society is able to pursue these things through fund raising but also through our membership which, although is only £1 for adults and 50p for children, allows for voluntary donations. People are incredibly generous and I hope that we are spending your money wisely.

For anybody who is not a member, why not join? After many years of hard work taking care of membership Tony Lawrence has decided to call time, but will remain on the committee. Our new membership secretary, Will Clark, would love to hear from you - will_clark@hotmail.com or 07435 596596.

More mundane functions of the committee include looking after the drinking fountain, war memorial, village seats, defibrillators and bus shelters (many thanks to Mark Broomhead who has recently painted the Moss Parrock shelter, and cleaned the roof, at no cost to the society). We also keep a watching brief over the lake, lakeshore and river as well as perusing all planning applications that affect the village. We keep an eye out for invasive species and of course there is the never ending litter picking!

We are so lucky to live in this beautiful place. Here's wishing you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and let's look forward to 2020 with our glasses at least half full!

Diary dates: GVS dinner at the Daffodil on 19th March. AGM at the village hall on 2nd April.

The next meeting of the committee is Tuesday 7th January.

Nick McCraith (GVS Vice Chair)

Grasmere Fellowship

For our last meeting this year Pat Newsham tells the story of the formidable northern lady, Lady Ann Clifford. This will take place on December 5th at the normal time of 2.30 but note, that owing to Hall refurbishment work, this meeting will be held in the Buff Club.

Our annual lunch takes place at the Wordsworth Hotel on Friday January 3rd at 13.00. Menus were distributed at the last meeting. If you have not received one and would like to come please contact Marguerite. We are always happy to welcome friends to this event. Orders and payment should be placed by December 5th.

Our first talk of the year on January 16th, back in the Hall, will be given by Pauline Hare who will recount her experiences of travelling on the Trans-Siberian Railway. Guest entry to talks is £2 but the £10 subscription remains the best buy if you get in quickly! *David Dodgson*

University of Cumbria - Ambleside Campus

Free Open Public Lectures

Negotiating a Cultural Landscape: Writers and Artists in the Lakes

Mon 2 December 6.30pm – 7.30pm Percival Lecture Theatre

Dr Chris Donaldson of Lancaster University explores the life of "Lady of the Lakes" Harriet Martineau in Ambleside.

Mon 6 January 6.30pm – 7.30pm Percival Lecture Theatre

Prof. Chris Loynes and Dr. Jamie Mcphie, University of Cumbria discuss Swallows and Amazons and the Changing Place of Adventure in Society.

To book either of these events visit: cumbria.ac.uk

Glenys Taylor Ambleside Gateway Manager 015394 30274 Ext: 5274

Allan Bank

Allan Bank will be open from 10.30 until 16.00 each Friday to Sunday until 15th December 2019. The house and grounds will then close for the season and reopen on 15th February 2020.

What's On:

Sat 7th Dec 11.00-13.30 Traditional wreath making workshop

Join our in-house flower arranger for a fun, festive wreath making workshop using naturally sourced materials, including fir, berries and holly. Create a round wreath to hang on your front door. Add some scent with cinnamon sticks and dried orange.

£35.00 per person, booking essential, book online at nationaltrust.org.uk. Admission charges to the house apply. Refreshments included.

Sun 8th Dec 2019 13:00 - 15:00 Folk music by The Cumbrian Duo

Hear the sweet sounds of folk music from two local musicians playing harp and guitar.

Free event, booking not needed. Admission applies.

Sun 15th Dec 2019 13:30 - 15:30 Carols round the tree

Enjoy an afternoon singing traditional carols round the Christmas tree with local choir group - Grasmere Glee.

Free event, booking not needed. Admission applies.

2020 will be a year of celebrations including:

- 125 years of the National Trust - a year to celebrate wellbeing.
- 250 years since Wordsworth's birth on the 7 April
- 28 May the centenary of Canon Rawnsley's death in 1920, an opportunity to celebrate his extraordinary life.

Further details to follow in the new year.

Elaine Taylor

Antique & Collectors Fairs

Sue Hearn writes: - many thanks to all our customers, hall committee and residents for your support in 2019. Our collection this year for Grasmere Red Squirrels Group raised £177 - thank you.

Best wishes for the festive season to all. The next fair at Grasmere will be in March 2020.

Brownies

Ambleside Rainbows for girls from 5 years old to 7 years old meet on Mondays from 4.30pm till 5.45pm.

Ambleside Brownies for girls from 7 years old to 10 years old meet on Mondays from 5.50pm till 7.20pm.

Anyone interested contact Kath Travis on 07792 861020 *Kath Travis*

Food Bank Update

Thank you lovely Grasmere people for your generosity in 2019. This year you have supported 14 families in the village with a total of 32 food parcels.

Thanks as always to Grasmere Co-op and Pharmacy for their continued support. The money raised from the Village Society raffle earlier in the year helped us buy extra items. Thanks also to whoever continues to make cash donations at the pharmacy.

After previous requests we get lots of pasta and sauce, but we're running short of coffee, washing powder and cleaning products.

If you are experiencing hardship or know anyone who might need help this winter please contact us or pop a phone number in the box in the Pharmacy.
Will Clark 015394-35070 / 07435596596 Vicky Hughes 07960 590531

CALENDAR

December 2019

1 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Advent Carol Service
1 Sun	13:30	St. Oswald's	Wedding
2 Mon	18:30	Ambleside College	Lecture: Harriet Martineau
3 Tue	15:30	WT Café	Wordsworth & Grasmere Volunteers
3 Tue	19:30	Jerwood Centre	History Group
5 Thu	14:30	WT Learning Space	Dove Cottage Poets
5 Thu	14:30	Buff Club	Fellowship
7 Sat	11:00	Allan Bank	Wreath making workshop
8 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Advent 2 - Holy Communion
8 Sun	13:00	Allan Bank	The Cumbrian Duo
10 Tue	14:00	Reading Rooms	Knit & Nat
10 Tue	15:30	WT Café	Wordsworth & French Revolution
10 Tue	19:30	Crosthwaite church	Keswick Choral Society concert
11 Wed	15:00	WT Learning Space	Creative Writing Workshop
11 Wed	18:30	WT Learning Space	Yuletide traditions
11 Wed	19:30	Emma's Dell	Book Reading
12 Thu		Tweedies	WI Christmas lunch
12 Thu	19:30	Village Hall	Grasmere Players Wyrd Sisters
12 Thu	20:00	WT Learning Space	Book Group
13 Fri		College Street	Farmers Market
13 Fri	19:30	Village Hall	Grasmere Players Wyrd Sisters
14 Sat	14:30	Jerwood Centre	A Handmade Tale
14 Sat	14:30	Village Hall	Grasmere Players -
14 Sat	19:30		- Wyrd Sisters
14 Sat	19:30	Ambleside Church	Ambleside Choral Soc Concert
15 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Advent 3 - Holy Communion

15 Sun	13:30	Allan Bank	Carols round the tree
17 Tue	14:00	St. Oswald's	School Nativity service
17 Tue	15:30	WT Café	Women & Cottonian Libraries
18 Wed	14:15	Jerwood Centre	Finishing The Prelude
19 Thu	18:30	St. Oswald's	School - Midwinter Night's Dream
19 Thu	19:30	WT Learning Space	Discover Poetry
20 Fri	13:00	Various locations	William and Dorothy Walking Home
20 Fri	14:00	WT Café	Grasmere Residents' Afternoon
22 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Advent 4 - Holy Communion
22 Sun	16:00	St. Oswald's	Carols by Candlelight
23 Mon	19:30	Emma's Dell	Book Reading
24 Tue	17:00	St. Oswald's	Crib service
24 Tue	23:00	St. Oswald's	Midnight Mass
25 Wed	11:00	St. Oswald's	Christmas day- Festival Communion
29 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Christmas 1 - Holy Communion

January 2020

3 Fri	13:00	Wordsworth Hotel	Fellowship lunch
4 Sat	14:30	Jerwood Centre	Afternoon with History Group
5 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Epiphany - Festival Communion
6 Mon	18:30	Ambleside College	Lecture: Swallows & Amazons
7 Tue			GVS committee
9 Thu	14:00	Village Hall	WI
9 Thu	20:00	Wordsworth Trust	Book Group
12 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Baptism of Christ- Holy Communion
13 Mon	13:00	WT Learning Space	Volunteer open session
14 Tue	14:00	Reading Room	Knit & Nat
14 Tue	18:00	WT Learning Space	Volunteer open session
15 Wed	10:00	WT Learning Space	Volunteer open session
15 Wed	14:15	Jerwood Centre	Finishing The Prelude

16 Thu	13:00	WT Learning Space	Volunteer open session
16 Thu	14:30	Village Hall	Fellowship
17 Fri	10:00	WT Learning Space	Volunteer open session
18 Sat	13:00	WT Learning Space	Volunteer open session
19 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Epiphany 2 - Holy Communion
26 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Epiphany 3 - Holy Communion
28 Tue	14:00	Reading Room	Knit & Nat

February 2020

1 Sat	12:00	WT Learning Space	Poetry Writing Workshop
1 Sat	14:00	Jerwood Centre	Poetry Business Winners
2 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Candlemas - Holy Communion
4 Tue	19:30	Jerwood Centre	History Group

Farmers' Market

The farmers market will be on on the 13th December. The Glee club have offered to sing some carols on Moss Parrock around lunch time to give it a more festive feel (weather permitting).

The businesses and I have been working to get some festive lights around the village which should be in place for the first week of December.

Vicky Hughes

Wordsworth Trust – Call for Volunteers

January is the perfect time to get involved in something new! In 2020 we will be creating a variety of new volunteer roles, including reading poetry in the museum, developing our outdoor spaces and creating activities for visitors.

Find out more at one of our open sessions to be held on 13th - 18th January (see Calendar for times) or contact me on 015394 35544 or at volunteers@wordsworth.org.uk .

More information at: wordsworth.org.uk/create-learn/volunteering/

Joanne Kieft Volunteer Coordinator The Wordsworth Trust

ROTAS FOR ST.OSWALD'S CHURCH

	Sidesmen / women	Coffee	Elements
1st Dec	John Rickman Trevor Eastes	<i>Helen Bunfield</i>	<i>Ann Fawthrop</i>
8th Dec	Ann Fawthrop Pat Taylor	<i>June Maddison</i>	<i>John Rickman</i>
15th Dec	David Dodgson John Rickman	<i>Shirley Hill</i>	<i>Pat Taylor</i>
22nd Dec	June Maddison Kay Adkins	<i>Helen Bunfield</i>	<i>Ann Fawthrop</i>
24th Dec	Sonia Rickman John Rickman		
25th Dec	Sonia Rickman John Rickman		
29th Dec	Ann Fawthrop Pat Taylor	<i>Helen Bunfield</i>	<i>John Rickman</i>
5th Jan	David Dodgson John Rickman	<i>June Maddison</i>	<i>Ann Fawthrop</i>
12th Jan	June Maddison Kay Adkins	<i>Shirley Hill</i>	<i>Pat Taylor</i>
19th Jan	John Rickman Trevor Eastes	<i>Helen Bunfield</i>	<i>Ann Fawthrop</i>
26th Jan	Ann Fawthrop Pat Taylor	<i>June Maddison</i>	<i>John Rickman</i>
2nd Feb	David Dodgson John Rickman	<i>Shirley Hill</i>	<i>Pat Taylor</i>

Churchwardens' Notices

More Sides people and Coffee servers are urgently required. Please give names to Sonia on 35603.



My gas and electricity deal has come to an end and the energy company has offered me a new contract. However, they're insisting I get a smart meter fitted. I've heard these don't really work and I can't see the benefit. Am I better off looking for a different supplier, or will the new company also force me to have a smart meter?

It's always worth shopping around. Citizens Advice has a tool on its website which shows how well suppliers perform on a range of measures, including customer service, rather than just price.

As regards the smart meter, you certainly don't have to accept one – and in some cases, it's not yet possible to fit one. However, it might mean you're not eligible for all the deals on offer, like cheaper tariffs.

If you do decide to go ahead, your supplier should explain the process beforehand, show you how it works and give you a number to call if anything goes wrong.

Smart meters send daily meter readings to your supplier, meaning they can bill you accurately. This won't automatically save you money, but it can help you keep track of how much energy you're using so you can try to reduce it.

The Citizens Advice consumer helpline (03454 040506) can give advice on smart meter issues.

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 can give detailed advice over the phone – telephone 03444 111 444. For email see our website: www.southlakescab.org.uk. We have various outlets across South Lakeland if an appointment is required. For Money Advice and for on-going enquiries please call 015394 46464.

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Christmas Flowers in St Oswald's Church



We would be delighted if you would like to sponsor a plant that will be used to decorate the church over the Christmas period.

As in previous years we will be decorating the church with cyclamens that have proved very popular and have survived the cold weather! If you would like to dedicate a plant please fill in the slip below and return to the Church by 20th December.

Each plant will have a label with your dedication printed on it and you are most welcome to collect the plant from church after Sunday 5th January. Thank you for supporting the church in this way.

I/We would like to donate £ for a plant with the following dedication: (max 50 words)

*Minimum donation of £8.00 per plant please.
Cheques payable to "Grasmere PCC" or cash.*

Name:

Tel No:

Please return to the Church letterbox (outside near the Langdale entrance) by 20 December.

Thank you.

Carol



Mary laid her child among
The bracken fronds of night -
And by the glimmer round his head
All the barn was lit.

Mary held her child above
The miry, frozen farm -
And by the fire within his limbs
The resting roots were warm.

Mary hid her child between
Hillocks of hard sand -
By singing water in his veins
Grass sprang from the ground.

Mary nursed her child beside
The gardens of a grave -
And by the death within his bones
The dead became alive.

Norma Nicholson (1914 - 1987) spent most of his life in Millom on the west coast of Cumbria.

His intimate knowledge of the town and its people and of the surrounding landscape gives his poems their subject matter and force. Nicholson was born when the iron industry that employed most of the town was still booming. He knew the hard lives of the workers and the dangers they faced, and he saw what happened when the industry declined. He converted to Christianity at the age of 22 and this was a major influence on his work. In 1977 he received The Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry, and was made an OBE in 1981.

He is buried in St George's churchyard, Millom alongside his wife. There is a memorial window in the Church.

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