

A photograph of a squirrel with a large, bushy tail, sitting on a mossy log and eating a nut. The background is a dense forest with green foliage.

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in Grasmere

MAGAZINE INFORMATION

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Belonging

Dear Friends, Many people feel they ‘belong’ in Grasmere and Rydal. So many have come on holiday since childhood, with their extended families. Every year memories have been laid down, children grown a little taller, fell tops easier to climb. Photos taken at the cairns track the family’s progress year by year, till the fleet-footed teenagers run ahead and ten years later bring along their partners too.

Those who have lived here all their lives have seen the changes days by day, decade by decade, yet the fells and meres and skies play a longer game and outlast us all. Echoes linger of people who have dwelt here before, some known for gingerbread or poetry, journals or walling, shepherding or schooling, some not known by name at all. Tracks over the raise or fell shoulders, up Easedale, Helm Crag or Nab Scar, bid us join our forebears to look down into the vale.

I too feel I have ‘belonged’ for a long time, as a visitor since my teens and having trained for ordained ministry at Rydal Hall 25 years ago. Our family too has grown up in the fells and now it’s time to introduce the next generation to climbing up, fuelled by Smarties (maybe), to the picnic at the top. My short time as parish priest here has been a surprising and unexpected glimpse of the intersection between visitors who feel we belong, full-time residents who do, and the timeless vale we all treasure.

As we retire nearby, perhaps we will make some sort of transition to belonging in a different way – for we already feel we’ve always been here, with our memories and our ‘no need of maps’ as the poem opposite says. Our feet already know many tracks and our family has old haunts. Soon our grandson will be old enough for the Pencil Museum on a rainy day. And ‘the jigsaw shop’ in Grasmere. And the Lion and the Lamb in a few years’ time. And the ridge walk from Silver Howe to Stickle Tarn and back down Great Langdale. And the tea shop behind Rydal Hall.

As we restore a garden and watch our planted trees establish and the foxgloves illuminate cleared spaces where the scrub saplings and nettle thickets were, bluebells and wild daffodils have some light again: they flowered last year for the first time in a decade or so.

All of us belong together in some sense, in the worldwide, timeless, deeply-rooted family of God’s beloved children. May God be with you and bless you always. Till we meet again. *Gill*

WI NEWS

The Rothay Garden Hotel was the venue once again for our excellent Christmas Lunch. After the meal we were treated to some delightful carols sung by the children of Grasmere School. Thanks to all of you.

Our January meeting was the first to be held in our new venue, the Village Hall. Theresa Wooll gave us a very entertaining talk on “The World of Executive Jets”. The Hall was warm and welcoming, and Sonia and Jennifer provided delicious tea and cakes served from the lovely new kitchen. We all agreed that the Hall Committee has worked wonders and we really appreciate the effort that has been made to make this a venue to be proud of. Grasmere WI are very happy with their new home!

Member Jill Morrison has suggested that it would be a good idea for us to meet informally each month for a “Grasmere Ramble”. We are very enthusiastic about this, and we have decided to earmark the afternoon of the fourth Thursday every month to meet up, walk and talk. We’ll meet at 1.30 on Moss Parrock. By the time you read this we’ll have done our first ramble on 24 January. The next will be 28 February. Anyone is welcome to join us – friends, family, visitors. This is not a led or guided walk, just a group of people walking together in our beautiful local area.

Our February 14th meeting marks the 100th Birthday of Grasmere WI. We are celebrating with a special members’ Lunch at Tweedies Lodge. The three course lunch (with choices) and coffee is £25. Please contact Myra McCraith to pay, and choose your meal by 7th February if you have not already done so.

Our March 14th meeting at 2pm in the Village Hall sees Judy Clay talk to us on the important topic of Fraud Prevention. Non members welcome £4.

Details of all our meetings for 2019 can be found on our website – www.grasmerewi.btck.co.uk

On Tuesday March 19th we are holding our annual Gather Day to raise funds for the Great North Air Ambulance. More details of this can be found opposite. Please help us once again to support this vital local charity. Your unwanted items can help save lives.

Looking ahead, on Saturday 18 May we will be hosting a Table Top Sale in the Village Hall. Tables will be £10. Please spread the word! If you would like to book a table contact Jill, Sue, or any other Committee member. *Sue Dixon*

WI GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE GATHER

St Oswald's Church Tuesday 19th March 9.30am – 2.30pm

Grasmere WI will be GATHERING Clothing, Household Linen, Curtains, Shoes, Belts, and Handbags. Also but in separate bags please, Ink Cartridges, Mobile Phones, CDs, DVDs, Books and Stamps.

Refreshments, cake stall, tombola etc will be available, all proceeds going to support the GNAA.

Bags available from the back of Church and the Co-op. Full bags may be left at the back of Church Sunday 17th March from 12.30pm

Grasmere Fellowship

Another year seems to have gone by very quickly. Our final events for this season are as follows.

February 7th A wintry topic for a winter's day. James Clarkson-Webb will recount his experience walking to the South Pole

February 21st Our well-known local resident Nick McCraith will give us his Medic's Tale. I am sure it will be as entertaining as its Chaucerian predecessors.

March 7th Distinguished photographic pair Alan and Julie Walker take us on a journey down South America with a talk entitled Hot and Cold.

March 21st After a very short AGM John Campbell will take us through some local legends and folk ballads in a talk (it might also contain the occasional song) entitled "The Crier of Claife".

It is my turn to stand down as chairman this year so hopefully you will be spared my prattling on in next year's season. We have some speakers in mind but suggestions are always welcomed in order to keep us as well entertained as in the past. *David Dodgson*

Knit and Nat

Happy New Year from the Knit and Nat group! We celebrated the Knit & Nat 4th birthday with an afternoon tea and birthday cake with candles, thanks to Carrie.

The knitting continues for the babies; the bag in which we store the items is becoming rather full; I felt like a bag lady when walking home from the last Knit and Nat because there were so many lovely items brought for the baby units. We have to say thank you to everyone who is knitting at home and sending their items to meetings, some of these knitters are people are returning to knitting after a break. Thanks to Sharon's knitting pattern in the Village Society newsletter we have more than thirty hats for premature babies to take to one of the baby units, possibly Lancaster or Barrow. We also have a good selection of cardigans and blankets.

Ann Dixon was able to tell us that the grand total of shoeboxes they created in Hawkshead for Teams4U was 1,250 — a tremendous effort. On their website (teams4U.com) there are some moving photographs and facts from the 2018 trip to deliver the 38,000 shoeboxes they collected throughout the country to children in Belarus, Bosnia, Ukraine and Romania. It's good to think that our little knitting group in Grasmere contributed to keeping these children cosy this winter.

In February our meetings will be on the second Friday 8th and the fourth Tuesday 26th, March meetings are the same the 8th and the 26th. We look forward to seeing people and there is always a cup of tea or coffee and often a biscuit. *Christine Batey*

School News

We have had a visit from Ofsted. It was a one day inspection, so the outcome is limited to 'good'. However, if the inspector is very impressed, she can recommend a full inspection, so that Ofsted can judge if the school is outstanding. This is what she has done. We don't know when the full inspection will be, but we're very pleased.

The judgements of the last full Ofsted , ie Outstanding for Early Years etc, still stand. As the inspector put it, the school has significantly improved since the last inspection.

Here is a précis of the report:

"You and each member of the senior leadership team have considerable expertise and work with teachers to ensure that activities are stimulating and planned to maximise pupils' learning.

"You continue to be an inspirational headteacher who leads by example in your many and varied roles. You ensure that staff morale is high by valuing all that staff do and making sure that everyone works together as a team. You state on your website that underpinning the school are 'strong, caring relationships and a shared zest for life and learning' and that was evident during the inspection.

"You and the staff ensure that children get off to a flying start in the early years. The proportion of children reaching a good level of development was higher than the national average in 2018. The proportion of pupils reaching expected standards by the end of key stage 2 in reading, writing and mathematics was above the national average in 2018. Similarly, the proportion reaching higher standards in reading and mathematics and greater depth in writing was also above the national average. Pupils are clearly being very well prepared for the next stage in their education. This is one of the many reasons why parents choose this school for their children, despite not living locally.

"Pupils clearly enjoy coming to school and love learning. This is reflected in above average levels of attendance by the vast majority of pupils. Parents commented on how appreciative they are that staff 'go the extra mile' to develop pupils' character as well as their academic skills. You are mindful of the pressures on young people today and the importance of fostering both their mental and physical well-being. Whole-school outings, scrambling the fells around the school and admiring the beauty of nature puts life's challenges into perspective both for the children and staff. One parent summed up the views of many in describing this as 'an absolute diamond of a school'"

Cooking. The juniors have a cooking project this term. They are working towards a 'street food market' on April 5th. We're grateful to Beth Abbott for letting us use her catering kitchen for this project, and to the Co-op who are providing many ingredients. Please come along on 5th April to buy our food!

We're also going to have a Spring concert this term. We'll let you know the date in due course. Keep an eye on the school facebook page or school calendar, to know what's going on.

Jo Goode Head Teacher www.grasmereschool.com

Events at the Wordsworth Trust

Our Reimagining Wordsworth project is underway (see below) but we have plenty of excellent events to share with you that will brighten up the days as we see out the last of the darker months.

Prism Arts' emerging/outsider artists have been invited to explore our archives and share their findings with us in a series of themed workshops. On **Saturday 9 February** they will focus on tourism and the rural idyll, revealing how artists and writers have created the Lake District for us, and on **Saturday 9 March** they will explore the life and work of Dora Wordsworth. These sessions will also help the artists develop ideas for artworks to commemorate Wordsworth's 250th birthday in 2020.

On **Saturday 16 February** we are joined by Peter Quinn of the Bewick Society and acclaimed author Jenny Uglow to present an afternoon of talks in tribute to Iain Bain's life and unsurpassed collection of the artist's manuscripts and printing blocks recently acquired by the trust. Bewick was an incredible artist and engraver of natural history and day-to-day life of the early nineteenth century, and there will also be a printing press demonstration using Bewick woodblock images – not to be missed.

On **Wednesday 20 February** Professor John Strachan will take a detailed look at Wordsworth's 1803 poem on the ancient Lakeland yew trees at Lorton Vale and Borrowdale, and the critical comment and controversies which the poem has produced since its first publication.

On **Sunday 10 March** we are partnering up with the Poetry Business to host an afternoon of snapshot poetry readings: twelve contemporary poets from their 2017/18 school will have only five minutes each to showcase the best parts of their work!

Pamela Woof's literature classes exploring *The Prelude* 1805 return on **Wednesday 13 February** and **Wednesday 13 March**. Even if you have never been, you are very welcome to come along – and copies of the book will be provided.

Our regular gatherings continue as usual. Grasmere History Group meets on **Tuesday 5 February** and **Tuesday 5 March**, with topics for 2019 in mind. Enjoy some poetry and a cup of tea by the fire with Polly Atkin at our evening Discover Poetry sessions - **Thursday 21 February** will be our last session in Dove Cottage until the summer, with the **Thursday 21 March** session taking

place at an alternative location, to be announced soon. Dove Cottage Poets meet to read and talk about contemporary poetry on **Thursday 7 February** and **Thursday 7 March**.

If you would like to book on to any of these events or find out more, please send us an email at enquiries@wordsworth.org.uk or give us a call on 015394 35544. In the next issue we'll be telling you all about our brand new Spring/Summer events programme – and we have lots of surprises in store!
Hannah Catterall, Events Officer, Wordsworth Trust

Reimagining Wordsworth - the work begins

2019 will be one of the most exciting years in the Wordsworth Trust's history, as we redevelop the site as part of our Heritage Lottery Funded project Reimagining Wordsworth. Throughout 2019 and early 2020, we will be opening a new café and learning centre, opening up previously unused outdoor spaces, expanding and modernising the museum, and carrying out careful restoration in Dove Cottage, bringing it even closer to the home William and Dorothy would have known. This project is an incredible opportunity to bring Wordsworth's story into the 21st century, in time to celebrate his 250th birthday in April 2020.

As a result of this project, there will be some changes as to what visitors are able to do in 2019. As with any kind of building work, the timings and exact details of the work and therefore what will be open may change. The best thing to do is to check our website or give us a call to find out the most up-to-date information. Here's how things currently stand:

- The Wordsworth Museum will be closed for redevelopment work throughout 2019.
- Our shop will be open in the Foyle Room from early February onwards.
- Dove Cottage itself will be open from July until the end of October. When the cottage is closed, an alternative experience will be available in the Jerwood Centre (see below for details).
- The new café and learning centre will open in the summer.
- The new museum and reinterpreted Dove Cottage will open in early 2020.

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The good news is that when Dove Cottage is closed, there will be an alternative experience in the Jerwood Centre, our collections and archive building. This will involve a virtual tour of Dove Cottage presented by a Dove Cottage guide. If you haven't yet been inside the Jerwood Centre, this is perfect chance to have a look around, as this experience will take place within the book-lined walls of our Reading Room. This experience will be running from the 1st March.

This is the current situation at the time of writing, and detailed plans will be made in the next few weeks after appointment of the main contractor. There is much more to be said about the plans themselves and we always welcome the opportunity to discuss these with our neighbours in the village. If you'd like to know more, please get in touch – our general phone line is 015394 35544, or you can drop us an email enquiries@wordsworth.org.uk

We will still have a full programme of events planned, some of which will be taken on tour around Cumbria. See our events programme above.

Jeff Cowton Curator and Head of Learning Wordsworth Trust

Music Notes

As expected, December was a busy time for choir and organist, leading up to a successful Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, for which the church choir was strengthened with a few additional singers. The choir also sang at the funeral of former member Shelagh Griffin, and at the wedding of Emily and Jack Pascoe. The annual Christmas social event took the form of a lunch at Emma's Dell, which was greatly appreciated.

On **Sunday 24th February** after the morning service at St. Oswald's there will be the **Annual General Meeting** of the **Music at Grasmere** society, at which the accounts for 2018 will be ratified, and plans for 2019 will be announced. All are welcome to attend this meeting in church, when there will also be a progress report on the Organ Appeal.

Some members of the church choir will be taking part in a **concert in Carlisle Cathedral on Saturday 23rd March at 7.30 p.m.**, to be given by Cumbria Rural Choirs conducted by Prof. John Butt, of Glasgow University, the programme to include the Mozart Requiem and Haydn Seven Last Words. The present writer will be giving a **lunchtime organ recital in Kendal Parish Church on Friday 8th March at 12.30 pm.** *Ian Hare*

Grasmere Book Group

The final book group of 2018 met with a feast of mulled drink, mince pies and mystery tales. December's reading was Robert Barr's *The Triumphs of Eugene Valmont* (1906). Barr, a friend of Arthur Conan Doyle and Jerome K Jerome, wrote a series of short stories featuring the French detective Valmont. Many noticed the similarity between Valmont and Agatha Christie's Poirot. However, we were able to relate Christie's response in the 1950s to this pointed observation, 'I think nothing of Valmont'. The group noted some stand-out stories, being drawn to the easily gulled participants of 'The Absent-Minded Coterie' and surely ripe for a TV adaptation, the clever, haunted 'The Ghost with the Club-Foot'. For keen followers of Grasmere book group, this was another 'obscure Canadian' text slipped into the group's reading!

Our January meeting put forward a wide array of titles for 2019, and from these we've set out an exciting reading plan for the year ahead.

Feb 14th – Ali Smith, *Autumn* (2016)

Mar 14th – Rose Macaulay, *Crewe Train* (1926)

Apr 11th – Amor Towles, *A Gentleman in Moscow* (2016)

May 9th – Anna Burns, *Milkman* (2018)

Jun 13th – Miriam Darlington, *Owl Sense* (2018)

Jul 11th – Philip Pullman, *La Belle Sauvage* (2017)

Aug 8th – Salley Vickers, *The Librarian* (2018)

Sep 12th – Olga Tokarczuk, *Flights* trans Jennifer Croft (2018)

Oct 10th – Stevie Smith, *Novel on Yellow Paper* (1936)

Nov 14th – Isabelle Allende, *In the Midst of Winter* (2017)

Dec 12th – EM Forster, *Selected Stories* [Penguin Classics edition.]

The next meeting will be on Thursday February 14th at 8pm at Dove Cottage to discuss Ali Smith's *Autumn* (2016). March's meeting venue will be confirmed nearer the time.

We look forward to catching up with members old and new, all are welcome!

Polly and Will

Oxfam Shop Ambleside - Call for Volunteers

The new Ambleside Oxfam management team Chris, Liz and Holly would like to say hello and thank you for all your custom and donations in the last year.

We get such amazing donations, however we need some help! Can you spare a few hours a week to join our friendly team? We have lots of varied and interesting roles such as:

- Customer Service
- Homewares/vintage, china, glass and silverware specialist
- Book and music enthusiasts
- Fashion and accessories
- And many more

Please pop in to the shop for a chat or phone us on 34487. We are at 2 & 3 Old Hall, Church St, Ambleside LA22 0BU

Chris Murphy

Grasmere Food Bank - update

We would like to thank all those people who have contributed to Grasmere Community Food Bank. You have already made the big difference to a number of people locally. Please continue to give what you can.

We are happy to provide that short term boost you may need at this time of year or supplement those on a low income over a longer period. Requests for help can be made to Vicky Hughes or Will Clark, or you can write your name and address and leave it in the box at the front of the Pharmacy. All requests will be dealt with in strict confidence.

Vicky Hughes 07960590531 usey78@yahoo.co.uk

Will Clark 07435596596 will_clark@hotmail.com

For many years Sandra Ward ran the Styles hair salon at the Red Lion Hotel. She writes:

I would like to give a big Thank You to all my loyal customers who have supported me over the last 24 years.

Thank you again, Sandra Ward.

Forthcoming free public lectures at University of Cumbria, Ambleside
Ambleside Natural History Society

Further information at <http://anhs.org.uk/>

Working with pine martens

John W Martin, Wildlife Surveyor will describe the species and history to date in the UK, including work in the Galloway Forest since 2003.

Ambleside Campus 14th Feb 2019 7.30pm

Natural flood defence measures

Tim Duckmanton of LDNPA talks about changes in land management practice to help reduce flooding in the Lake District, including natural environmental projects.

Ambleside Campus 14 March 2019 7.30pm

Outdoor Learning Events

Further information at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Is Outdoor Education a Movement?

Speaker: Dr Chris Loynes, Department of Science, Natural Resources and Outdoor Studies.

20 February 2019 18:00 - 20:00 Percival Lecture Theatre, Ambleside

Outdoor Learning in Primary Schools: Challenges and Opportunities

Speaker: Dr Heather Prince, Department of Science, Natural Resources and Outdoor Studies.

20 March 2019 18:00 - 20:00 Percival Lecture Theatre, Ambleside

IFLAS Open Lecture Rob & Harriet Fraser: Making Sense of Here

Artful ways of reflecting on the Lake District National Park, a landscape of multiple truths.

26 March 2019 17:30 - 19:00 Percival Lecture Theatre Ambleside

To book email iflas@cumbria.ac.uk

Marie Wright Ambleside Gateway Campus

CALENDAR

February 2019

3 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Candlemas - Parish Communion
5 Tue	19:30	Jerwood Centre	History Group
7 Thu	14:00	Jerwood Centre	Dove Cottage Poets
7 Thu	14:30	Village Hall	Fellowship
8 Fri	14:00	Reading Room	Knit & Nat
9 Sat	14:00	Jerwood Centre	New views for a new year
10 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	4th before Lent - Holy Communion
13 Wed	14:15	Jerwood Centre	The Prelude 1805
14 Thu	12:30	Tweedies	WI Celebration Lunch
14 Thu	19:30	Ambleside Campus	Ambleside Nat Hist Soc lecture
14 Thu	20:00	Dove Cottage	Book Group
16 Sat	14:00	Jerwood Centre	Iain Bain - A celebration
17 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Methodist Service
20 Wed	14:15	Jerwood Centre	Wordsworth's Yew Trees Revisited
20 Wed	18:00	Ambleside Campus	Outdoor Learning lecture
21 Thu	14:30	Village Hall	Fellowship
21 Thu	19:30	Dove Cottage	Discover Poetry
24 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	2nd before Lent - Mattins
26 Tue	14:00	Reading Room	Knit & Nat
28 Thu	13:30	Moss Parrock	WI Ramble

March 2019

1 Fri		College Street	Farmers' Market
2 Sat	10:00	St Marys Ambleside	Mission Community information
3 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Next before Lent - Holy Communion
5 Tue	19:30	Jerwood Centre	History Group
7 Thu	14:00	Jerwood Centre	Dove Cottage Poets

7 Thu	14:30	Village Hall	Fellowship
8 Fri	10:00	Village Hall	Antique & Artisan Fair -> 10th
8 Fri	12:30	Kendal Parish Ch.	Organ Recital
8 Fri	14:00	Reading Room	Knit & Nat
9 Sat	14:00	Jerwood Centre	New views for a new year
10 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Lent 1 - Mattins
10 Sun	14:00	Jerwood Centre	Poetry Business Writing School
13 Wed	14:15	Jerwood Centre	The Prelude 1805
14 Thu	14:00	Village Hall	WI
14 Thu	19:30	Ambleside Campus	Ambleside Nat Hist Soc lecture
14 Thu	20:00		Book Group
17 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Lent 2 - Holy Communion
19 Tue	9:30	St. Oswald's	WI Air Ambulance Gather
20 Wed	18:00	Ambleside Campus	Outdoor Learning lecture
21 Thu	14:30	Village Hall	Fellowship
21 Thu	19:30		Discover Poetry
23 Sat	19:30	Carlisle Cathedral	Choral Concert
24 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Lent 3 - Holy Communion
26 Tue	14:00	Reading Room	Knit & Nat
26 Tue	17:30	Ambleside Campus	IFLAS Open Lecture
29 Fri	10:00	Village Hall	Antique & Artisan Fair -> 31st
31 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Mothering Sunday

April 2019

5 Fri		College Street	Farmers' Market
5 Fri			School Street Market
7 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Lent 5 - Holy Communion

ROTAS FOR ST.OSWALD'S CHURCH

	Sidesmen / women	Coffee	Elements
3rd Feb	John Rickman Trevor Eastes	<i>Helen Bunfield</i>	<i>Pat Taylor</i>
10th Feb	Ann Fawthrop Pat Taylor	<i>Kay Adkins</i>	<i>June Maddison</i>
17th Feb	June Maddison Kay Adkins	<i>Shirley Hill</i>	
24th Feb	Trevor Eastes Pat Taylor	<i>Helen Bunfield</i>	
3rd Mar	Ann Fawthrop Pat Taylor	<i>Helen Bunfield</i>	<i>June Maddison</i>
10th Mar	June Maddison Kay Adkins	<i>Helen Bunfield</i>	
17th Mar	Ann Fawthrop Trevor Eastes	<i>Helen Bunfield</i>	<i>Pat Taylor</i>
24th Mar	Ann Fawthrop Pat Taylor	<i>Kay Adkins</i>	<i>June Maddison</i>
31st Mar	June Maddison Kay Adkins	<i>Shirley Hill</i>	<i>Ann Fawthrop</i>
7th Apr	John Rickman Trevor Eastes	<i>June Maddison</i>	<i>Pat Taylor</i>

Church Cleaning at 9.30 on Tuesday 19th February and Tuesday 19th March.
Help is urgently required. All volunteers welcome (male or female!)
Sonia

Farmers' Market

Grasmere Farmers' Market will return this year on Friday 1st March,
then every first Friday of the month thereafter.
Vicky Hughes

From the Registers

Weddings in St. Oswald's Church

8th Dec 2018 Jack & Emily Pascoe

19th Dec 2018 Anthony & Ellen Hallam

5th Jan 2019 Steven & Rachel McEvelly

Funerals in St. Oswald's Church

6th Dec 2018 John Heaton Cooper

20th Dec 2018 Shelagh Griffin

7th Jan 2019 Joy Magennis

Central Lakes Mission Community - information session

Saturday 2nd March, 10.00 - noon at St. Mary's Church, Ambleside.

The Central Lakes Mission Community are putting on a morning to explore what God is doing in our communities and how we may be able to join in.

Refreshments, stalls and 2 minute introductions to all sorts of things that Christians (and others) are part of and that might set off some ideas for you.

Do come along and find out more. *Maggie Patchett*

Grasmere Parish Church - Electoral Roll

A new Church Electoral Roll is being prepared. This requires all persons who wish to have their names on the new roll to complete an application for enrolment. This is required even if your name is on the present roll.

Forms are available in the church on the table by the vestry. They should be returned by 31st March 2019 to Sonia Rickman or Dee Rogers, or posted into the Rectory clearly labelled for Sonia - Electoral Roll.

Dee Rogers

The editors and publishers are pleased to welcome our new co-sponsors

Westmorland Homecare

Grasmere now has its own local homecare service.

Looking after people properly has never been more important. As our population grows and people are living for longer it has become increasingly difficult to find high quality care in your own home.

Westmorland Homecare is founded on traditional values to provide a better standard of care services. They deliver companionship, home help, personal care and dementia care to people in their own homes and have built a reputation for being an outstanding home care service. The service has recently been awarded Best Homecare Provider in Cumbria 2018/19.

Set up and run by two doctors they have a passion for providing care that is like no other. Finding the very best staff and training them to highest standard is central to their philosophy. They ensure small teams or regular homecare assistants to provide a family style service to clients in rural communities.

It is great to finally have a service on our doorstep that enables people to live life to the full. The service aims to provide the support you may need to remain independent, happy and active in your own home. For more information on the service please call their friendly team on 01539 725107.

Dr Chris Moss Director Westmorland Homecare

Wanted: Volunteer Treasurer for the Wordsworth Conference

The Wordsworth Conference is a voluntary body that runs the Wordsworth Summer Conference and Wordsworth Winter School.

The role would suit a newly retired person with a keen interest in literature, and spreadsheet skills, for whom free participation in our sociable and stimulating summer and winter events would be a strong inducement. To apply, please email **Richard Gravil,**

wordsworth_conferences@hotmail.co.uk

as soon as possible. We would like to find someone by 1 March 2019.

Richard Gravil

<http://wordsworthconferences.org.uk>



I bought a pair of branded trainers from a private seller on an online marketplace. When they arrived, they were clearly a cheap imitation, not what was advertised, terrible quality and not fit for purpose. Do I have any rights? What can I do?

If you're shopping online from an individual seller, the principle of "buyer beware" applies - which means the seller does not have to declare any defects. However, they must not misrepresent the goods, for example, by claiming they're a certain popular brand when they are not, so you may have grounds to ask for your money back.

Contact the seller to explain the problem, let them know your rights and ask for your money back. If this gets you nowhere, check to see if the online marketplace has its own protection and disputes resolution system.

Finally, if neither of these work for you, consider making a claim to the court, known as a small claim. There is guidance on how to do this on the Citizens Advice website at www.citizensadvice.org.uk.

Over the past year, I have been getting into debt as my wages don't keep pace with inflation. Every time I reach my credit card limit, the company increases it automatically. At first I thought this was wonderful but now I can't see how I will ever repay it. What can I do?

Citizens Advice have found that many people are in your situation – irresponsible credit card lenders are pushing people further into the red by raising their credit limit without checking their ability to repay it.

It's really important that anyone who is struggling to pay off their credit card seeks debt advice as soon as possible. Citizens Advice can help you to work out the best way to manage your finances and strategies for repaying your debt. They can also help you to maximise your income, including any benefits or tax credits you may be entitled to.

If you feel you are entering into a credit card debt spiral, get help as soon as you can.

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.

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