

# GRASMERE PARISH MAGAZINE

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Our front cover shows the 1839 Gillies portrait of William and Mary Wordsworth.

We can imagine Mary is carefully writing out William's "Daffodils" poem. See pages 8 and 28!

## **Don't just DO something... Stand there**

Some years ago, a large cross was erected in the precincts of one of our large Cathedrals and for three hours on Good Friday the Cathedral Clergy stood in front of it in silence. In a witness far more eloquent than words, they pointed to the cross and simply let it speak.

It's all reminiscent of how St. Luke tells us that when Jesus was crucified "all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things."

I believe that these words are an invitation to us, as Good Friday approaches. Just as in the game of Monopoly we're occasionally told to "Go directly to jail – do not pass Go" many of us are inclined to want to go directly to Easter Day and the joy of Resurrection – without attending to the events of Good Friday. However, our churches are open all day on Good Friday and the worship of that day is designed with one thing in mind: to encourage you to be there and watch.

I make this same point every year – not, I might add, to drum up business(!) but simply to invite you to stop long enough to enter into the power of this spectacle and to see what is being done there for YOU.

Christianity without the Cross makes no sense at all; and so, we're each called to get some sense of why it matters so much. Perhaps we should note that when Luke tells us Jesus' companions 'stood at a distance watching these things,' he also tells us that everyone else had gone home 'beating their breasts'. In other words, he's telling us that a cursory glance won't do. You have to give your attention and let it change you.

For those with 'eyes to see', the cross is a window onto God and his loving purposes for us. It's a window onto the folly of our attempts to live as if he were not God, a continual source of strength, healing and forgiveness. Above all it's our assurance that death and darkness will not have the final word.

In the early days of Christian Mission, a 'preaching cross' would be set up in the centre of a community to draw everyone's attention to its profound significance. It's all but certain that we had one in Grasmere 1400 years ago. Well, this year on Good Friday, come and see what was done for you and the world God loves. We'll gather in St. Oswald's at 11.00am and process to Moss Parrock with the Cross for 12 Noon. Every blessing. *David*

## Music Notes

The Music at Grasmere Annual General Meeting took place recently and consideration was given to the choir, organ and concerts. That in itself was a step forward, as we have been unable to continue our activities for the past two years. It was agreed that the church choir should focus on specific occasions to which a few additional singers could be invited. The next such occasion will be Palm Sunday, 10th April. There will be a rehearsal on the day at 9.30 a.m. and the previous Sunday, 3rd April at 2.30 p.m.

With regard to the organ, it is expected that Nicholson & Co. will remove it to their workshop at Malvern in October, and that it will be out of action for about six months, during which time we hope to have a digital instrument in place. The work was much delayed due to the pandemic, and the organ has recently been showing its age with various sticking notes and other symptoms. Once restored, it will be as good as new, ready for the next 100 years!

It is proposed to hold a concert in Church on Saturday 4th June as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, probably featuring international tenor soloist Ian Honeyman. The full programme is still to be decided.

Other musical events which may be of interest include my postponed organ recital at Kendal Parish Church on Friday 1st April at 12.30 p.m, a performance of Mendelssohn's *Elijah* by the Penrith Singers in St Andrew's, Penrith on Saturday 23rd April at 7.30 p.m, and Keswick Choral Society's Spring Concert in St John's, Keswick on Saturday 7th May at 7.30 p.m. The programme for this includes Vivaldi *Gloria*, Mozart *Coronation Mass*, and my setting of poems by Wordsworth, 'Springtime in Lakeland'. *Ian Hare*

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday 3rd April at 12.15pm in the Church**. Do come along and hear about all that has been going on in the life of our Parish Church during the past year and of our plans for the future. Copies of the Minutes of last year's meeting, the Reports and Agenda will be available at Church on the preceding Sunday.

## **WI News**

The speaker at our February meeting was Ali Alger from St Mary's Hospice. We had no idea of the huge range of support and activities run by the Hospice. GWI have helped to raise over £20,000 for St Mary's in the last 15 months, and we are determined to keep up our support for them. The Team Grasmere February 2022 Stepping Challenge, organised by us, has raised around £3,500 for St Mary's. It may become an annual event.

Our March meeting was our AGM. Ann Fawthrop retired from the committee after many years of service. She was warmly thanked by members and was presented with a card and plant by Pat Taylor. The other committee members were all re-elected. Jill Morrison was thanked for her work as Secretary, a role which Louise Sykes has taken over. Treasurer Mel Miles gave the Financial Report, and Sue Dixon was re-elected President. A "Posh Shwap" of new or nearly new clothes raised £100 for St Mary's and a large number of beautiful clothes have been taken to the Hospice shop in Grange. This was followed by tea and splendid cakes made for us by Carole Nicholson.

Our speaker on Thursday, 14th April is our Federation Chairman Karen Hanks. She will be talking about her work with Riding for the Disabled, and will be bringing saddles and equipment that have been in recent use, so please be aware if you have any allergies.

On 12th May our speaker is inspirational author and fell runner Dr Julie Carter, who will be talking about "Myths and Mysteries in Mountain Sport."

We are continuing to conquer all the Wainwrights between us – less than 100 to go! On Thursday 26th May we are meeting up with Coniston WI for a joint walk up Rannerdale Knotts.

Annual membership subscriptions are now due. Please make your payment of £44 to Treasurer Mel. New members are very welcome. We are a very friendly, active group. Our meetings are as above, at 2pm in the Village Hall.

We are very active on social media. Follow us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook – just search Grasmere WI to find us. *Sue Dixon*

## **Knit and Nat**

With both Christine and Carrie out of action the hosting of Knit and Nat has been taken up by Sharon Savasi and Pat Taylor. Thank you ladies, for making our life a lot easier!

Sharon is coordinating with Allan Bank, and Carol is teaching the ladies the rudiments of crocheting and making blossoms for Allan Bank's spring display. The year moves quickly on and our thoughts turn to previous projects such as baby blankets, hats, duos of hearts, and of course the hat, scarf and glove regime with knitted toys for the Christmas boxes. Should you wish to help us and not drop in for that Tuesday session please let us know. Tea and Natter top of the priority listings!

Our Meetings are always on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, the dates for April and May are 12th and 26th of April and 10th and 24th May from 2 – 4 pm.

All are welcome at the Reading Rooms, to be found near the Millennium Bridge, accessed on foot via the village path or Stock Lane car park. For any information please do not hesitate to contact me. *Carrie Taylor*

## **Allan Bank**

We are looking forward to Spring here at Allan Bank and the changes it brings with it. Inside the house we are hoping to have the ground floor fully open again, and our artist in residence, Hideyuki Sobue will be painting his exhibit directly onto the walls while the property is open. Continuing the artistic theme, we are selling Watercolour Packs for £5 and Spring Craft Bags for £3 in the pantry, and we have free Art Packs available in the Art Room.

Outside, we will be running an Easter trail from the 5th to the 21st April. This will involve nature-based activities set throughout the garden and will cost £3 per person.

During April, Allan Bank will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10.00-16.30 from 2nd to 24th April. From 26th onwards we will resume our usual off-peak opening of Tuesday, Wednesday, and Sunday.

Free house and garden passes can be issued to local residents with proof of address. For further details of all our events please check our website: [nationaltrust.org.uk/allan-bank-and-grasmere](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/allan-bank-and-grasmere). We look forward to seeing you!

*Elaine Reed Welcome and Service Assistant Allan Bank*

## **School News**

School is beginning to feel properly like school again. The children are thoroughly mixed, and playing beautifully across all the ages. Being separated into 'bubbles' was claustrophobic for everyone, and did not support children's growth as individuals. They learn so much from having responsibility within a wider community. Even activities such as walking through Grasmere teach the children much about how to be an empathetic human being. They have to notice others and moderate their behaviour for them. When we first started going out for school walks again, after all the lockdowns, some children literally bumped into other pedestrians! They had forgotten how to watch out for others while maintaining an engrossing conversation. This has been the same in the classroom and playground. We have had to re-learn taking turns, sharing, noticing others' needs and generally developing our tolerance. It's all been very interesting!

Academically we are 'motoring' and we are really enjoying getting out and about to learn in situ. We have had lots of trips and a couple of residential, which have made us realise how much we missed these enriching experiences over the last couple of years.

If you would like to come in and listen to readers, or help out in any other way, do get in touch. It would be lovely to have you!

## **Ukraine**

We want to do everything we can as a school to support those who are victims of the situation in Ukraine.

I am aware that some Grasmere residents are offering to be hosts of Ukrainian adults and children. We are discussing whether to apply as an organization to host multiple groups. If we are going to have children from Ukraine in Grasmere, it would be good to co-ordinate this, so that families with links could come to Grasmere together, and so that we can set up support in school. Please could you get in touch if you are offering to host children, so that we can plan together? Thank you.

Email: [head@grasmere.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:head@grasmere.cumbria.sch.uk)

Tel: 015394 35313

*Jo Goode Head Teacher*



**Grasmere Village celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee**  
**Sunday 5th June from 12pm**



**Picnic in the park  
starts at 12pm.**

**Childrens sports day at  
2pm on the park along with  
a beer tent and BBQ.**



**Tea & Cake with  
entertainment in the Village  
Hall at 4pm.**



## Wordsworth Grasmere

For the first time ever, the manuscript of William Wordsworth's 'I wandered lonely as a Cloud' is on display at Wordsworth Grasmere, made possible thanks to The British Library's 'Treasures on Tour' programme. You can come along and view the manuscript until **29th May**. Don't forget that admission to Dove Cottage, the Museum and exhibitions is free for Grasmere residents and employees of Grasmere businesses. You can now book your tickets online in advance.

Our online talks continue. On 28th April Ashleigh Blackwood and colleagues will be discussing lesser-known Romantic poet **Susanna Blamire**, who lived in Cumbria for most of her life. On 11th May Harriet McKinley Smith will be exploring **Disability And Romantic Women Writers** as part of her forthcoming exhibition at Wordsworth Grasmere.

*"Go to the poets, they will speak to thee"* is an online contemporary poetry reading and open mic series hosted by poet Kim Moore. On 20th April our featured poet is **John McCullough**, reading from his collection *Panic Response*. On 25th May our featured poet is **Jessica Traynor**, reading from her collection *Pit Lullabies*.

**Discover Poetry** with Polly Atkin and **Dove Cottage Poets**, our monthly poetry reading and writing groups, continue to take place on Zoom.

On 5th April the pioneering rock-climbing club for women, **The Pinnacle Club**, will celebrate its centenary with presentations showcasing some of the recent archive work done by the club. They will also be looking at how the often-overlooked writings of women climbers are an important part of the climbing literary canon.

Our Easter family **Springtime Surprises** events take place on 6th and 12th April. Perfect for families with children aged 3-8 years, there will be play-based activities, collages, and crafts. On 31st May children can make blossom trees and nests to house colourful birds at **Drop in Family 'Make and Play'**.

**Little Wanderers**, our creative play sessions for under 5s, takes place on Friday mornings. Email [education@wordsworth.org.uk](mailto:education@wordsworth.org.uk) for more information and to book. Sessions are free for Grasmere families.

All our events and workshops need to be booked in advance on our website, [wordsworth.org.uk](http://wordsworth.org.uk) *Hannah Catterall Events Officer Wordsworth Grasmere*

## Ambleside Choral Society Spring Concert

Saturday 7th May 7.30pm St Mary's Parish Church, Ambleside

Mozart: Solemn Vespers

Vaughan Williams: Serenade to Music

Vivaldi: Gloria

Nothing could herald the burst of spring more joyfully than Vivaldi's thrilling "Gloria". Composed in Venice in 1715 for the choir of a girls' orphanage, the piece lay forgotten for over two centuries until it was rediscovered in 1930, since when it has become one of the most popular works in the choral repertoire.

The Vivaldi is complemented by the melodic variety and contrasts of Mozart's "Solemn Vespers", written for worship in Salzburg Cathedral in 1780 when Mozart was 22. This magnificent work reaches the summit of musical perfection in the sublimely beautiful and famous 'Laudate Domine'. The Concert also includes a piece of quintessentially English 20th century music, in the gentle, haunting melodies of "Serenade to Music" based on lines from Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice" and composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams, whose 150th anniversary occurs this year .

Tickets (including a glass of wine) £15 from Fred's Bookshop, Ambleside, or from Choir members, or at the door.

*Jane Renouf, Ambleside and District Choral Society*

### wordsworth GRASMERE

The café at Wordsworth Grasmere sits at the heart of the historical hamlet overlooking Dove Cottage, the home of William Wordsworth.

Serving locally sourced cakes, hot drinks and savoury snacks and with a gift shop to browse, popular walks from our doorstep and parking available, we're the perfect place to meet friends or family.

Dove Cottage, Museum, Garden—Orchard, Woodland, Shop and Café: [wordsworth.org.uk](http://wordsworth.org.uk)



## Grasmere Red Squirrels

2021 started well and through the summer there were reds everywhere in Grasmere. The population survey for August/September 2021 resulted in an estimated total of 74, against 67 for 2020. Then the squirrelpox hit them! This coincided with a massive influx of greys arriving in the last 2 weeks of August, peaking in September and continuing throughout October. The total number of known pox cases over the last few months of the year was 8.

The number of greys coming to Grasmere in 2021 was very high - 220, a 69% increase on the 130 in 2020! In 2019 there were 90.

**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 on 07775 904236 or Stuart Dickson 07980 893459,
- Phone Trevor Cooper on 015394 35502, Jane Cooper 35589 or Stewart Sutcliffe 35263 and 07817 326524.
- If still no response email [grasmerersg@gmail.com](mailto:grasmerersg@gmail.com) and we'll pick it up when we look at the photos from the cameras.

We are pleased to hear from anyone who wants to sponsor the group, monitor local woodlands or offer other types of help. We are keen to hear from local businesses and we already have several schemes up and running. By contributing to the group, you are helping the red squirrels to survive. All contributions are most welcome – thank you.

To encourage people visiting Grasmere to donate to the conservation of our red squirrels we have created a poster and flyers. The flyers can be used with or without collection boxes at retail outlets, B&Bs, holiday lets, cafes, etc. The posters can be placed in public places, shared accommodation, or shop windows. If you have any ideas on how we could use them, please get in touch with Jane Cooper. There are collection boxes at: Sam Reads, Heaton Cooper, Regatta, Post Office, Mountain Warehouse, Trespass, the Garden Centre, Glenthorne Guest House, the Chocolate Box and the Daffodil Hotel.

The Forest Side Hotel collect money from their guests and they have paid us a very significant contribution annually for the last 3 years. The local National Trust are our largest contributor and they have renewed their commitment for 2022 onwards. This will enable us to continue through 2022.

The raffle at the Christmas Fair organised by the Grasmere Business Partnership and Grasmere Village Society gave us a very generous donation of £400.



*Sharon Savasi presenting the cheque to the GRSG Trustees: Stewart Sutcliffe, Jane Cooper, Trevor Cooper and Sam Dixon.*

We can accept online donations via Paypal. Details on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GrasmereReds>. Direct bank transfers can be made to our bank account for larger donations. We are now registered with the Charity Commission, Charity number 1197379 and can claim Gift Aid on donations.

Help us raise more by signing up at: [www.easypfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easypfundraising.org.uk) Supporting Grasmere Red Squirrels doesn't have to cost you anything!

Do send your squirrel stories and photos to Sam at [Grasmereredsquirrels@gmail.com](mailto:Grasmereredsquirrels@gmail.com) or message her via Facebook Messenger.

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If you would like to receive our newsletters email [grasmerersg@gmail.com](mailto:grasmerersg@gmail.com)  
*Stewart Sutcliffe, Grasmere Red Squirrel Group*

## **Grasmere Village Society**

The society held a successful and most enjoyable AGM and social evening in the Village Hall on March 17th attended by more than 50 people. The business end of the evening was kept to a minimum and the existing committee was voted back in en bloc, all having stood for re-election. Enormous thanks to them for all their hard work throughout the year. There were displays from the Red Squirrel group, the WI, Rushbearing, the Emergency Plan and Flood Group and the Platinum Jubilee organising committee. There was also representation from the Sports Committee and the Lake District National Park Authority.

The Village Emergency Plan is taking shape and Simon Hey would be delighted to hear from you if you can offer any help or ideas.

The Christmas Fair raised £800, shared between Langdale and Ambleside Mountain Rescue team and Grasmere Red Squirrel group, who were both recently presented with a cheque for £400.

The dark skies night in February was another success and a cloudless, moon free night allowed some wonderful stargazing.

The celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee are in hand. Diane Bettington and Sharon Savasi from the GVS are part of an organising committee which includes the WI, Buffs and the Business Partnership. The plan is to have a picnic on the Park (Broadgate Meadow) on Sunday 5th June, with people self catering, although there will be a barbecue and beer tent supplied by the Buffs, who are also organising children's sports events. Afternoon tea will be available in the Village Hall, which will be on standby all day in the unlikely event of bad weather.

It is never too late to join the Village Society, whether you live here or just visit. For the princely sum of £1 membership is yours. Please contact our new membership secretary Tegan Sharp, or any committee member.

The next committee meeting is on Tuesday April 5th in the Grasmere Reading Rooms commencing at 8pm. *Nick McCraith (Chairman)*

## **Grasmere Fellowship**

We are normally in the close season now but late alterations had to be made to the end of the season.

**April 7th** Esther Rutter will be giving her re-scheduled talk *The Golden Fleece – A History of wool and knitting*. To remind you, this event was dedicated to the

memory of Mary Bower and we hope to raise funds for Motor Neurone research on the day.

Finally for those of you disappointed in having to listen to me instead of Anthony Robinson talking about Bluebird, it is intended to re-schedule this talk in the autumn.

Autumn season will begin as normal with a service on the first Thursday of October, in the meantime have a good summer. *David Dodgson*

## **Grasmere Sports**

Plans are being made for the 2022 Sports, which will be held on Sunday 28th August 2022 – after a break of 2 years, we are all super keen to bring back this traditional event for the 170th time. In fact, only the 2 World Wars and now Covid-19 have prevented the Sports from running.

Alongside the Wrestling, Hound Trails and Fell Running, which are all popular with competitors and visitors alike – we will have a range of activities for everyone to take part in. Come along and have a go on bicycles of all shapes and sizes; meet the falcons, and don't forget to bring your dog for the dog show and maybe have a go at the lure racing too.

New for 2022 will be a competition for the best Wheelbarrow Garden – groups, families and individuals are invited to plant or make a garden in any shape or size of Wheelbarrow, for display at the Sports. Entries will be judged and prizes awarded for children and adults – why not start thinking about it now?

Look out for the special Early-bird tickets that will be available on the website [www.grasmeresports.com](http://www.grasmeresports.com) in June – more details will be announced in the next magazine and around the village.

We are grateful to the Fred Whitton Challenge who have donated a defibrillator to the Sports Field, which is now installed and available for use by anyone that phones 999 and is given the access code. It is on the north facing wall of the pavilion next to the Tractor Shed door, should you ever need it.

We are also pleased to welcome our new Groundsman, Matt Brood, who is a familiar face around the village. Matt and his partner Jo will be looking after the field and premises, and have already started work getting things ready for our first events. The Sports and Field Manager, Deborah Black, can be contacted at [manager@grasmeresports.com](mailto:manager@grasmeresports.com) . *Deborah Black*

## **Kelsick Trust Educational Grants**

The Kelsick Trust invites applications from young people under 25 for grants to support a wide range of educational activities including sports, music and performing arts, extra tuition, course materials and help for those with special educational needs.

The Trust also contributes to the cost of educational travel such as school visits, residential trips, sixth form or further education college, training placements or apprenticeships, work placements or overseas work experience.

All resident university students can apply for an annual subsistence grant for undergraduates and postgraduates up to their 25th birthday.

A one-off computer grant is given to all first year students starting college or university to buy a computer or laptop.

The full cost of any books required for specific courses can be met.

Applicants must be resident in the Lakes Parish area, covering Ambleside, Rydal, Grasmere, Langdale and Troutbeck. Kelsick grants do not require repayment.

The closing date for the next round of grants is **April 24th**. Full details of the range of eligible activities, the amounts of the grants and how to apply can be found at **kelsick.org.uk**.

## **Grasmere Community Food Bank Update**

A big thank you once again to everyone for your continued support for Grasmere Community Food Bank. As always we are really grateful for both cash and food donations.

We have recently experienced a much greater demand for support, meaning stocks are very low. With the increased cost of living we anticipate this need will continue.

Thanks as always to Grasmere Co-op and Pharmacy for their continued support. We also appreciate working in collaboration with Ambleside Parish Centre.

If you need help please leave your phone number in the box at the Pharmacy or contact 07435 596596. *Angela, Will, Nicola*

## Grasmere Rushbearing

The key date for your diary is **Saturday 9th July**.

After holding the event online for the past two years due to the Covid 19 pandemic we are hoping to get back to the real thing and are planning accordingly.

We are contacting businesses for support as the event is only possible with their generosity. We are also looking for volunteers to come forward to help in the run up to the event. Wrapping of bearings will take place in church on **Thursday and Friday the 7th and 8th July**.

Following last year's success there will be prizes for best window display and best bearing. We will also be reinstating best decorated pram.

As the Buffs will be holding a Jubilee Sports earlier in the year, there will be no Rushbearing Sports this year, but there will still be a childrens' tea.

If you want to help in any way or have any questions in the run up to the event please do not hesitate to get in touch. More details to follow.

*Grasmere Rushbearing Committee Will Clark, Amy Burton & Charlotte Ellwood.  
Will Clark 07435 596596 or 015394 35070.*

## Ambleside Rotary - Big Easy Quiz



*Back by Popular Demand! Get out and about again -  
Bring your friends to a fun-filled evening to win the  
"Smarty Pants Trophy". Teams of 4*

**Friday 29th April The Kelsick Centre Ambleside**  
Bar opens at 7.00pm.

Tickets £5pp from Fred's Bookshop or ring 07849 519133

Organised by Ambleside Kirkstone Rotary. Proceeds to Rotary Supported Charities.  
*Roger Peak*

## The Pilgrimage Project - Walking the walks!

Come and join us!

We have planned a series of walks that link up all the churches in our Mission Community. We will be following the on-line guides and meditations on a series of Saturdays in Spring.

If you would like to join us please come along to the starting point, armed with waterproofs, walking boots, a map and a picnic. Please note the timings are estimated – I have added more time here to include meditations and breaks.

The walks can all be found at: <https://stmarysambleside.org.uk/8970-2/>

Please do check the guide in advance to ensure it is suitable for your ability and experience. We do not have Mountain Leadership or First Aid qualifications, so we will not be responsible for your safety. You will join us at your own risk. (Sorry to be melodramatic!)

23rd April 10am – Walk 1: Grasmere to Chapel Stile

30th April 10am – Walk 2: Grasmere to Rydal

7th May 10am – Walk 3: Ambleside Town

14th May 10am– Walk 4: Brathay to Langdale

21st May 10am – Walk 5: Wray, Brathay and Ambleside

*Judith Dixon*

## Ambleside Brownies Centenary



Ambleside Brownies will be celebrating 100 years this year! We have already planted 100 yellow crocus bulbs kindly supplied by Hayes Garden World and are doing challenges around 100.

We will be holding an afternoon tea and exhibition at the Guide Hut on Saturday September 24 2022 from 2pm till 4pm.

If you have been a Brownie, or a Brownie Leader in the past and would like to attend please send your details to: [amblesidebrownies@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:amblesidebrownies@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 07792 861020 . *Kath Travis*

## Support for Ukraine

Readers of the Magazine have asked how we can support the people of Ukraine. Carlisle Diocese is giving this advice:

*\*Thank you to all churches who continue to pray and offer practical support to the people of Ukraine who are so badly affected following the Russian invasion.*

*Logistically, we are being advised that it can be quite difficult to organise for those goods collected to get to where they need to be. Therefore, the advice is that churches [and individuals] consider supporting through the official crisis appeal channels.*

*The Diocese's Disaster Emergency Fund has donated £1,000 to the **Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal** and we are encouraged to donate to that appeal.*

*Other appeals include the **Christian Aid Ukraine Crisis Appeal**, the **UNICEF Crisis Appeal**, **British Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal** and **Operation Mobilisation**.*

The Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine Appeal is on the front page of their website at: **dec.org.uk** or phone **0370 60 60 900**. *Editors*

*\*from Carlisle Diocese Newsletter.*

## Reading for a Carbon Zero Grasmere

Are you interested in sustainability and what it means for us?

We have teamed up with Cumbria Libraries to create a Book Group of residents and business owners reading and discussing books on the climate crisis. The library lends us the books and we explore the topics together in context of our own community. We started with "There is no Planet B" by Mike Berners-Lee, who attended our first meeting.

The meetings are held at the Victorian House Hotel in Broadgate and everyone is welcome.

To find out more about upcoming meetings email:  
serena@victorianhousehotel.co.uk

The next two meetings are **Tuesday 19th April** and **Tuesday 17th May**.

Whether you know lots about the subject or nothing at all we would love to see you, so please come! *Serena von der Heyde*

# CALENDAR

April 2022

1 Fri	10:15	W Learning Space	Little Wanderers
1 Fri	12:30	Kendal Church	Organ Recital
3 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	<b>Lent 5 - Sunday Celebration</b>
	12:15	St. Oswald's	Annual Church Meeting
3 Sun	19:00	Rydal St. Mary	Taizé Prayer
5 Tue	19:00	W Learning Space	Pinnacle Club event
5 Tue	20:00	Reading Rooms	GVS Committee
6 Wed	10:30	W Learning Space	Springtime Surprises
6 Wed	19:00	Rydal Hall	Simply Praying
7 Thu	14:00	W Learning Space	Dove Cottage Poets
7 Thu	14:30	Village Hall	Fellowship
10 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	<b>Palm Sunday - Holy Communion</b>
12 Tue	10:30	W Learning Space	Springtime Surprises
12 Tue	14:00	Reading Rooms	Knit & Nat
13 Wed	19:00	Rydal Hall	Simply Praying
14 Thu	14:00	Village Hall	WI
14 Thu	18:30	St. Oswald's	<b>Maundy Thursday - Holy Communion</b>
14 Thu	20:00	Zoom	Book Group
15 Fri	11:00	St. Oswald's	<b>Good Friday Prayers</b>
	12:00	Moss Parrock	Prayers at the Cross
17 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	<b>Easter Day Celebration</b>
19 Tue		Victorian H. Hotel	Carbon Zero Grasmere
20 Wed	19:00	Rydal Hall	Simply Praying
20 Wed	19:30	Zoom	John McCullough
21 Thu	19:30	Zoom	Discover Poetry
22 Fri	10:15	W Learning Space	Little Wanderers

23 Sat	10:00		Pilgrimage Walk 1
23 Sat	19:30	Penrith St. Andrew	Elijah
24 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	<b>Easter 2 - Sunday Celebration</b>
26 Tue	14:00	Reading Rooms	Knit & Nat
28 Thu	19:30	Zoom	Susanna Blamire
29 Fri	10:15	W Learning Space	Little Wanderers
29 Fri	19:00	Kelsick Centre	Ambleside Rotary Quiz Night
30 Sat	10:00		Pilgrimage Walk 2

## May 2022

1 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	<b>Easter 3 - Sunday Celebration</b>
1 Sun	19:00	Rydal St. Mary	Taizé Prayer
5 Thu	14:00	W Learning Space	Dove Cottage Poets
7 Sat	10:00		Pilgrimage Walk 3
7 Sat	19:30	Ambleside Church	Ambleside Choral Spring Concert
8 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	<b>Easter 4 - Sunday Celebration</b>
10 Tue	14:00	Reading Rooms	Knit & Nat
11 Wed	19:30	Zoom	Romantic Women Writers
12 Thu	14:00	Village Hall	WI
12 Thu	20:00	Zoom	Book Group
14 Sat	10:00		Pilgrimage Walk 4
15 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	<b>Easter 5 - Sunday Celebration</b>
17 Tue		Victorian H. Hotel	Carbon Zero Grasmere
19 Thu	10:30	Village Hall	Willow Weaving
19 Thu	19:30	Zoom	Discover Poetry
21 Sat	10:00		Pilgrimage Walk 5
22 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	<b>Easter 6 - Sunday Celebration</b>
24 Tue	14:00	Reading Rooms	Knit & Nat
25 Wed	19:30	Zoom	Jessica Traynor

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26 Thu			WI walk Rannerdale
26 Thu	10:00	St. Oswald's	<b>Ascension Day Holy Communion</b>
29 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	<b>Easter 7 - Sunday Celebration</b>
31 Tue	10:30	W Learning Space	Family 'Make and Play'

## June 2022

4 Sat		St. Oswald's	Jubilee Concert
5 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	<b>Pentecost - Sunday Celebration</b>
5 Sun	12:00	Broadgate Meadow	<b>Queen's Jubilee Celebration</b>
5 Sun	19:00	Rydal St. Mary	Taizé Prayer

## Willow Weaving Workshop

Grasmere Village Hall trustees are delighted to welcome the next event from the Highlights Rural Touring Scheme.

**Thursday 19th May at 10.30am** Anna Turnbull - Willow Weaving

This full-day workshop is an introduction to working with willow, giving you the opportunity to weave a garden obelisk for climbing plants, followed by a bird feeder or lantern for the garden.

Anna will provide all materials and tools, including willow, secateurs, bodkins and formers to make the pieces. Anna is based in North Northumberland where she runs Biteabout Arts, working in felt and willow. A member of the Heritage Craft Association, Anna is an experienced teacher running workshops, creating her own art works and undertaking commissions.

To book online please go to [highlightsnorth.co.uk](http://highlightsnorth.co.uk). *Jeff Cowton*

## **Citizens Advice - Avoiding scammers**

This month we are re-running an earlier Citizens Advice piece on avoiding scams.

A few weeks ago your editors were contacted out-of-the-blue by a suspicious caller telling us we were eligible for a "Medical Alert Pendant". The caller seemed unable to answer simple questions like the name of his company or how he had got our contact details, so we hung up. A short bit of research confirmed that, if it's an unsolicited phone call, it is indeed a scam. In most cases they take payment but no device is ever delivered. In some cases a unit is supplied which racks up excessive phone charges.

Coincidentally, in conversation with one of our readers, they had also had a similar call! It's unlikely they are deliberately targetting Grasmere residents, more likely this is just one of many methods used to start up a conversation which inevitably turns to demands for bank or credit card details.

The Citizens Advice article has some useful tips. Be alert! *Editors.*

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**I'm particularly worried about scammers at the moment, and I wondered whether there's anything I can do?**

There are a few steps you can take to keep safe and lessen your need to worry.

You can register your landline with the Telephone Preference Service. It's free to register and doing so will reduce the number of unwanted sales and marketing calls you receive. This won't block all unwanted calls (it won't work on calls from abroad or companies you've given your number already, for example), so you will need to continue to remain vigilant, but it'll certainly lessen the number of them.

You can talk to your phone provider to see what privacy services and call-blocking services are available. These services aren't always free but are useful in ensuring any call coming through is from a trusted or known source.

In terms of unwanted post, you can contact the Mailing Preference Service to have your name taken off of any marketing lists. You can also contact Royal Mail and opt out of receiving any leaflets or unaddressed promotional material. Attaching a 'no junk mail' sign to your front door may also help.

It's also vital to be able to spot the marks of a scam. At Citizens Advice we always advise the following:

- Be suspicious if you're contacted out of the blue, even if it's from a name you recognise
- If it sounds too good to be true it probably is
- Never give out your bank details unless you are certain you can trust the person contacting you
- Don't be rushed – you never need to make a decision straight away and if you feel pressured, say "no", hang up the phone, or close the door.

If you think a vulnerable relative is being scammed and they are receiving care from the Local Authority, it's worth reporting your concerns to their Adult Safeguarding team.

***Free, confidential advice and help is available from South Lakes Citizens Advice on any aspect of debt, consumer, benefits, housing, employment or any other problems.***

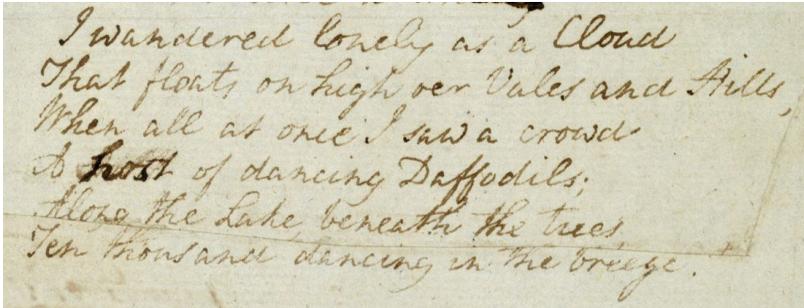
***Call 015394 46464 - this is being staffed from 9:30 – 2pm***

***Adviceline: 0808 2787 984***

***email advice via our website [www.southlakescab.org.uk](http://www.southlakescab.org.uk)***

***Help to Claim (Universal Support): 0800 144 8 444***

As the manuscript of Wordsworth's "Daffodils" is now on display at the Wordsworth Grasmere Museum, this has to be our choice of poem! Here it is, in its original form, as written out by Mary Wordsworth.



I wandered lonely as a Cloud  
That floats on high oer Vales and Hills  
When all at once I saw a crowd  
A host of dancing Daffodils  
Along the Lake beneath the trees  
Ten thousand dancing in the breeze.

The Waves beside them danced, but they  
Outdid the sparkling Waves in glee:  
A Poet could not but be gay  
In such a laughing company:  
I gaz'd – and gaz'd – but little thought  
What wealth the shew to me had brought:

For oft when on my Couch I lie  
In vacant or in pensive mood,  
They flash upon that inward eye  
Which is the bliss of solitude,  
And then my heart with pleasure fills,  
And dances with the Daffodils.

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*Dorothy Wordsworth.*

## Dorothy: Writer, Sister, Friend

Dorothy Wordsworth was born 250 years ago on the 25 December 1771.

Dorothy was more than William's sister. She was a writer, friend, collaborator, aunt, pioneering walker, local philanthropist, inspiring gardener, and – perhaps most famously – author of the Grasmere journal. This is Dorothy's story: one of an extraordinary woman told in her own words from original manuscripts.

Grasmere residents may visit for free: pre-book tickets at [wordsworth.org.uk](http://wordsworth.org.uk)

An opportunity to see a fascinating selection of Dorothy's original handwritten manuscripts and learn about the people and places that shaped Dorothy's life.

Exhibition includes creative responses of people who are exploring her life from a variety of perspectives, including work by Grasmere WI.



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