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The new Editors are David and Ann Jackman. Apologies in advance for any errors or omissions, we will learn!

FROM THE VICARAGE

Giving Thanks

Dear Friends,

Perhaps like me, you can recall being told the story of King Canute? I remember it as a story about a man who has gone down in history as the rather foolish king who, flattered by his courtiers, thought that he could hold back the waves on the beach. Of course, it's his story that's in the background whenever we use that expression: "You can't turn back the tide".

But (perhaps to my shame) it was only fairly recently that I learnt that poor old Canute has been much maligned and that what he actually wanted to do was demonstrate to his flattering courtiers that on the contrary, he most certainly couldn't turn back the tide. The moral of the tale is therefore, that even though he was the King, there were appropriate limits to his power and authority. King Canute wanted to make the point that even he, especially he, stood subject to the authority of God.

I suspect that (like me) many generations of people have also miss-heard this tale and that it will probably continue to go down as an example of hubris and vanity rather than holiness. However, I think I warm to this discovery about Canute. I'm attracted by this picture of someone who was not only appropriately humble but who therefore tried to point folk in the direction of something; or some-one bigger than themselves.

This, I think, is the particular characteristic; the special gift which Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth has given to us throughout her reign. Yes, we will rightly spend considerable time reflecting on her exemplary service to the nation but if there is one particular thing which has stood out as the mainstay of her life; it has been her faith.

Time and again, not least in her many Christmas messages, she acknowledged the limits of her position. In 2000, she said, "For me, the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life". We might say that she bore her (yes, constitutional) authority very lightly and continually pointed us to something bigger than ourselves. For that we give thanks.

Every Blessing, David.

NEWS

St. Oswald`s PCC Members 2022-2023

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting the following were chosen to serve on the Parochial Church Council for the next 12 months. If you have any matters of concern they will be happy to assist you.

David Wilmot (Priest-in-Charge)

Sonia Rickman (Churchwarden)

Helen Bunfield (Churchwarden)

John Rickman (Treasurer)

David Dodgson (Hon. Sec)

Ian Hare (Director of Music)

David Marshall, Richard Rowe, Ann Jackman, Matty Jackman, Fiona Close-Thomas

Community Lunch

Everyone is invited to our first Parish Lunch (whether you go to church or not) which will be in the Village Hall on 23rd October at 1pm. Donations welcome. Tickets will be available soon—look out for posters!

It's time to say A Big Thank You !

As you may be aware, **Paul and Kay Adkins**, previously Editors of our Magazine, are planning to move to a new home in Gloucestershire. On behalf of all readers, contributors and distributors of the Magazine we pass on our warmest thanks to them for all their efforts and wish them every blessing in their new home.

In addition, **Myra McCraith** has been our official correspondent to the Westmorland Gazette for well over ten years. We would like to thank her for an amazing effort keeping Grasmere in the news. This means there is a vacancy! If you would like to know more please call Myra.

MUSIC NOTES

On **Wednesday 5th October** at 11.00 a.m. there will be a visit by a group of Dutch organ lovers who are touring the north of England to appreciate The Beauty of the British Organ. There will be a short demonstration of the organ of St Oswald's, to which all are welcome. From 31st October, the firm of Nicholson & Co. will begin the process of dismantling the organ prior to taking most of it back to their workshop in Malvern for a thorough overhaul, which is expected to take about six months.

The Advent Carol Service will be held on **Sunday 27th** at 11.00 a.m., for which it is hoped that a small choir will rehearse at 9.30 a.m. on the day and at 2.00 p.m. the previous Sunday 20th. Anyone who would like to join in singing in this or the Christmas Carol Service on **Tuesday 20th December** at 7.00 p.m. is encouraged to contact me.

We are grateful to the members of Keswick Choral Society and others who kindly sang at the Commemoration Service on 18th September, in memory of HM The Queen..

Ian Hare

A NEW METHODIST MINISTER

Normally in Methodism the appointment of new ministers begins on 1st September, and so it is for the South Lakes Circuit which takes in Ambleside and Grasmere. On 17th July we said farewell at Ulverston to the Revd Graham Ransom as our Superintendent – he is moving to a similar position at Pickering in Ryedale, North Yorkshire. It also means, as was reported in the previous Magazine, that we are saying farewell to Deacon Maggie Patchett, to look after three churches centred on Heddon-on-the-Wall.

The new Superintendent Minister is to be the Revd Grace Cauldwell who will be living in Ulverston when she takes up her appointment from 1st September. She comes to us from Nidderdale. Her husband is a solicitor, and they have two young children. She will, with other churches, take up the pastoral care of the church in Ambleside that includes individual Methodist members in Hawkshead and Grasmere.

John Biggs

AUTUMN AT ALLAN BANK

Autumn at Allan Bank is going to be a busy season for us. Our art exhibition is now open, with sixteen pictures and two murals to view, all done by the talented artist Hideyuki Sobue. The Billiard Room renovations are now fully completed too, and it is open to the public.

On **October 29th and 30th** (at least) we will be running Pumpkin Carving—bookable online, although walk-ups are possible if there is availability. On the **30th October** we will also be having a Storyteller in for the little ones to enjoy. Throughout Autumn we will be offering a trail around the grounds. This will cost £2 and includes a gift bag. From **1st November** onwards our opening times will be reducing slightly. We will still be open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Sundays however, this will be from 11.00am until last entry at 3.30pm. We look forward to seeing you!

Elaine

IN MEMORY OF GRAHAM STAFFORD TAYLOR

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

I wish to acknowledge the wealth of support and outpouring of kindness and love that has come my since Graham passed in May. Thank you so much!

Most of you will remember him when young, cheeky, and charismatic. Involved with just about everything in the village! He was a Parish Councillor and a First Responder, and supporter in chief to the many projects that were at my instigation. It was lovely to have so many at the crematorium. My wish was to host a celebration for everyone, but with so many coming from away, I tried to offer a little something at the Reading rooms, I am sorry if you didn't feel you could go. However, the bingo goes that night had a treat! Donations reached £750, which enabled me to give £250 each to the Buffs, the Reading Rooms and the Village Hall. Without you all it this wouldn't have been possible. Many, many thanks to you all. *Carrie*

GRASMERE FELLOWSHIP

A new season gets under way in October with the usual opening service. A few details remain to be sorted out for the latter part of the season but we hope to provide the usual varied fare. Subscriptions remain unchanged at £10.00 and will be collected at the first session in the Hall.

October 6th Opening Service in St Oswald's

The service will be taken by Canon Nick Hallam who many of you know. Nick lives in Hawkshead and has combined a career in medicine with that of a minister. Hopefully he will tell us how he has managed this feat.

October 20th Bluebird Memories Anthony Robinson MBE

This meeting had to be postponed last year. Anthony is from Coniston and served in the mountain rescue team for many years. He knew Donald Campbell well and acted as timekeeper for some of the speed attempts. He would like to make this session fairly interactive, so come with your questions.

November 3rd Alan Cleaver The Corpse Roads of Cumbria

Alan has written many books concerning local history, the title is self-explanatory

November 17th Ambleside Oral History Group Tales of the Unexpected

The Oral History Group are no strangers to the Fellowship. This presentation covers discoveries made while trawling through the oral history archive. This one includes a contribution from Heaton Cooper.

All meetings commence at **2.30** in the **Village Hall** (apart from the opening service) and will be followed by tea and cakes.

If you do not wish to take the super bargain subscription visitors are very welcome at a cost of £2 per meeting.

David

GRASMERE WI NEWS

We began our September meeting by singing Jerusalem, followed by a minute's silence in honour of Her Majesty the Queen. This was followed by the National Anthem. Her Majesty joined Sandringham WI in 1943 as a young Princess and remained an active member all her life.

In August 2021 we began a challenge to climb all 214 Wainwrights between us in a year. We did it! We finished with a group ascent of Helm Crag in glorious sunshine on 1st September 2022. We took a photo of ourselves on each summit completed. Huge thanks to David Johnson for organising an amazing spreadsheet to keep track of our progress and for putting together a brilliant slide show of us ticking off all 214 fells. David played this at our September meeting- it was brilliant!

We ended our Helm Crag walk in Ann Jackman's garden where we met up with non walkers for a superb spread of tea and cakes . Thanks Ann! Also thanks to Louise Sykes and Jacky Godfrey for suggesting the Challenge and for providing celebratory Prosecco!

It has been many years since we took part in the WI competitions at the Westmorland Show. This year we decided to change this, with 37 entries covering a wide variety of cooperative and single entry classes. It was a steep learning curve, but we did amazingly well. We won 16 Golds (19-20 points - out of 20) , 18 Silvers (17-18 points) and 21 Reds (15-16 points) We loved the challenge and will go again in 2023. Many thanks to our "On With The Show" Committee who worked so hard , especially to Louise Sykes for the original suggestion and to Jane Caven for her meticulous planning .

At our next meeting on **13 October** our member Melissa Harwood talks to us about Eurythmy, a topic in which she is a renowned expert and teacher. We will try some of the technique with her guidance. We welcome Margaret Wilmot to our meeting on **10 November**, where she will be demonstrating her speciality of Painting on Silk. Both meetings are 2pm in the Village Hall.

We have many other events coming up, including a theatre visit and a Literary lunch. Our monthly Rambles and Art group also continue. You can follow our activities on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. New members are always very welcome.

Sue Dixon

WHAT'S ON AT THE WORDSWORTH GRASMERE

Visit us from now until the end of the year to see *Refuge from the Ravens: Wordsworth re-written by homeless Britain*. This new exhibition showcases a contemporary retelling of *Lyrical Ballads*, created by people with experience of homelessness, and other vulnerable people through poetry, art and song. Don't forget, entry to Dove Cottage and the Museum is free to Grasmere residents and employees of Grasmere businesses.

Visit on the afternoon of **11 October** to hear costumed poetry readers perform poems from Wordsworth's 1798 *Lyrical Ballads*, as well as from *Refuge from the Ravens: New Lyrical Ballads for the 21st Century*.

Our online talks continue to take place. On **12 October** join Susan Allen and Tish Thornton from the Wordsworth Trust, alongside artist Alison Critchlow, to explore some of the inspiring and creative projects that they have worked on with groups around Cumbria, from carers to theatre groups to fell farmers to people in prison. On **10 November** Corinne Fowler, Felicity James and Phil Shaw discuss the Wordsworths and India, exploring the Wordsworth family's colonial connections – including colonial investment and the relationship with the East India Company.

'Go to the poets, they will speak to thee' is an online contemporary poetry reading and open mic series hosted by Barrow based poet Kim Moore. On **19 October** Holly Hopkins reads from *The English Summer*, in which she confronts the illusions and paradoxes of history. On **23 November** Arji Manuelpillai reads from *Improvised Explosive Device*, which examines extremism and hate crime in all its forms in the UK.

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

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

Celebrate Halloween with Twilight Tales on **25, 27 and 28 October**, for families with children aged 3+. There will be hot chocolate, gingerbread, and plenty of spooky stories!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE WORDSWORTH TRUST

All our events need to be booked in advance on our website

October			
Friday 7, 14 & 21	10:15	Learning Space	Little Wanderers
Tuesday 11	13:00	Museum	Refuge from the Ravens: Pop-up Poetry
Wednesday 12	19:30	Zoom	Poetry, Paint and Performance
Wednesday 19	19:30	Zoom	Holly Hopkins
Thursday 20	19:30	Zoom	Discover Poetry
Tuesday 25th Thursday 27 & Friday 28th	16:00	Learning Space	Twilight Tales
November			
Thursday 3	14:00	Learning Space	Dove Cottage Poets
Thursday 10	19:30	Zoom	Wordsworths and India
Thursday 17	19:30	Zoom	Discover Poetry

Halloween Costume Party

Food. Games . Prize for Best Costume .Best Carved pumpkin and many more....

R.A.O.B Club, Red Lion Square, Grasmere

Sunday 30th October 3pm-6pm



GRASMERE VILLAGE SOCIETY

Well, those were the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer as the late, great Nat King Cole once sang. But let me assure you that the GVS and, in particular, your committee, has been busy.

Before we come to that, let it be said that the Society shares in the grief and sense of loss felt following the death of Queen Elizabeth on September 8th. A constant through most of our lives, she will be sorely missed. A minute's silence was observed at the September committee meeting.

Sharon Savasi, our invasive species guru, led a "Balsam Bash" to remove Himalayan balsam from open land and gardens along the lake shore. Thanks to all those who participated. If anybody spots and recognises growths of an invasive species please contact Sharon or any committee member.

The speed indicator sign is now installed and fully operational and will rotate between four fixed positions in the village. Tegan Sharp set this project in motion and a tremendous amount of hard work has been done by Simon Hey in bringing this to fruition.

Andy Astle continues to liaise with the council and the National Trust to establish an accessible path from the village up the Easedale path via Allan Bank, and then through Butharlyp How and back to Moss Parrock via the riverside walk. We hope that this can become a Platinum Jubilee Walk as a lasting tribute to HM The Queen. Some funding is in place as, in addition to footpath work, a lot of reconfiguration of gates is required. Meetings also continue with the National Trust regarding our proposed tree planting project in and around Allan Bank. Good progress is being made and some sites for planting have been identified in the fields in front of Allan Bank to try to recreate the parkland scene that once existed. We are also negotiating to plant blossom trees in more central village locations.

After an enforced two year absence, Rushbearing returned in July and the day was hugely successful. As ever, a lot of hard work was required, so congratulations to all those involved.

We are always keen to welcome new members to the society and so please consider joining whether you are resident in the village or a visitor. Your membership fee of £1 will be wisely spent.

Nick McCraith (Chairman)

Community Catalysts

At our August committee meeting we had a presentation from Jade Gibson who is our Community Catalyst for South Lakes. She is leading an exciting project which could be of great benefit to many in the village.

Community Catalysts is a social enterprise working across the UK to support local people to use their skills and talents to help other local people that may need support to live the life they want. They are running a free development programme in the South Lakes in partnership with Cumbria County Council to help local people get set up working for themselves offering care and support to older and disabled people in their community.

Community Catalysts can help you get set up as self-employed or as a small enterprise as well as working with existing enterprises to develop or diversify their offer. You could offer help at home such as help to dress and wash, cleaning, cooking, shopping, trips out, sitting and chatting, DIY, gardening - the choice is yours. You could help your community, earn money and work flexibly around your family commitments.

The development programme can help you to:

- follow the right rules and regulations to ensure you follow best practice and operate safely, legally and sustainably
- market your offer and develop marketing materials e.g. flyers
- feel part of a community by connecting you with other entrepreneurs
- link in with other organisations that can support e.g. business support
- access training opportunities to increase your skill level
- link in with Adult Social Care to build a client base
- learn about funding opportunities

The aim of the project is to make sure that people who need care and support to live their lives can get help in ways, times and places that suit them, with real choice of attractive local options.

For more information on how we could support you to offer help at home in your community contact **Jade Gibson** your Community Catalyst for South Lakes Call or text: 07435 943 933 or jade.gibson@communitycatalysts.co.uk Or visit: www.communitycatalysts.co.uk/project/work-for-yourself-care-help-at-home/#Top

GRASMERE WEATHER

August 2022

August 1st. Sets off on a very wet note, with just under 2.5 inches of rain recorded. The first week was unsettled and north westerlies bringing brief sun, heavy showers and drizzle at times. August 7th. brings the first completely dry day since July 17th with barometric pressure on the rise. Then from the 9th anticyclonic conditions became established, with cloudless skies and soaring temperatures for the next week. Brollies became the norm, fending off the midday sun, with the mercury reaching 86.F.

In Cumbria the 14th. started hot again, although increasing cloud brought thundery showers early evening. Lightning was noted at 9.30 pm towards Allcock Tarn, but no thunder was heard. From mid month showers became the norm, with brief sunshine and increased humidity. These unsettled conditions continued until the end of the month. Here in England, this summer, June, July and August, had an average temperature of 17.1.C. (62.78.F.) tying with 2018, to be the warmest since 1884, and an added bonus was the marked absence of wasps. There are over 5000 volunteer rainfall observers, situated up and down the country. The monthly completed rainfall postcard is still sent to the local Environment Agency office, where information is gleaned and entered on to a database. Then its sent to the Met. Office in Edinburgh, where initial quality control is done and then keyed onto the Met. Office database. After most of the data for that month is entered, the full quality control process is undertaken, including comparisons with other stations and references to weather radar, satellite and real time Met. Office observations. Met. Office staff visit rainfall sites every three years to ensure that the equipment is in sound condition, the exposure of the gauge is acceptable any advice the observer may need. Not looking forward to a cold, dark Autumn!

Wettest August day. 1st. 63.0mm. 2.48in. Aug. rain days 18. Last year 14.

Total for month 125.5 mm. 4.94in. Last year 5.22in. Aug. average 8.01 in.

Rain days to date (end Aug.) 145. Last year 131

Rainfall to date (end Aug.) 1274.6 mm. 50.20 in. Last year 61.19 in.

Peter Bailey

GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE

As you may already know Will and I have recently become a collection point for Great North Air Ambulance Service donations. Thank you so much to all of you who have already dropped off items by my garage door and in Will's car port. In little over 6 weeks we have received 150 bags of pre loved items which GNAAS will sell on by weight.

These 150 bags will raise a magnificent £1005.00

The Great North Air Ambulance Service is completely charitably funded. A helicopter call out costs £5000. In 2021 it cost £6.7 million to run the charity; this year they are looking at closer to £8 million.

So...if you have any unwanted clothing, bedding (not duvets or pillows thank you), curtains, towels, belts or shoes (tied in pairs), handbags, mobile phones or inkjet cartridges please may we have them so that we can continue to support the vital work of the Great North Air Ambulance service.

Items do not have to be in Air Ambulance bags but we have them if you would like them. We are happy to collect from you or please drop them at mine or Will's if you are passing.

The next collection from us will be **mid October**.

We as a family will never be able to repay the life saving support that the Air Ambulance gave to Will on the day of his accident but this is our small way of saying thank you.

Angela Clark
Will Clark

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GRASMERE CALENDER

OCTOBER 2022

- 2** St Oswald's **Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**
9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's Rydal
11.00am Sunday Celebration at St. Oswald's
7.00pm Taize Prayer at St. Mary's Rydal
- 5** Village Hall 10am Coffee and Chat
- 6** St Oswald's 2.30pm Grasmere Fellowship
- 9** St Oswald's **Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**
9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's Rydal
11.00am Sunday Celebration at St. Oswald's
7.00pm Taize Prayer at St. Mary's Rydal
- 12** Village Hall 10 am Coffee and Chat
- 14** Village Hall 6.45pm The Rheinland Sisters
- 16** St Oswald's **Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**
9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's Rydal
11.00am Sunday Celebration at St. Oswald's
7.00pm Taize Prayer at St. Mary's Rydal
- 19** Village Hall 10am Coffee and Chat
- 20** Village Hall 2.30pm Grasmere Fellowship
- 23** St Oswald's **Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**
9.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's Rydal
11.00am Sunday Celebration at St. Oswald's
7.00pm Taize Prayer at St. Mary's Rydal

26	Village Hall	10am	Coffee and Chat
27	Village Hall	6.45pm	Learning to Fly Northern Lights
28	Village Hall	5.45pm	Simon and Garfunkel Tribute
30	St Oswald's	All Saints	
		9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's Rydal
		11.00am	Sunday Celebration at St. Oswald's
		7.00pm	Taize Prayer at St. Mary's Rydal
		3pm -6pm	Halloween Costume Party

NOVEMBER 2022

6	St Oswald's	Twenty First Sunday after Trinity	
		9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's Rydal
		11.00am	Sunday Celebration at St. Oswald's
		7.00pm	Taize Prayer at St. Mary's Rydal
11	Remembrance Day		
13	St Oswald's	Remembrance Sunday	
		9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's Rydal
		11.00am	Service of Remembrance at St. Oswald's
		12.15pm	Act of Remembrance at Village Memorial
17	Village Hall	2.30pm	Grasmere Fellowship
20	St Oswald's	Christ the King	
		9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's Rydal
27	St Oswald's	First Sunday of Advent	
		9.30am	Holy Communion at St. Mary's Rydal
		11.00am	Sunday Celebration at St. Oswald's

ENTERTAINMENT !

Grasmere Village Hall is to host three separate entertainment events this October. Two in conjunction with the Northern Touring Highlights group who gave us the weaving and murder mystery earlier this year!

Friday 14th - The Rheinland Sisters, traditional musicians.

Thursday 27th Learning to Fly by Jim Rowlands.

Tickets for both events is £10 each, available from phone 01539435625
www.Northernlights.co.uk or email enquiries@grasmerehall.org.uk.

Light refreshments available but BYO acceptable

Friday 28th Simon and Garfunkel Tribute. Tickets £15, available from Sam Read's Grasmere, 015394 35628 or enquires@grasmerehall.org.uk

Doors open for all three events 6.45 - performances start 7.30 pm

If these are successful there will be more and varied entertainments in 2023.
Support the Hall by enjoying yourself. See you there, Carrie

Coffee and Chat In the Village Hall

Every Wednesday from 10am starting in October

Everyone welcome. Free to all, donations towards costs always welcome

We have all at some time have had the need to off load our worries, our plans or even our dreams.

The Trustees of the Village Hall have agreed to a trial of weekly coffee and chat sessions in October . Please come and join us and let us know what you think!



Grasmere Christmas Fair and Santa's Grotto

Grasmere Village Hall

26th and 27th November

10am - 5pm

**Pitches for stalls are £20 per day or
£30 for 2 days. Please contact**

Sharon Savasi to reserve a pitch

at savasi@hotmail.co.uk

Grand Raffle

**Raffle tickets will be available for
sale in advance.**

**If you are willing to donate a prize,
please contact Sam Dixon at**

sdixonmail66@gmail.com

GRASMERE REGISTER

Remembering our Loved Ones

Our annual Service of Prayers for the Faithful Departed will be on Sunday **30th October** at 9.30am. If you would like a friend or loved one remembered by name at this service, please add their name to the list which will be available in Church from the middle of October. From the church register:

Funeral

Eleanor Wilson 23rd June

Baptism

George Carpenter 14th August

Marriages

Bramhall—Scotland 19th June

Hadley - Reilly 8th September

Matthew Powell— Emma Edgar (Patterdale church) 17th September

Sidesman Rotas for St Oswald's Church

2-10-22 Ann and David Jackman

9-10-22 June Maddison and David Dodgson

16.10.22 Ann Fawthrop and Pat Taylor

23-10-22 Sonia and John Rickman

30-10-22 Trevor and Helen Eastes

6-11-22 Ann and David Jackman

13-11-22 June Maddison and David Dodgson

20-11-22 Ann Fawthrop and Pat Taylor

27-11-22 Sonia and John Rickman

4-12-22 Trevor and Helen Eastes

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN ST OSWALD'S

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

Once again we are choosing to display cyclamens, not only beautiful but also hardy in cold conditions!



Please fill in the slip below and return to:

Sonia at St Oswald's or leave in the church letterbox by the 21st December.

Each plant will have a label with your dedication printed on it. You are most welcome to collect the plant from church after Sunday 8th January

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

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Minimum donation of £8 per plant please. Cheques payable to Grasmere PCC

Name.....Tel No.....

GRASMERE BOOK GROUP

Grasmere book group continues apace with a wide variety of genres tackled in recent months. July saw the group read Madeleine Miller's *The Song of Achilles*, a modern retelling of the Greek legend of Achilles and Patroclus following both from their childhood together to the Trojan War. Most agreed it was a page-turner but some enjoyed the book more than others (a classic book group tradition in itself). In August we read a collection of short stories by Ray Bradbury, *Golden Apples of the Sun*. There were mixed comments on the book which might have something to do with how many short stories featured. Instead, individual stories really resonated with readers whilst other stories felt less meaningful. Many knew of Bradbury as a science fiction writer, but it was surprising to see how wide-ranging his stories' subject matter and genres could be, spanning 'what if' stories and fantasies to more standard slices of life.

September's meeting on Tan Twan Eng's *The Garden of Evening Mists* was postponed following the sad news of the death of Her Majesty The Queen with members having been informed of a rearranged date at the end of September.

Our next scheduled meeting turns to the world of graphic novels. On Thursday, **13th October** (on zoom at 8pm) we will discuss Alison Bechdel's memoir of a childhood in rural Pennsylvania, *Fun Home*. The meeting is timed to tie in with the Lakes International Comic Art Festival (LICAF), which this year is taking place in Bowness over the weekend 14th-16th October. Bechdel is one of many international guests appearing at the festival.

For those who are thinking ahead, our **10th November** meeting tackles Tove Jansson's *True Deceiver*, a subtle thriller from the Finnish-Swedish creator of the Moomins.

Book group meets online at 8pm on the second Thursday of every month. If you'd like to join us for a meeting, do email and we can send you a Zoom link. All are welcome and do feel free to join in, if and when it suits. Members often join in from Easedale to Ottawa and from Hawkshead to Kendal.

A reminder, all book group books are available from Sam Read's at 10% discount off the r.r.p.

Polly and Will – dr.will.smith@me.com



'My oldest child has started school and, with uniforms and PE kits, the costs are mounting. The school we got into isn't within walking distance so I now need to budget for bus money five days a week too. We're already pretty stretched - is there any extra help I can get?'

On the Citizens Advice website, citizensadvice.org.uk we have lots of information on the support you might be entitled to for school-related costs. If you're claiming benefits it's worth checking if you can get extra help for things like school lunches, transport and uniforms.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals. For older children, you can apply for free school meals if you claim certain types of benefits. The full list is available on the website and includes Universal Credit, Child Tax Credit and Income Support.

For transport costs, your local education authority might be able to offer free or discounted transport if you're not able to walk to the school. Contact them directly to find out how they can support you.

Your local education authority might also help you with activity and school uniform costs, if you're on a low income. You're probably considered to be on a low income if you get means-tested benefits like Universal Credit or Housing Benefit. There are also some local charitable schemes that can help - check with your school, as they will usually know what is available in your area. Schools can sometimes also advise on finding cheap or free second-hand uniforms.

If your child is disabled or has a health condition, you can also claim Disability Living Allowance (this isn't means-tested).

*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. South Lakes Citizens Advice, your local charity, is here for you. **How to access:***

Call 015394 46464 9:30 – 2pm Adviceline: 0808 2787 984 email advice via our submission page on our local website www.southlakescab.org.uk

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GRASMERE RUSHBEARING 2022

It was fantastic to bring the Grasmere Community together once again for our traditional Rushbearing Festival, the first one in person since 2019. The weather was perfect for the day of the July 9th event.

As in previous years the Buffs did their bit harvesting rushes from the lake and then a number of people of all ages gathered in the Church on Thursday and Friday working hard to create bearings for the Saturday event. On the day itself the village streets were lined with crowds, old faces and new were welcomed to take part. Children and a number of adults were given medals as a memento of the day. Organisations including the Village Society and Grasmere Players, businesses such as The Good Sport, Tweedies, Baldry's and the Yan and many individuals were incredibly generous to ensure that funds for next year were replenished.

As in previous years the Rush Maidens were treated to tea at the Rothay Garden. Meanwhile Kathryn Yates ensured the other children could have a tea to enjoy in the Sports Pavilion. The Apple Pie generously provided food for the band. The Grasmere Gingerbread shop once again donated the traditional gingerbread and as always it was enjoyed by all. The Ulverston Town Band played the Rushbearing Hymn in the procession and then continued to play at the Sports Pavilion with music from the 1940's to the present day with the highlight being Sweet Caroline.

As the Buffs had already run a sports day for the Jubilee celebrations, we stuck to a brief spell of rounders followed by a fell race. Freya Hodgson-Jones won the main race whilst Isabelle Hendy won the younger age group. The decorated prams were too close to call so we awarded prizes to both Tegan Sharp and Emily Tiplady, Dani Hine ensured that Grasmere Garden Village won the best window display which included photos of three generations of her family taking part. The most creative piece was the Dress in the window of Grasmere Chocolate Cottage. 1st Junior Bearing was Sadie Street and best Infant Bearing was Francis Coombe, the efforts from Tilly Mei Burton and Ella Dougherty are also worthy of note. Thank you to all those involved. We hope that you enjoyed your day, we would love to hear from you. It would be great to have your help next year however much time you can give or if you want to support in kind or by sponsoring the event please get in touch.

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