

Grasmere Parish Magazine



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Apologies in advance for any errors or omissions.

From St Oswald's

With the coming of autumn, we are looking forward to the installation of the new Rector, Reverend Lawrence Basham. This will take place on the 5th November at 7 pm in St Oswald's. We will be joined by Bishop Rob Saner-Haigh.

On page 7 we are publishing the provisional dates for Christmas services. This may seem rather early but it would be lovely to see as many people as possible joining in the celebrations with family and friends.

The next parish meal will be the start of Advent on 1st December and again this will be an opportunity for you to meet, if you haven't done so already, Lawrence. Do come and join us in the Village Hall. The meal will be followed by the Christingle service.

The Churchwardens Ann Jackman and Gerry Rawcliffe



Books Needed

If you have any spare books please pass them on to St Oswald's, we would be very happy to take them .

The church has a second hand bookshop which raises money for church activities.

Please leave any books you have at the back of the church near the bookstall. Thank you

Rota for Sidespersons

6th October	SONIA RICKMAN & PAT TAYLOR
13th October	DON PERRITT & DAVID DODGSON
20th October	GERRY & ANNE RAWCLIFFE
27th October	DAVID & ANN JACKMAN
3rd November	TREVOR & HELEN EASTES
10th November	DON PERRITT & DAVID DODGSON
17th November	SONIA RICKMAN & PAT TAYLOR
24th November	DAVID & ANN JACKMAN
30th November	GERRY & ANNE RAWCLIFFE

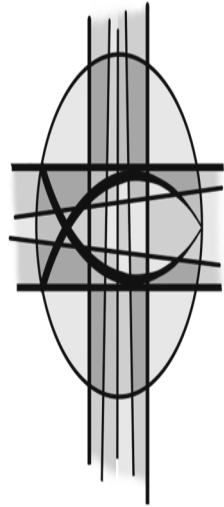
Sunday Church Services

**Weekly Church Services are as follows
unless advertised separately:**

**9.30am Holy Communion at
St. Mary's Rydal**

**11.00am Sunday Celebration at
St. Oswald's Grasmere**

**Taize Prayer is every first Sunday at
7.00pm at St Mary's Rydal**



Music Notes

This year's Music at Grasmere summer concerts came to a successful end with A Time-Traveller's Pilgrimage, featuring music from the 9th to the 17th centuries. There has been very good support for the concerts overall, which have included music for organ, cello, brass and choir. Grateful thanks are offered to all who have assisted in any way with these events.

On Saturday 19th October at 11.15 a.m. there will be an informal concert given by the Hannah Brine Singers, to which all are invited. Please contact Hannah if you would like to join in. It's free to watch so do come along. (hannah@hannahbrine.co.uk)

The occasional Church Choir sang recently at a wedding and will also be taking part in the service of Licensing and Installation of our new Rector, the Revd. Laurence Basham, on Tuesday 5th November at 7.00 p.m., when may given the day have some fireworks and the Christmas Service of Carols & Readings on Thursday 19th December at 6.00 p.m.

Ian Hare

Sing & Share, Saturday October 19th



Join conductor Hannah Brine for an informal performance from participants at this years singing retreat at Glenthorne. The 'retreat choir' will perform songs learnt during the retreat and Hannah will lead a couple of part songs we can all learn and sing together.

11.15am-midday, Register interest via
hannah@hannahbrine.co.uk

St Oswalds, Church Stile, Grasmere, Ambleside LA22 9SW
www.hannahbrine.co.uk



Advent and Christmas 2024

You might feel it's too early to be thinking about Christmas but we thought you might like to see what is provisionally planned for this December.

Do join us you are very welcome!

1st December Christingle 3-30pm

Advent Parish Meal at 12.30-2.30

17th December Blue Christmas 11am

A Reflective Service

22nd December Beer and Carols

Venue and time tbc

19th December Candlelit Carol Service 6pm

24th December Christmas Eve

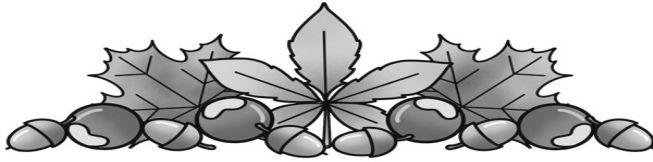
2pm Crib service

4pm Moss Parrock Outdoor Service

11.30pm Midnight Communion

25th December Christmas Day

11am Family Service



Grasmere Fellowship

The new season is about to get underway. This year's programme was all arranged by Melissa. We will miss her very much and would like to dedicate this season to her memory.

As usual we have an opening service in St Oswald's on October 3rd. I am delighted to say that our rector designate, Lawrence Basham, has agreed to take this service.

On October 17th local historian Rob David will give a talk on Muncaster's Wartime Secret. During the war Muncaster was used for storage of important items. Come along and find out what they were.

November 7th Matthew Morris of the University of Leicester will talk about Digging up Richard. To clarify this does not refer to any local personality but to Richard III whose remains were found under a car park. Hear the full story from an authentic source.

November 21st Ron Ward continues his exploration of The Nation's Favourite Paintings. The first instalment was fascinating. See if your favourite makes an appearance this time.

An early warning that our annual lunch will probably be held in the last week in January rather than the first week.

All meetings begin at 2.30pm and will be in the Village Hall apart from the opening service. Refreshments will continue to be of the previous high standards!

Subscription remains at £12 or £3.00 per meeting.

See you there

David Dodgson



Please join us at the
Advent Lunch

ALL WELCOME

1st December 2024

12.30pm

The Village Hall

Tickets from Barney's from 5th November

BYOB

NO CHARGE - DONATIONS WELCOME

Grasmere School News

To start the year off we have been learning about Fair Trade. Below is an informative piece of writing from our Year 6 pupils.



GRASMERE SCHOOL

What is Fair Trade?

Fair Trade is about creating an equal system for everyone involved in making goods or growing food. Fair Trade is global and covers a wide spread of countries. It's all about taking good care of hard-working farmers and other workers. Did you know that without fair trade, many people would only be earning around 80p a day? That's not enough to buy food and send your children to school.

What can I do?

You can help to support Fair Trade by checking if there's a Fair Trade logo on the packaging. Think about what you're buying. Are you just thinking about yourself, or are you thinking about the people barely surviving? Do you want to support the big brands who exploit the people who are making the products? Are you happy to buy a chocolate bar, knowing someone else had suffered to make it? If you are desperate to eat your favourite bar, but know it's not Fair Trade, try some alternatives that do have the Fair Trade logo - you might be surprised by how good they are. Or you could write to the company and help to pressure them into switching to Fair Trade. Get your families and friends to write too, suggesting that they boycott the company until they abandon their 'exploitative' choices and move to Fair Trade.



Grasmere School Cake Stall

In spite of the rain (there was a lot of it!) Friends of Grasmere School (FroGS) with help from some wonderful bakers managed to put on an amazing display of cakes and baking on show day.

A massive thank you goes out to everyone who contributed and, more importantly, bought some goodies. We managed to raise an impressive £560.30 and hope to put some of the money towards improvements to the early years garden at the school.



If you would like to support our efforts in any way we have a justgiving page at:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/friendsofgrasmereprimaryschool?utm_term=2pQE4WZYv

or please reach out to Beth Abbott (07908 913102).

We could not have made this much money without the help of local businesses special thanks must go to; Apple Pie Bakery (Ambleside), Lucia's, Mathilde's Cafe, Freda + Ray's, Thirteen Valleys Kitchen, Grasmere Tea Gardens, Harley's Cafe and Debbie Rickman-Hebson.

We will be back next year and hope for sunshine.

Liz Watson FroGS

Grasmere and Cumbria Weather

July 2024

A real pot pourri of weather. July was a cool, unsettled month with limited sunshine. The month began with a continuation of the unsettled weather of late June. Dominant westerlies brought a series of fronts across Cumbria from Atlantic depressions, with afternoon maximums struggling to reach 16.C. (61. F.) on many days. Clear skies at night also led to some low min. temps. and several stations recorded a ground frost on the 8th. as air temps. fell to around 3.C. On the 9th. a deepening depression crossed Cumbria, with heavy rain and a strong easterly wind. Many stations recorded over an inch of rain, with the heaviest fall at Blencathra of 41.0 mm.(1.61 in.). Cold northerlies followed with daytime highs on the 13th. between 12 and 14.C.



After mid month pressure built across Cumbria and temperatures rose rapidly under sunny skies, with many sites recording highs of 25.C. on the 19th. However, a cold front on the 20th. moved east with temps. falling again. Then an Azores high extended a ridge north eastwards bringing some brief welcome sun for the last few days of the month. Levens recorded the month's highest temperature on the 31 st. with a maximum of 26.3.C. (79.3 F.) Mean temps. in July were below normal, with the first half of the month becoming particularly cool. Rainfall amounts were below average. So here in Cumbria, we finished with one of the wettest locations in the county, Seathwaite, having the smallest percentage rainfall 58.5% (134.6mm.) and one of the driest places, Kirkby Thore, having the largest 151.5% (98.0 mm.) Here in Cumbria, finding consecutive dry days, was like the rest of 2024, somewhat elusive.

In Grasmere; Wettest July day 20 th. 17.6mm (0.69in.)

July rain days 21 Last year 27. Total for month 113.2mm. (4.46in.) Last year 11.37 in.)

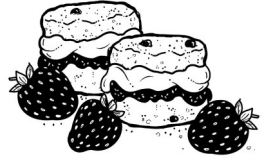
Rain days to date (end July) 148. Last year 143

Total for year to date (end July) 1575.1 mm. 62.01 ins. Last year 61.68 in.

July totals Ambleside 5.54 in. Coniston similar to Ambleside 5.54in.

August 2024

Yet another unsettled month, with four completely dry days and the 4th. wettest August since 1890. Dominant south westerlies were the driving force for much of August, bringing heavy rain, thundery showers and brief sunny intervals. Thunder was noted on the morning of the 12th. Storm Lilian brought a windy weekend on the 22nd. bringing 2.3 inches in 24 hours, followed by 5.7 inches over the next 7 days. Storm Lilian was the 12th. named storm witnessed over the past 12 months, a record since this system was introduced in 2015.



So this summer (June, July and August) was the coolest in nearly a decade, despite the overall warming trend. The average summer temperature was 14.37.C. The North Sea is often warmer than that. The last time the average summer temperature was this low was 2015, when it hit 13.91.C. This year the reason being that Arctic winds dominated in June and July, with westerlies bringing slightly warmer Atlantic air this month. So that brings the grand total of dry days this year to 32 in 8 months. Or to put it another way, it's rained every day literally for 7 months this year. We did have mini heat-waves and bursts of hot weather, but these were fairly short lived. So here we are at the beginning of Autumn in Grasmere, after a miserable February with not one fine day, followed by the wettest March overall for 40 years, then the second wettest April since 1890, followed by the Met. Office stating that May 22nd. was the wettest Spring day on record, there's no wonder there's a marked shortage of pollinating insects due to the cold and wet. It's the first time ever I have not seen a single wasp before the end of August. Obviously with the dominant jet stream in the northern hemisphere being affected by ongoing global warming, we can expect more of this in the future, ie the warmer the air, the more moisture it holds.

Wettest August day 21st. 60.2mm.2.37in. Aug. rain days 24 Last year 25

Total for month 420.7mm. 16.57 inches Last year 8.05 inches

Rain days to date end Aug. 172 Last year 168

Rainfall to date end Aug. 1995.8 mm.78.58 inches Last year 69.73 inches

Wettest August since 1890 21.14 inches in 1985

Peter Bailey

Grasmere WI

It's been an exciting few weeks at Grasmere WI!

We went BIG at the Westmorland County Show (169 entries) and we won BIG - AGAIN!!! - 3 trophies and an amazing haul of 56 Golds, 61 Silvers and 39 Reds. Such an incredible GWI team effort and an amazing achievement.



GWI President Louise Sykes & Nicky Oliver

Here are some other **highlights of our recent activities....**

Our **August** meeting was in the wonderful Jerwood Centre at Wordsworth Grasmere and was focused on our huge Show plans and preparations, such a brilliant afternoon and venue.

Our **September** meeting was a great fun afternoon with Lorna Kelly telling us all about her life in music and growing up in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) and celebrating our tremendous success at the Show with lots of our winning entries on display.

In **September**, we put together fabulous flower displays at St Oswald's, such a lovely tribute in memory of past GWI members including Melissa Harwood and Jeannie Stainton.

Also in **September** our Art Appreciation Group enjoyed the Stephan Orłowski preview at Heaton Cooper (we are so lucky to have such an outstanding art gallery in our village) and also had a great day trip to Fairfield Mill.

Looking ahead.....Our October meeting is on **Thursday 10th October 2pm at the Village Hall** with the brilliant entrepreneur Maria Benjamin from Dodgson Wood farm talking about development and diversification in farming, including her now famous Lake District tweed venture.

Our November meeting on **Thursday 14 November 2pm at the Village Hall** features wonderful floral decorations and demonstrations with the amazing and very funny Joan Bentley, she's a regular at GWI meetings and we can't wait to see her again!



In addition to our fabulous monthly meeting programme, here are a few of our extra activities. We now have weekly GWI Strong kettlebell classes with our fabulous local personal trainer Libby Dixon, such great fun classes and we're getting stronger every week!

GWI Strong in action!

Our monthly Book / Culture Club at Allan Bank is a huge success, with a packed attendance and lively discussion each month in Wordsworth's study. In **November** the Group is going to Zefferellis to see The Outrun film and meet up with the author Amy Liptrot after reading her bestselling book in September. In **October** we are visiting Levens Hall and our Art Appreciation group has a day trip to the art galleries of Edinburgh and a specialist art viewing at Wordsworth Grasmere with the world renowned Turner expert Celilia Powell.

We're looking forward to visiting Mitchell's Auctioneers in Cockermouth in **November** for a guided preview of their forthcoming auction. And plans are afoot for our fabulous Christmas Party at Tweedies in **December**. We also have our very popular monthly rambles and Art Group meetings.

Big news on our Lakes and Tarns Challenge. After a few bumper weeks, we have hit our target on visiting 214 distinct lakeland tarns!!! This has been a huge challenge over 2023/4, with many tarns in remote and challenging locations. A huge well done to all our tarn baggers, a fitting celebration will be organised later this year, watch this space ...! Finally, as always, a huge thanks to all our members for making Grasmere WI such a vibrant, friendly and fun group

Come and join us and in join in all the fun and learning that makes GWI so special. You will be made very welcome. Just call in at one of our monthly meetings or contact me.

Louise Sykes President Grasmere WI

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What's on at Wordsworth Grasmere



We are currently open Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-4pm. Entry to Dove Cottage, the Museum and exhibitions is free to Grasmere residents and employees of Grasmere businesses.

Twilight Tales in Dove Cottage is back on 23, 28, 29 and 30 October. Join us for hot chocolate, gingerbread, and Halloween crafts. Children will have fun dressing up in Georgian costumes while learning about the Wordsworths and hearing some of their writing. At twilight we'll all head over to Dove Cottage and listen to some spooky Cumbrian stories. For families with children aged 3+. This always sells out so please book well in advance!

Little Wanderers, our creative play sessions for under 5s, takes place every Friday morning in the Learning Space. Free for Grasmere families.

The next event in '**Go to the poets, they will speak to thee**', our online poetry reading series hosted by Kim Moore, takes place on 13 November with Amanda Dalton.

Several local artists are holding workshops at Wordsworth Grasmere this autumn. Enjoy a poetry and paint workshop with Alison Critchlow, craft stained glass flowers with North Lakes Stained Glass or have a go at nature writing with Monique Gadella.

Join us online for two Romanticism-themed webinars! On 10 October we'll be discussing the **Poetry of Dorothy Wordsworth** with Jessica Fay and Jake Risinger, and on 19 November we'll be looking at the long-awaited publication of **Dorothy Wordsworth's Rydal Journals** with Nick Mason and Susanne Sutton.

Discover Poetry with Polly Atkin and **Dove Cottage Poets**, our poetry reading and writing groups, continue to take place on Zoom and as a hybrid meeting respectively.

For more information and how to book, please visit wordsworth.org.uk/event-directory/

Michael Mitchell

We've received many touching tributes to our friend and colleague Michael Mitchell, who died in April after a long illness. Michael had lived and worked here for over 30 years, and he was well-known to regular visitors to Wordsworth Grasmere.

We will be remembering Michael at an event here on Friday 4 October: get in touch with us at rsvp@wordsworth.org.uk if you would like details.



Hannah Catterall, Events Officer, Wordsworth Grasmere

Grasmere Village Society

As Summer eases into Autumn with a late blaze of sunshine (Peter Bailey does the Grasmere and Cumbria weather: stop it!) we can reflect on a busy season for the Society, not least in the tracking down of invasive species. Himalayan Balsam is a particular bugbear and there have been several “Balsam bashes” spearheaded by Sharon Savasi and Simon Hey. If you own one of the lakeside properties which is affected by this plant we would be most grateful if you could do some bashing yourself and help to prevent seeding into the watercourse.

The Society is delighted with the development and refurbishment taking part in the Village Hall and we were pleased to make a generous donation towards the new audiovisual equipment which it is hoped will be installed soon.

The future of the Daffodil bus shelter remains under review but we have decided to remove the existing structure which has been deemed unsafe. A new stone built shelter, in keeping with the others in the village, is a possibility, or even no shelter at all. Your thoughts please.

It is still not too late to join or renew membership of the Society and any additional contributions are always welcome and help us to maintain and improve the village amenities. Please contact our membership secretary at simonhey4@gmail.com or 01539435067.



As an example of Society expenditure, we maintain the two village defibrillators and one will shortly require new pads and battery before they go out of date. The cost runs into several hundred pounds but must be considered money well spent if a life can be saved.

Whether you are a resident or a visitor, enjoy the beautiful village of Grasmere and count your blessings to be here.

Next committee meeting is on Tuesday October 15th at 7.30pm

Nick McCraith (Chairman)



As you will hopefully know the Co-op in Grasmere is closing from the 28th September for a refit. It will be closed for two months. This will be a difficult time for those of us who visit the shop regularly and enjoy a chat with the wonderful staff.

However, thoughts are ongoing as to how people can still have access to milk, bread and other items.

The pharmacy has very kindly agreed to sell bread from Simon Savasi.

In addition, we have a milkman, Chad Tremble. He can be contacted on either 07887591267 or chadtrembledairyman@hotmail.com He delivers to the village not only providing milk but also juices, cheese, eggs, yoghurt, and butter. See below. Obviously, ordering online is an option and if you are unsure how to do this or want help please contact us as we can help you. It may be possible to do it at the weekly Warm Spot. If you prefer to shop in person then we are also hoping that lifts may be available to Windermere.

Sharon Savasi

Milk	
Glass Pints (Semi / Pasteurised / Skimmed)	85p
Unpasteurised (Green Top)	91p
Oat Milk	£1.20
Plastic Cartons (2ltr) (Semi / Pasteurised / Skimmed)	£2.25
Plastic Cartons (1ltr) (Semi / Pasteurised / Skimmed)	£1.35
Milkshakes (Glass Pints)	
Chocolate	£1.50
Strawberry	£1.50
Banana	£1.50
Salted Caramel	£1.50
Coffee Latte	£1.50
Juice (Glass Pints)	
Orange	£1.60
Apple	£1.60
Tropical	£1.60
Cranberry	£1.60
Butter & Eggs	
Free Range Eggs (per half dozen)	£2.10
Derby Hill Dairy Handmade Butter	£2.20

Cheese	
Creamy Lancashire	£2.50
Mature Cheddar	£2.50
Ann Forshaw Products	
Natural Yoghurt (450g)	£1.80
Greek Yoghurt (450g)	£1.80
Vanilla Deluxe (450g)	£1.80
Thick & Creamy (x6)	£3.50
Longley Products	
Buttermilk (500g)	£2.50
Double / Single / Whipping Cream (250ml)	£2.50
Creme Fraiche (200g)	£3.10
Cottage Cheese (250g) (Plain / Pineapple / Cheese & Chive)	£1.50
Fruit Yoghurt (per pot) (Gooseberry / Strawberry / Raspberry / Black Cherry / Blackcurrant / Peach / Hazelnut / Mandarin / Pineapple / Apple / Banana / Lemon / Blueberry / Caramel / Rhubarb / Vanilla)	60p
Please allow 48 hours when adding extra bits and pieces so we can order on our end	



Grasmere Village Hall

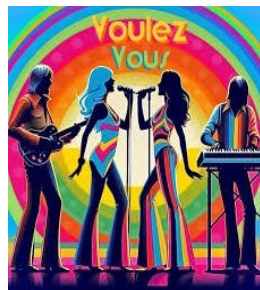
Over the summer the Lake Artists Society held their annual summer exhibition in the Hall. Hopefully many of you were able to visit – on all those rainy days!

Now that Autumn is here, the weekly Warm Spot Coffee & Chat sessions have returned at 10.00 to 12.30 every Wednesday. Everyone is welcome to come along. There is plenty going on over the Autumn ...



Wednesday 16 October: Needle Felted Herdwick Sheep workshop. Suitable for all levels; all materials and equipment included. 1.00 – 4.00 pm, tickets £35 on sale at www.highlightsnorth.co.uk or contact the Hall on 015394 35628 or enquiries@grasmerehall.org.uk

Friday 25 October, 8.30 pm: “Voulez Vous” – re-live the 70s with this fabulous Abba tribute band. Dress up, dance and sing along. Tickets £12 from www.ticketsource.co.uk or contact the Hall on 015394 35628 or enquiries@grasmerehall.org.uk



Thursday 21 November, 7.30 pm: “The Plot Thickens” – an evening of mystery, murder and mayhem from the Just Some Theatre Company. Tickets £12, under 18s £9, on sale at www.highlightsnorth.co.uk or contact the Hall directly as above.

Friday 13 December, 6.00 pm: “Polaris the Snow Bear”, a seasonal children’s show. Tickets £8, child £6, family £24, are available from www.highlightsnorth.co.uk or contact the Hall directly.

Saturday 14 December, 7.30 pm: “Fool’s Gold - The Christmas Show”, songs and stories with a Yuletide theme. Tickets available at £12 from www.ticketsource.co.uk/Grasmere-village-hall-co-ltd or contact the Hall.



Plans for the New Year’s Eve party are underway – further details nearer the time. If anyone is willing and able to help – in any way – on New Year’s Eve, please let the Trustees know.

The Christmas Fair will be back in the Hall this year on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 December, featuring Father Christmas in his Grotto and the Grand Christmas Raffle draw – so don’t miss it! Raffle tickets are on sale now around the village. If you would like to take (or share) a stall at the Fair, please get in touch. Raffle tickets are on sale now around the village. We are delighted that we have now reached our funding target for installing the new audio-visual system which will be a big improvement for users. This year, the Hall’s share of raffle proceeds will go towards our next project: Internal Decoration of the Hall.

The Hall Trustees are very grateful for all the feedback we’ve received on the new arrangements in the car park. We are keeping the system under review and fine tuning with the aim of meeting the needs of our users, while also raising much-needed funds for the Hall. Remember, the first 30 minutes’ parking are free of charge, and in addition to this, parking is free for local non-commercial hirers and Hall Events, subject to availability. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to get in touch.

Thank you to those people who have signed up to support us by using Easy-fundraising - a fantastic online platform that enables you to raise free donations with every purchase you make. There are over 8,000 participating retailers, ranging from your food shop at Tesco, booking a holiday with Booking.com to taking out insurance on Compare the Market. Sign up here: <http://efraising.org/rWHiZTgHZI>

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email: enquiries@grasmerehall.org.uk



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CALENDAR - OCTOBER

1	Sunday Celebration Open Church	St Oswald's	11am
3	Fellowship Opening Service	St Oswald's	2.30pm
6	Sunday Celebration- Communion Lichen Walk	St Oswald's Allan Bank	11.00am Am / Pm Check website
8	Knit and Nat	Reading Room	2pm
10	W.I. Grasmere Book Group	Village Hall Zoom	2pm 8pm
13	Sunday Celebration- Open Church	St Oswald's	11am
16	Needle Felting Workshop	Village Hall	1-4pm
17	Fellowship	Village Hall	2.30pm
19	Sing and Share	St Oswald's	11.15am
20	Sunday Celebration- Communion	St Oswald's	11am
22	Knit and Nat	Reading Room	2pm
23	Twilight Tales	Wordsworth Grasmere	Check Website
25	Voulez Vous	Village Hall	8.30pm
27	Sunday Celebration Open Church	St Oswald's	11am

CALENDAR - NOVEMBER

3	Sunday Celebration - Communion	St Oswald's	11am
5	Installation Rev Lawrence Basham	St Oswald's	7pm 2pm
7	Fellowship	Village Hall	2.30pm
10	Sunday Celebration - Remembrance Service	St Oswald's	11am
12	Knit and Nat	Reading Room	2pm
14	Grasmere Book Group	Zoom	8pm
17	Sunday Celebration - Communion	St Oswald's	11am
21	Murder Mystery	Village Hall	7.30pm
24	Sunday Celebration - Open Church	St Oswald's Grasmere	11am
26	Knit and Nat	Reading Room	2pm

Farming Year - Off to Market !

As we write this, we are gathering in the sheep from the fells into the fields close by the farm, this year in golden sunshine! We then sort the sheep into those that we will keep on the farm and those that will go 'off to market' over the next few weeks, some for breeding greater hardiness into other flocks further south. This is an important time for the income for the farm.

We go to Mitchell's auction mart in Cockermouth, the main Herdwick sale is in early October. If we have gathered in sheep from neighbouring flocks who have strayed into Easedale, of course these are returned to their farms. Each sheep is distinguished by colourful marks (smit marks) on the fleeces which show which farm they are from. Brimmer Head sheep have always had bright red smit marks. There is an old Shepherds' manual that lists all these marks.



The main activity in November is 'tupping' when the specially selected male rams are put with those ewes that are now old enough to have lambs. These 'yows' are carefully looked after in the weeks before tupping and fed on the best grass in preparation. During tupping, rams wear a waxy 'rattle' of a bright colour, with a different colour every couple of weeks to let us know when the lambs will be born next year. Then we wait!



Matthew Powell



Grasmere Book Group

August's book group discussed LT Shearer's *The Cat Who Caught a Killer*, the first book in a series featuring Conrad the Cat who helps former police detective and canalboat enthusiast Lulu Lewis solve crimes. There were mixed feelings about the book. The cosy crime formula with an added tweak of a talking cat kept people reading and

the setting was vivid. However, the stereotypes involved in the book and the assumptions the author made about the book's readers were jarring, with some descriptions or plot points appearing racist or thoughtless. We wondered if there was more satire going on than we could prove, with some suggestions of in-jokes for crime writers. Also, given that LT Shearer is a pseudonym, the group had many varied thoughts on who the real author could be. Besides this, we had some interesting conversations about what we look for in books and how we balance reading for entertainment with impulses to be critical.

September's meeting was on Alix E Harrow's science-fiction debut *The Ten Thousand Doors of January*. January's quiet existence is shattered when she stumbles across a strange book about other worlds, secret doors, love, adventure and danger but with each page the story is increasingly entwined with her own. The group generally found the storytelling to be engaging, thought-provoking and fun. Plot similarities to Philip Pullman's His Dark Materials universe proved distracting to some, though others thought it drew favourable comparison to different books with magical portals. The length of the book set us to thinking about how some books payoff in their final quarter, whilst others do the reverse. It was great to hear about other books people had read, either as recommendations or comparisons!

Upcoming meetings: **OCTOBER 10th – Hilary Mantel, *Beyond Black* (2005)**

NOVEMBER 14th – Kate Beaton, *Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands* (2022)

Book group meets online at 8pm on the second Thursday of every month. All are welcome to join... email us for the Zoom link. 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

Melissa Harwood

16th February 1948 – 2nd July 2024

Thank you for all your support.



Melissa was born to Don and Andrea Stone in California. Her sisters describe her love of the ocean and say she spent much time at Malibu Beach enjoying beach life. She longed to travel and dreamed of a life beyond California. After school she set about making her dream come true.

She worked while also studying History of Art and then set off with a friend to hitchhike across America and travel to Europe. When they returned to Los Angeles Melissa did a variety of jobs to raise more money. She then made her way to the Bahamas. There she met Christopher Budd, who introduced her to the work of Rudolph Steiner and the art of Eurythmy and he was to become her first husband. They eventually moved to England and Melissa trained in Eurythmy under the guidance of Marguerite Lundgren.

With this work she toured extensively and taught at the London School of Eurythmy. After years of teaching and now separated from Christopher she took a sabbatical and started working in the Wardrobe department of the Royal Opera House.

It was during this time that Melissa met Laurence Harwood. She moved to Grasmere in the Lake District where Laurence was living and married. He had two children, from a previous marriage, and she developed a very close and loving relationship with them and their children. Melissa and Laurence had a very happy marriage. They supported each other so generously in their different interests and activities. She was involved in all aspects of life in Grasmere – the WI, the village hall committee, the local choir, the Lake District Music Festival, local Arts group, the Wordsworth Trust, the local school and so much more. She was always very generous and kind, willing to help people less able than herself.

Although Melissa loved to be with people and enjoyed life so fully, she was also a very private person. Her health deteriorated very rapidly, and she chose to leave this world she loved, on her own in her beautiful home. She will be sorely missed by all the very many people whose lives she touched all over the world.

ALLAN BANK



The Lake District is one of the best places in the UK to study lichen. So, if you'd love to know your 'Jam Tarts' from your 'Elf's Ears' come along to Allan Bank for this guided walk.

October 6th am and pm

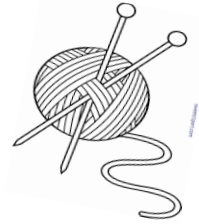
Unleash your creative skills on one of the pumpkins for Halloween – what will you create? We'll provide the pumpkins, cleaned and ready to carve, and have all the tools you need. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-booked slots only with restricted numbers for your safety and enjoyment. Standard admission for entry + £3 per pumpkin.

26th -31st October 11-4pm

Please check the National Trust website before visiting to confirm times.

KNIT AND NAT

Hello to all from Knit and Nat. We have welcomed new 'K & N's' Alana and Brenda. Our projects continue to be the Christmas boxes and neo natal items, with the addition this year of fashioning clothes for teddies repurposed and sold in aid of St. Mary's hospice, Ulverston. They will be available to buy at this year's Christmas Fair in December in the Hall. I have nicknamed them "Christine's Cuddle Cubs" in memory of our founding member Christine Batey. The proceeds will be given in her memory



As always, we thank the Reading Rooms for hosting our gatherings, but in particularly Ann Dixon and Kath Jones for being the hostesses with the mostess for several weeks

Knit and Nat is a drop in session from 2pm - 4pm every second and fourth Tuesdays in the month, all we ask is that you bring yourselves, enjoy the company of those present; crafting if you wish; with a promise of a warm drink and quite often the promise of a biscuit or cake! Thank you for reading this – please contact Carrie on carriegrasmere@aol.com

Upgrade of Wainwright's Coast to Coast Path to a National Trail

Eagle eyed parishioners might have spotted some of the new fingerposts near the village that are associated with the upgrade of Wainwright's Coast to Coast to a National Trail. The acorn is the official symbol of National Trails. National Trails are long distance walks through some of the very best landscapes the UK has to offer, and each of them is overseen by Natural England. Authorities across the c198 mile walk between St Bees and Robin Hood's Bay will install signage with a consistent look & feel. Within the LDNPA there are over 100 fingerposts in total, with many of them being installed between now and Christmas.



New fingerpost installed near Lancrigg



New fingerpost installed near footpath to Helm Crag

The installation of new signage is just part of the work being undertaken within the Lake District National Park associated with the upgrade. There are a range of activities, some of which are less obvious than others; such as legal work to recognise sections of trod where there is no formal existing Right of Way. The sheep trod described by Wainwright leaving Black-sail Hut at Ennerdale heading toward Loft Beck that had been walked for 50 years, but hadn't – until now – had formal designation as a footpath, is such an example. Occasionally it involves a tidy up of a legal line where the established trod/path being used, and the Definitive Map for legal Rights of Way haven't been quite aligned (the path on the northern shore of Haweswater was a good example of this latter scenario).

For the most part, a great of emphasis is on practical work to bring the route up to National Trail standards. Close to Grasmere, there has been a length of flags laid on very fragile peaty ground between Lining Crag & Greenup Edge, and at the peaty bowl at the top of Far Easedale. Putting down flags to bring everyone onto an enduring surface protects the surrounding vegetation from being trampled and ensures that the peat is not lost through the combined forces of footfall/vegetation loss and rain



New bridge over Little Tongue Gill



New bridge over Tongue Gill

Close to Grasmere some bridges have been replaced at Stythwaite Steps in Far Easedale, & two at Great Tongue, on the section leaving the A591, heading in the direction of Patterdale.

Additionally, Fix the Fells are improving the path descending down in Far Easedale, and also as it ascends up toward Grisedale Tarn. This has included pitching (setting stones to create a hardwearing surface) where a new trod had been established by walkers round a tricky section of bedrock.



New trod that had formed



Section of bedrock that folk were seeking to avoid



New section of pitched path that avoids the bedrock

The stepping stones at the outlet to Grisedale Tarn will also be replaced as part of the upgrade work to be easier to use (and hopefully assist in people crossing without getting their feet too wet).



Larger stones have been flown into position by Fix the Fells, ready to set in due course

The upgrade of the Coast to Coast Path to a National Trail is being led by Natural England, funded by Defra, supported by each of the authorities along the route: Cumberland Council, Lake District National Park Authority, Westmorland and Furness Council, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, North Yorkshire County Council, and North York Moors National Park Authority. The LDNPA is working with Fix the Fells, internal ranger teams and external contractors by which to deliver the required work for the National Trail within the Lake District.

For further information on the Coast to Coast upgrade project for the Lake District, please visit the Lake District National Park Authority's website:

<https://www.lakedistrict.gov.uk/caringfor/projects/upgrade-of-wainwrights-coast-to-coast-to-national-trail>



Lake District
National Park

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 no later than the 14th December.



Each plant will have a label with your dedication printed on it.

You are welcome to collect the plants from church from Sunday 7th January

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

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Donation of £10 per plant please. Cheques payable to Grasmere PCC

Name.....

Tel No:.....

Tombola Prizes needed!

This year's tombola at the Christmas Fair in December is for
St. Mary's Hospice, Ulverston.

If you have anything that is worthy of being a prize, and you do
not need , please consider gifting it.

Please contact Carrie Taylor on 07584036544 or
carriegrasmere@aal.com to arrange pick up

St. Mary's Hospice is here for us all. You never know when you will
need their services. They are a charity needing at least £9,000
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at

Ambleside Parish Centre

on

Tuesday 15th October

10.30 – 11.30

Come along for a coffee and a chat

Next meeting: Tuesday 19th November

10.30 – 11.30

More details 015394 34172

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'm really worried that I won't be able to afford to keep warm this winter. I don't want to claim benefits, and I don't think I would get anything anyway because I get a State Pension.

If you have reached pension age, and your income is below a minimum amount decided by the government, you are entitled to Pension Credit, and there is nothing to be embarrassed about in claiming what you qualify for. It's worth applying even if you don't think you'll get much, because if you receive Pension Credit, even a small amount, you'll be able to get the Winter Fuel Payment, and other financial help.

There are two parts to Pension Credit. Guarantee Credit tops up your weekly income to a minimum amount. Savings Credit is a small top-up for people who have a modest amount of income or savings. It's only available if you reached State Pension age before 6 April 2016. You might get one or both parts, depending on your circumstances.

Contact South Lakes Citizens Advice for help in applying for Pension Credit.

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. How to access:

Call 015394 46464 (9.30am – 2pm, Monday – Friday) Drop in sessions at Wainwright's Yard, Kendal, LA9 4DP (10am – 2pm, Tuesday and Thursday)

- ***Adviceline: 0808 2787 984 (9am - 5pm, Monday – Friday)
email advice via the submission page on our website***

www.southlakescab.org.uk

To Autumn

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For Summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.

Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;
Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,
Drows'd with the fume of poppies, while thy hook
Spare the next swath and all its twined flowers;
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep
Steady thy laden head across a brook;
Or by a cider-press, with patient look,
Thou watchest the last oozings hours by hours.

Where are the songs of Spring? Ay, where are they?
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too –
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn
Among the river shallows, borne aloft
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;
Hedge-cricket sing; and now with treble soft
The red-breast whistles from a garden-croft;
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.



John Keats(1820)

FRONT COVER

We are still accepting images for the front cover.

Thanks this month go to Fiona Close-Thomas for her wonderful autumnal photograph

If you would like to submit an autumnal picture for the next edition the deadline is

November 18th 2024



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