

## WHAT'S ON AROUND THE PARISHES

### February

2nd Ladybirds-Coronation Hall-9.30am  
2nd Howgill & Firbank WI-Firbank-7.30pm  
2nd Pub Night with Pub Grub-Coronation Hall-8pm  
4th Young Farmers Entertainments-St Anne's School Windermere-  
9th Ladybirds-Coronation Hall-9.30am  
14th Good Neighbours-Meal Out  
16th Ladybirds-Coronation Hall-9.30am  
16th Pub Night-Coronation Hall-8pm

### March

2nd Ladybirds-Coronation Hall-9.30am  
2nd Howgill & Firbank WI-Howgill-7.30pm  
2nd Pub Night with Pub Grub-Coronation Hall-8pm  
7th Young Farmers Coffee Evening-Coronation Hall-7.30pm  
9th Ladybirds-Coronation Hall-9.30am  
11th Annual Variety Concert-Coronation Hall-7.30pm  
16th Ladybirds-Coronation Hall-9.30am  
16th Pub Night-Coronation Hall-8pm  
23rd Ladybirds-Coronation Hall-9.30am  
30th Ladybirds-Coronation Hall-9.30am  
30th Pub Night-Coronation Hall-8pm

### April

29th Soupa Saturday-Coronation Hall-11.30am

### May

27th Plant Sale- Coronation Hall-10am

### October

28th Soupa Saturday-Coronation Hall-11.30am

### November

25th Christmas Fayre-Coronation Hall-10am

**The Deadline for March Grapevine is  
15th February**

### HANGING BASKETS

The Annual Plant Sale will be held on  
**27th May 2017**

**Orders are now required for Hanging Baskets.  
Please order early to avoid disappointment**

Contact Kath on 01539 824276 Mob. 07736125236 or  
Ann 01539 824276



## Grayrigg Grapevine

### Church and Community News



**The Chapelry of St. John's Church, Grayrigg  
comprising the civil parishes of Dillicar, Docker,  
Grayrigg, Lambrigg and Whinfell**

**February 2017**

Canon Nigel writes

The other day I got a Notification in my Twitter Account that read:

*'Interesting newsletter piece. Just interested in how a world so painful shows God?'*

Clearly I was delighted that someone is reading what I write, but obviously I had to make a meaningful response which because of Twitter's limit on the number of characters, mean I had to keep it to the point. My response was:

*'I suppose a world so painful displays how out of kilter humanity has become if you assume the creation works best in a certain way.'*

What I meant by this I can now elaborate upon in the pages of this newsletter.

Currently the country is gripped by a crisis in the NHS with many NHS Trusts not having the capacity to deal with the volume of folk needing to use its services. Some are saying that this always happens in the winter, others are claiming that an injection of additional funds will cure the problem. It seems to me that political ideology gets in the way of finding a solution to the problem. No one is asking the right questions, because they already have the answers prepared because of their own political bias.

Children's mental health is an issue at present. The fact that those in their GCSE years are experiencing a workload such as this, which came to me by Facebook:

*"I know it's the first of 2 GCSE years but when your 15 year old son has been set 13 (yes, THIRTEEN) bits of homework due next week (8 of them on Monday alone) it does seem rather excessive."*

Once again money is being thrown at the problem, but how this will solve the problem I have no idea, when neither the Local Authority, schools or the NHS have the capacity to deal with the problem - but wait a minute, what actually is the problem? It seems to me that once again we have another knee-jerk response to the symptoms of a problem, not a treatment for the underlying disease.

Our country, our world is 'dis-eased', ill at ease, because of the pressures of our modern, digital, 24/7 way of living. This brings about the pain that I alluded to in my Tweet, pain that shows not an absence of God, but the fact that we are living contrary to the way the creator made us.

## GRAYRIGG GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Tuesday, 14th February

Meal Out  
For Details  
Contact Kath on  
01539 824276 or Mob. 07736 125236

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Tuesday 14th March

Birds Slide Show  
With Mr Fred Gould



Subscription for the year £10  
Or £2 per visit

ALL WELCOME

### Howgill And Firbank Womens Institute

2nd February-Firbank-A Grand Tour of Peru  
Speaker-John Falkingham  
Competition-Something to do with South America

2nd March-Howgill-Voluntary Work in Zambia  
Speaker-Brenda Head  
Competition-A decorated Orange

Interested in joining the WI then contact  
Bridget Postlethwaite 01539 824255  
or Audrey Hoggarth 01539 824663

### **Carol Singing 2016**

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who went Carol Singing, special thanks also go to everyone who fed and watered us along the way and to all of you who gave so generously and helped us to raise the magnificent record amount of £1158.12 for our funds.

Sue Hunter  
Secretary, Grayrigg Over 60's Committee

### **LADYBIRDS TODDLER GROUP**

Ladybirds meet each Thursday in term time at 9.30am in the Coronation Hall. Whilst this is mainly for Parents with toddlers (or Grandparents) everyone is welcome to pop in for a cuppa And a chat. Drinks are served about 10.30am.

If you would like any further information about the group

Contact:-

Pauline Robson Tel: 824223

### **MARY ROWLANDSON ALMSHOUSES**

No1 Almshouses has become vacant and the Trustees have commissioned a refurbishment programme which should be completed by April.

If you are interested in applying for this property, or know someone who may be, please contact the Clerk to the Trustees

Becky Lewis, South View, Grayrigg  
tel 01539 824942 or email: lewis.rebeccaj@googlemail.com

A simple example is found in those who experience disturbed sleep patterns many people experience. Life-style, be it adopted or force upon a person, has its effects on people's ability to sleep, because their way of life runs contrary what their body needs.

My argument is that similar problems arise out of the way we organise society - the life-styles we adopt because they mean we act contrary to the way we were created, hence the 'pain' and the problems that abound in our country, in our world.

The Jewish, Christian and Muslim scriptures can be distilled (for the purpose of this piece at least!) giving us a simple maxim by which to live: 'Love God and your neighbour as yourself'. Put another way we need to turn to look outward and not focus primarily on our own needs. There is also much about the responsibilities we have to each other and our community - our interdependence, to put it another way.

Such a focus, would enable us to ask the right questions, without prejudging the answers, and come up with the correct solutions and in this way many of the problems of the world could be solved and we could become comfortable in each other's company and the balance of the world would be restored. Simple!!

*Nigel Davies*

### **Rainfall in Grayrigg**



The rainfall in December 2016 was 107.3mm or 4.23 inches.  
The rainfall in December 2015 was 526.8mm or 22.15 inches.

The average December rainfall over the last 24 years is  
192.8mm or 7.59 inches.

The total rainfall for 2016 was 1517.8 or 59.75 inches.

The total rainfall for 2015 was 2032.5 or 80.02 inches

The average yearly rainfall over the last 24 years is 1559.2 or  
61.38 inches



2016 has been a wonderful year at school and we couldn't be more grateful to the wonderful community for their never-ending support. You all know Grayrigg has a special place in my heart but it always reassuring to know the school has a special place in the hearts of the community.

I need to say a special thank you to those people who no longer have relatives at the school but continue to support us.

Mike Ollerton - who has joined the governing body but also comes into school weekly to team teach with me and work with the team to develop an inspirational mathematics curriculum.

Ricky Yates - who came and took down the wall around our play-ground area and refused to charge us - he's done an amazing job and left the area neat and safe for the children - thank you

Angus Wiseman - who is continually called upon to help support and do jobs around school.

Anthony Barnes - who was one of my first ever reception class at Grayrigg. He donates a Christmas tree to the school every year - it's so nice to see him each year. Whilst he is very grown up - to me he will always be the shy little boy who hid under the table at his first nativity play.

The Hunters - Kev and Merryl continue to support the school, along with Kev's parents Dick and Sue. This year however the star of the Hunter helpers was Cameron - who built a beautiful welly rack for the acorns class. Proud of you Cam x

The Womacks - Tony's children left a few year ago now, but Tony has continued to support with Forest schools, swimming and much more. Scott has also helped out with swimming and hopes to make this a more regular arrangement, although the Womack who keeps popping up lately is Molly who is always willing to help out when I need an extra pair of hands (or some cream cake needs eating up

## Grayrigg Young Farmers

We have once again had a very busy few months: the Southern District Junior Reading Final at Lane Farm saw Harrison Kay, Cameron Hunter and Harry Harper compete in this, their first ever young farmers competition and it was to be the Final. They read passages from the very popular book Good Night Mister Tom. They came a well deserved 4<sup>th</sup> place with Crook coming 1<sup>st</sup>. Henry Knowles entered into the Senior Public Speaking competition talking about farming his ducks. Again really high standards with Kent Estuary coming 1<sup>st</sup>, Henry 2<sup>nd</sup> and Crook 3<sup>rd</sup>. Moving onto the Young Farmers Hedging competition kindly hosted by the Ladds Family, in 1<sup>st</sup> place for the seniors was Craig Procter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Henry Knowles and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Michael Todd, in the Inters there were 1<sup>st</sup> place John Woof, 2<sup>nd</sup> Martin Woof, both from Sedbergh YFC and in 3<sup>rd</sup> place Chris Harper so again Grayrigg had a successful competition day. The Senior members went along to the Eagle and Child at Staveley and the juniors to the Wakefield Arms for their Christmas meals, great food and a good night was had by all. Moving on to our very popular and successful domino drive, we raised over £500.00 for Multiple Sclerosis. We then went along to Skelsmergh Village Hall for a night of Indoor Bowls, many thanks for the Skelsmergh Bowling Club committee members for coming along giving up their time and showing us how to play, it's a lot harder than it looks!! Our next committee meeting will be Stephen Lockwood a past producer of the programme Countryfile and then Neil Crayston from Triple D Motorsport is coming along with some of his motorbikes to give a talk and demonstration. Our members are busy practicing and learning their lines for the Entertainments Competition, they are performing on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February at St Anne's School Windermere, then we will be hosting our Coffee Evening on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March in the Coronation Hall Grayrigg where we will be showing our production. We have also had our Southern District Annual General Meeting at the Castle Green Hotel, Grayrigg once again did very well collecting lots of trophies which they have won over the year, the new Southern District Chairman is John Longworth a member of Lowick YFC, Minutes Secretary is Caroline Todd, Oliva Muir Competitions Secretary and Dan Asplin is Social Secretary. Busy times ahead as always.





## Pub Nights

**2nd and 16th February  
2nd, 16th and 30th March**

**Bar from 8pm**

The monthly Pub Grub will be on 2nd February

### Menu

Cottage pie And Vegetables  
Followed by Eton Mess

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The monthly Pub Grub on 2nd March will be  
Ham, Egg, Chips and Peas  
Followed by Fruit Pie

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### **Coronation Hall 200 Club January draw**

1st Mr C Hodgson  
2nd Mr Robinson(Haverigg)  
3rd Mr G Barnes



Rose Thompson, who continues to be treasurer to FOGS - her son Peter graduated from university earlier this year.

There are so many people who support FOGS events and a huge amount of past pupils and parents who are always willing to help if it is needed.

Of course to all the wonderful members of the PCC who put up with us (me in particular) using church and never quite putting it back the way it was or sometimes even forgetting to tidy up - I promise it is never intentional but you never complain and for this I am eternally grateful.

And I must not forget the (slightly bonkers) people who have no family connection with the school but chose to be governors.

Of course the support of parents, grandparents and other family members could not be more appreciated you really are a great bunch.

In the last year, the school's reputation has continued to grow. We are now having regular visits from practitioners coming to see our school. We have had visits from leading experts in Early Years education - who come to spend the day with us to be inspired. We also ran a workshop at a national conference run by Dame Alison Peacock. None of this would be possible without the support of the amazing community - with no site manager and a small staff, the smallest things make the biggest difference and knowing how much you all care about our tiny school inspires us all to continue to keep working hard to develop our school - who knows, maybe we'll teach your grandchildren one day!

Lots of love Mrs Cooper xxx

## **CHURCH CLEANING**

### **Rota for February and March 2017**

#### **February**

5th Vera Hodgson  
12th Sharon Cartmel  
19th Sue Harper  
26th

#### **March**

5th  
12th  
19th Barbara Ellis  
26th

The rota will be in the Grapevine each month, and if anyone else would like to be added to the rota please let me know.

Thank you. Ann Kendal . Tel. 824276



February 2017



## Services at St John's Church

	Services	Minister	Readers	Prayers	Sides persons
February 5 10.00	4th before Lent Holy Communion CW	Rev Mark I' Anson	Mrs M Pattinson Mrs K Dickinson		Mr S Park Mrs H Parkins
12 10.00	3rd before Lent Mattins	Mr Clifford Kendal	Mrs P Robson		Mr M Edgar Mrs P Robson
19 10.00	2nd before Lent Prayer Book Communion	Rev K Partington Mr Clifford Kendal	Mrs C Edgar		Mr R Parkins Mrs K Dickinson
26 6.30pm	Sunday before Lent Evensong	Mr Clifford Kendal	Mrs H Parkins Mr David Last		Mrs H Parkins

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### CHURCHYARD MAINTANANCE

Your PCC has continued to keep the Churchyard in good order with regular grass cutting and has also ensured that all the headstones are safe. As you will appreciate this is quite costly. The first Soupa Saturday this year, raised £464 and this will go to the Churchyard account. It is only with this fundraising and generous donations that this work is possible and any further donations will be most welcome.

Donations may be made to the Treasurer Mr John Ellis or either of the Churchwardens.

### Annual Variety Concert

This year the Annual Grayrigg Variety Concert will be held on Saturday 11th March.

All proceeds this year will go to Grayrigg First Responders.