

The Borrowdale News

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'First Snow on Skiddaw' by Gill Bulch

(Framed prints and greetings cards of this painting and others are for sale in Grange Methodist Chapel in aid of The Borrowdale Story)

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The Vicar has said: It is right that every four years we should give everyone a chance to review or consider their financial commitment to the church. We all have changing circumstances - some will wish to give less, others may be able to increase their giving.

So that's what is happening this November.

The Church recognises this is a generous valley. So far we have not had to rely on continual Fetes and Coffee Mornings to balance the books. Indeed the Church Council facilitates Carol Singing (£1,300 raised last Christmas for The Children's Hospice in Carlisle) Marjorie Roscamp Coffee Morning (£1,298) and following the School Harvest Thanksgiving last month I was able to take 386 tins, packets and jars of food to the North Lakes Food Bank. That's all pretty good.

However, the Churches' running costs which were, when Gay wrote to you nine years ago £22,000 are now £36,000 a year.

Personally I do understand those who are not sympathetic with the Church and feel what we are and what we do is wrong. I respect that view. I also recognise that there are some families in the valley who are really struggling - they really can't afford to give.

Then there are the twenty-two people who we know do support the Church. They are in our buildings frequently. They will give very generously. OK.

The interesting group comprises those who say, frankly, they don't come to church and they don't want to come to church BUT they like the buildings and are grateful for the contribution we make to the community. It is these individuals and families we ask to please consider if they can support us financially - maintain the buildings, graveyard and other work we do.

A cup of coffee in town, a bottle of beer, four cigarettes - each cost a couple of quid. We are asking one hundred people to sign a standing order instructing their bank to transfer twenty-five pounds a quarter (that's the two pound a week I mentioned) from their bank to the church's bank. That would keep the show on the road.

Please help if you can and answer the Vicar's letter by sending your Standing Order to our Treasurer to-day. I promise I won't bother you again (in this way) for another four years!

Malcolm



BORROWDALE GLASS

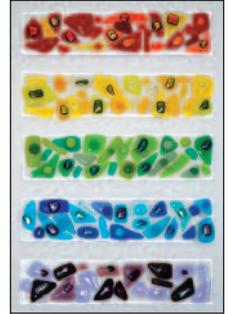
After 27 years as a modern languages teacher at Keswick School, Elaine Pratt now spends much of her spare time glass fusing. A process where she uses different shapes and sizes of glass and fuses them together in a kiln to create no end of beautiful colourful pieces of glass work; from bowls, ornaments and wall art to fridge magnets, jewellery and Christmas decorations.

Elaine attended a glass fusing workshop and came away with a keen interest and has taught herself all she knows - which she is happy to share in her workshops.

Elaine's passion and enthusiasm is clear to see through the variety of pieces she is creating, she has made personalised name pieces for birthdays and christenings, and has coordinated colour schemes for people to put in their homes. Elaine admits that this process is so versatile that you could take inspiration from almost anywhere to create your perfect piece. She is looking to develop her skills with creating landscape pieces, which living in Seathwaite will give her the perfect stimulation.

After the cost of the materials has been accounted for, Elaine donates profits to Cancer Research, a charity very close to her heart. She is keen to support the charity in any way possible, and this allows her to add to the regular donations she already provides.

You can admire Elaine's work by visiting her website www.borrowdaleglass.weebly.com or looking at her Facebook page Borrowdale Glass. To purchase items or to book a workshop, please contact Elaine on 017687 77357 or raingauge@btinternet.com.



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CHRISTINE BROWNLEE, OUR VERSATILE MILK LADY

Christine has lived in Stonethwaite for most of her life, being the third generation of her family to farm there since 1952.

She started farming aged 19, but had helped her parents, Victor and Anne, since her childhood. Since Victor retired, the farm was too big for Christine to farm on her own, so she now farms on land at Grange and Flimby with fewer sheep and no cattle.

As a real 'Jill of all trades', to supplement her income, she runs a daily milk round alternating between Grange and the top of the valley - a personal service that is becoming much rarer these days and a real boon for the valley. You can also find her working at High Lodore tearoom one day a week, caretaking a second home and cleaning holiday cottages.

In her leisure(!) time her real love is her dogs. She is a keen hound trailer, keeping two dogs in training and three retired at the Grange kennels and two with Victor at Threlkeld. (To the uninitiated, hound trailing is one of Cumbria's oldest and most popular sports. The trail hounds race over moorland, fields and fells for a distance of up to 10 miles. The trail is marked by an aniseed and paraffin oil rag. Participants will gamble on the outcome as well as compete for prize money).

A hobby which takes Christine all over Cumbria two or three times a week, competing in this very competitive sport is tough, but Christine and her father have had some modest success in the past. And they can always dream of having the next 'Sherghound'!



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Robert William Porter, Bill or L'll Port, was buried at Saint Andrew's on 19th October. He was a Valley man with farming, hunting, hound trailing all part of his enthusiasms. In spite of quite a tough life he was sustained by a countryman's humour. He enriched many lives.

The Enviroment Agency has been working both upstream and downstream at Grange Bridge to put right what Desmond and others have created - excess gravel has been removed carefully washed (to remove any taste of lead!) and sold. The river bed remains the same - we will see how our river behaves this winter.



Thanks to those who have purchased one of **Martin Roscamp's beautiful candelabra**. These magnificent works of craft and art will help illuminate Saint Andrew's for the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. Thank you to our donors.

We are seeking to reduce the cost to the **PCC of the Borrowdale News** next year. This year the Church has subsidised the publication by just under a thousand pounds. Next year we will have a further page and more small adverts. Anyone wishing to advertise please contact Sharon Thompson on 77032. Many thanks to those who do advertise.

Snippets got elongated on page 3. Apparently it's an improvement.

Good initial response to sale of tickets for **Farmers' Service and Dinner**. Further tickets from Malcolm on 77671.

The Church Council reviewed the Borrowdale News at its October meeting. Everyone liked the News and great appreciation was expressed to the team who write, publish and distribute this work of art. A request that The Hospitality Business should be profiled a little more. Shall do from January.

A new boiler is to be fitted to our church in **Stonethwaite**. Should be in by Christmas.

Snippets is seeking a disclosure of information on **Allerdale Council**. Question: How many lavatories are there in Allerdale House?

Worship and Dates...

31st October	9.30 am Editorial Group. Northside
4th November	10.30 am Coffee Morning at Barrow House.
6th November	10.30 am Holy Trinity, Grange. GAUDEAMUS CHOIR. 4 pm Evensong at Holy Trinity, Grange. 6 pm All Soul's Service at Saint John's, Keswick.
9th November	1 pm PCC at Northside.
13th November	10.30 am Holy Trinity, Grange. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE.
20th November	10.30 am Saint Andrew's, Stonethwaite. 4 pm Holy Trinity, Grange. Evensong.
22nd November	5.30 am The Borrowdale Story Committee meets at Keswick Museum.
27th November	10.30 am Saint Andrew's Day Celebration at Stonethwaite. CAKE SUNDAY. 4 pm Holy Trinity, Grange. Evensong.
2nd December	7 pm Farmers Service at Saint Andrew's, Stonethwaite and Dinner in Institute.
4th December	10.30 am Holy Trinity, Grange. 4 pm Holy Trinity, Grange. Evensong.

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Advance Notices:

5th December	9.30 am Editorial Group. Northside.
14th December	12 noon SOP (stands for Slightly Older Persons) Christmas Lunch. Borrowdale Hotel.
21st December	6 pm. First night of parish carol singing. Meet at Borrowdale Story (by the Bridge) For singing in Grange and district.
22nd-23rd December	Carol Singing in the Upper Dale.
24th December	Carol Singing around the Hotels
24th December	11.30 pm Midnight Mass by Candle Light + followed by a hot toddy - Saint Andrew's, Stonethwaite.
25th December	10 am Carols and Communion at Holy Trinity, Grange.

HONISTER MINE

Along with many other businesses, it was a challenging start to the year for Honister, following last December's storms and the five month closure of the A591. Although we were fully accessible, we did see less visitors than we would normally expect – especially people travelling through from South Lakes.

Since then, we have had a solid summer and we're continuing to try and develop the business in new directions.

The most recent expansion is the opening of a new section of underground tunnel which hasn't been seen since the 1970s. The newly-revealed section of mine workings – or 'black area' - has now become an official part of our 90 minute Kimberley Mine Tours.



Looking ahead, 2017 marks a special anniversary for everyone at Honister. It's now two decades since Mark Weir became the owner of the then derelict slate mine and next year we will be marking 20 years since slate production restarted and we ran our first ever mine tours down into Fleetwith Pike.

Mark Weir's passion, energy and vision was vital to getting the site working again, so we will be marking the occasion with some special events and celebrations. Watch this space!

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN NOVEMBER

From November onwards hedgehogs begin hibernating. They build a nest using dry leaves and bed down until temperatures begin to warm up in March. While hibernating their heartbeat drops from 190 to 20 beats per minute and body temperature drops from 35C to 10C, helping them to conserve energy. Take care not to disturb them when working in the garden, raking leaves or lighting bonfires. Though a few individuals may try, it is not possible for humans to escape the worst of a Borrowdale winter in this way !

