

The Borrowdale News

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'Great End above Seathwaite' by Gill Bulch

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A MOUNTAIN RESCUE

The recent snow forming a blanket over the high fells has taken me back to exactly three years ago when Keswick Mountain Rescue (fourteen men, including a doctor and two rescue dogs) came to my aid.

We set off on one of our favourite walks from our home in Grange, heading up behind Castle Crag, cutting down to Rosthwaite and returning along the river. With tumbling streams, lofty crags, great views and a stunning river glade it never fails to impress. Nearing the brow of Castle Crag we fixed microspikes to our boots and enjoyed the view to Stonethwaite and Eagle Crag.



Rescue on High Spy, February 2016

As we descended Lingy Bank I slipped. The spikes held but momentum carried my body forwards resulting in a loud 'crack'. When I moved my leg, the foot stayed where it lay-there was clearly a problem.

I cannot speak highly enough of the professional and caring attention I received from Keswick Mountain Rescue Team. Thanks to the analgesic, my memory is hazy but I do remember my best Bridgedale sock being cut off, the comfort of a warm, insulating sleeping bag and a sledge-style stretcher ride down to the waiting ambulance. With three broken bones and a dislocated ankle, I underwent surgery the next day and numerous plates and screws now hold everything together.

KMRT comprises of 45 members, all unpaid volunteers, who are available all times of the day and night, 365 days a year, to assist those in distress and lost on the mountains. Their area of responsibility ranges from Scafell in the south to the Caldbeck area in the north, including the whole of our valley and surrounding popular summits. It is no surprise therefore that 46 call outs from a total of 117 in 2015 were to locations in Borrowdale. Catbells tops the list with 10 call outs, with the Watendlath area having 4, Derwentwater also with 4, Scafell 3 and in the Sty Head area 2 call outs. Leg injuries accounted for the majority of calls for assistance, followed by medical emergencies, multiple injuries and mountain bike accidents. On one occasion the sounds of a farmer gathering sheep were mistaken for shouts for help. Sadly there were 10 fatalities recorded in 2015.

The Team can only function thanks to the help of the general public in the shape of covenants, legacies, and donations from well meaning people. Accidents can happen when we least expect them, when even experienced walkers feel confident and safe. So next time you see a collection box, drop something in: these people do a tremendous job and you never know when you might need them. Collection boxes can be found in most of the hotels in Borrowdale, and other ways to donate and further information can be found at www.keswickmrt.org.uk

Gill Bulch

HOSPITALITY IN BORROWDALE

One third of the Church's income comes from visitors - at the Old School, second home owners and those who drop into one of our churches.

The National Park, County Council and Keswick Tourist Association will tell a similar story - visitors are key to our economy. Many farmers also rely on visitors to supplement their income.



The Royal Oak, Rossthwaite, has been providing unique, quality hospitality and refreshment since it was built in the middle of the (18th. It was originally called the Miners' Arms. This was one of the first buildings using Borrowdale slate for roofing.

In the mid 19th century it was renamed - The Royal Oak.

George Hind plus wife and ten children purchased it (including the attached farm) in 1959 - he was a victualler, farmer and haulage contractor.

1970. Harold and Lucy Bestley bought The Royal Oak and in 1991 their daughter and husband bought back the farm originally associated with The Oak. Merrybreeches was built in 1999 - two pigsties, two cattle sheds and a hay loft provided four en-suite bedrooms overlooking the beck.

What makes The Oak distinctive? In a word loyalty. Staff loyalty. Dowson? Shirley from 1970; Pamela from 1987. Then Louise, Emily and Elliot all played their part. Then there's Ann and Sheila and Daniel and so many more whose lives are entwined with The Oak.

Loyalty of visitors. I've seen pictures of individuals and families celebrating forty years of visiting the place. In 1989 a young lady came to stay with her parents - her boyfriend stayed elsewhere. However he got in and hid under her bed and proposed to her. Now in his sixties he brings his extended family back to The Oak.

Meghan did her sixth form project on her parents' hotel and I am grateful to her for this. It has been the main source of information for me.

Hospitality is key to the life and economy of Borrowdale. The refreshment and renewal people experience when they come here is vital to their lives, their sanity, their relationships.

Malcolm Stonestreet

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STORY OF BORROWDALE

On Sunday 15th January there was a very special edition of the Antiques Road Show dedicated to the Jewish WW2 survivors and their families, resident in the UK. Invited to take personal memories and keepsakes, many told harrowing stories of their pasts. Natasha Kaplinsky explained how she had been commissioned to record the voices of survivors so they would not be lost. She was saddened that already some of the contributors were no longer with us but grateful to have had the opportunity to help and she realised how valuable her contribution had been to the memory of future generations.

Thankfully, Borrowdale doesn't have such a tormenting background but fortunately The Borrowdale Story has recorded and preserved some Valley Voices for posterity, and some of our contributors are sadly no longer with us. A reminder, if one was needed, that we must act now to identify, catalogue and preserve records of Borrowdale's history. Fortunately, a number of our Borrowdale residents have preserved collections of original materials, including documents and photographs, so that we may be able to provide information about the fascinating history to future generations of residents and visitors to this wonderful valley.

So, if you have anything that you believe might be of historical value for our project, would you please get in touch with me so that we may begin the process of producing such an archive. (Tel: 77828 or email: woodthorpe475@btinternet.com)

David Woodthorpe
Chairman, The Borrowdale Story



These two photographs are courtesy of Emmie Mounsey. They were taken in Grange by her late husband's aunt, Margaret in the very early days of photography and are on glass plates.

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The Borrowdale News - SNIPPETS. FEBRUARY 2017

Our Hotels are going through a sea change. Huge works at **The Lodore** and **The Scafell** and the **Royal Oak** up for sale. We wish all those involved in the Hospitality Business all the best as they prepare for the coming year.

The Shepherds' Meet is holding its annual dinner on Friday 16th February and our geriatric vicar is offering November 24th for the next Farmers' Service and Dinner. I understand he would really welcome any advice from anyone why this is an unsuitable evening.

Grandparents. We may be short of babies in the valley but Grandparents are having a bonanza - Helen and Steve Cook and Andrea and Andrew Jackson have made it. Like Policemen, grandparents seem to get younger every year.

Meanwhile Jake (Young Jake) is in **New Zealand** - having climbed the mountains including some pretty hairy rock faces (but he's the right shape) he now has a job and is earning a living - fruit picking. Well done Jake - Snippets is right proud of you.

Strange how we pick up little bits. It's 12 noon on Tuesday 17th January and I am thinking about our children from school making the trip to Manchester to learn something about snow and skiing. Amazing! But I also know that the new school Minibus is playing up and they had to call in at Morecambe to get a replacement. Snippets sometimes feels old and cut off from the valley. But News does travel pretty fast.

Susi and Craig Strang Wood have arrived for a three month stop over at The Coppice. They are looking to sell their house in the North East and move permanently to Borrowdale. This will be good as they are involved in thechurch! Snippets likes that.

Noticed that the Muslims seem to take **Ramadan** pretty seriously also that the Jews have lots of Festivals and Fasts which they enjoy. The Christians used to keep a thing called Lent. It was a kind of downbeat time before the big blowout of Easter if I remember correctly. If anyone has any more information about this old tradition please let me know.

<p>EGGS FOR SALE - FREE RANGE £2.40 a dozen at Hollows Farm, Grange. 017687 77298 Free delivery in Grange on Friday evening.</p>	<p>HIGH HILL AUTOMOTIVE Ltd. FORD SPECIALISTS SOUTHEY HILL TRADING EST. KESWICK Sales, Service, Repairs. 8.30-5.30 (Sat: 9-1) Sunday Car Sales - Ring: 017687 74894</p>
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Worship and Dates...

- 2nd February 6 pm Core Group Worship and Dinner for Candlemass. Holy Trinity, Grange.
5th February 10.30 am Holy Trinity, Grange. (Ian Jorysz)
4 pm Evensong, Holy Trinity, Grange.
6th February 9.30 am Borrowdale News Editorial Group. Northside.
8th February 1 pm PCC Northside. The Core Group invited to join us.
12th February 10.30 am Holy Trinity, Grange (Charles Hope)
15th February 7.30 pm Crosssthaite Parish Rooms. Mission Steering Group.
17th February 10.30 am Holy Trinity, Grange. (Julie Nelson)
4 pm Evensong, Holy Trinity, Grange.
20th February Borrowdale News Copy Date
22nd February 10.30 am Community Coffee Morning at Mary Mount. All welcome.
26th February 10.30 am Holy Trinity, Grange. CAKE SUNDAY - Emmie.
4 pm Evensong. Holy Trinity, Grange.
1st March 10.30 am Holy Trinity, Grange. Ash Wednesday Communion (1662)
5th March 10.30 am Holy Trinity, Grange.
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Advance Notices:

- 8th March 10.30 am Ash Wednesday Service at Grange. Followed by Lent Group each Thursday (starting on Thursday 9th) at Northside again 10.30 am followed by Soup and a bun at 12 noon. Subject: The Beatitudes.
15th March 1 pm Church AGM and Lunch at Borrowdale Hotel. Story followed by a brief PCC.
22nd March 10.30 am Community Coffee Morning at Scafell Hotel.
25th March Dementia Day Conference - part of the Church's work - meeting in Keswick. For details ask Clergy.
26th March Mothering Sunday. Saint Andrew's reopens. Flowers for the Mothers and others.
1st April The Church in Borrowdale Away Day. Rydal Hall. Reflecting, understanding, sharing and planning.
25th April Marjorie Roscamp Coffee Morning at Northside. (LEPROSY MISSION)
28th May GAUDEAMUS Choir at Holy Trinity Grange 10.30 am.
5th July 7 pm The Fitzwilliam Quartet at Holy Trinity, Grange.
24th November Provisional Date for Farmers' Service and Dinner.

BORROWDALE SINGS FOR 'JIGSAW'

Built in 2007, 'JIGSAW' (Cumbria Children's Hospice) provides day to day care, support and activities to children and young people living with a life limiting illness. Care is provided in a home from home setting and each young person's care is personalised towards their own needs.



Their ethos is to work in partnership with the children and young adults, their families, carers and other professionals and aim to maintain the children and young adults' normal routines and make each stay as special and as enjoyable as possible.

The Borrowdale carol singers, with the help of friends from Keswick, spent four nights before Christmas, singing for valley residents and those spending the Christmas holiday here. People were extremely generous, both in the houses and hotels and the wonderful total of £1,200 was raised for JIGSAW.



Thank you so much to you all for your singing, listening, food and drink, fun and most of all your generosity. JIGSAW receive 28% of their running costs from the local NHS while the remaining 72% come from the generosity of their supporters in the local area and beyond.

So, be assured, your gifts will be very much appreciated and very well used.

Thank you again!!!

Sue Ryan