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'Birch and Bracken - Grange Fell' by Gill Bulch

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TROUTDALE FISH HATCHERY

Troutdale is the minor valley, which runs behind The Leathes Head Hotel. Its small beck is not known to contain trout - so how did the dale get its name? In fact, the valley has a unique place in history - it was the site of the world's first commercial fish hatchery.

Some time before 1860 a Dr Parnaby, who lived opposite the Borrowdale Hotel, conceived the idea of raising young fish to sell to people who wanted to re-stock rivers and lakes. It was a great success and rearing sheds soon filled the little valley. Within fifteen years the business, now owned by Dr Parnaby's business partner (a Mr JJ Armistead), had outgrown its premises and expanded to a new site in Dumfriesshire.

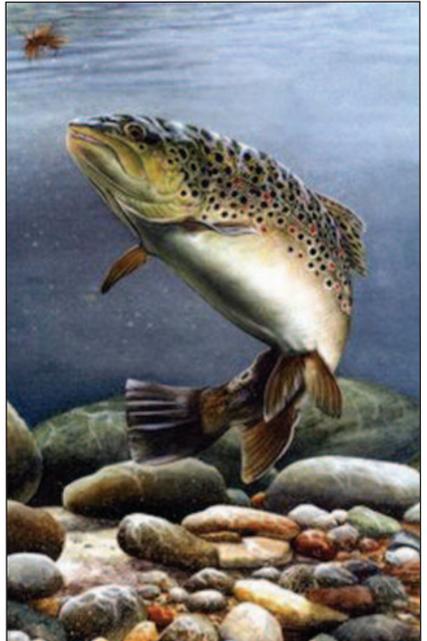
Dr Parnaby was fascinated by the lifecycle of salmon and retained the Troutdale premises to enable him to conduct his research. Two things puzzled him: Why were there no salmon in Borrowdale when they were common elsewhere in the Derwent; and was it possible that salmon returned to the river of their birth?

He obtained Derwent salmon spawn from further down the river and reared thousands of young fish. He marked every one on the adipose fin and released them into the Troutdale stream.

In the autumn of the following year an employee rushed into the Borrowdale Hotel, where Parnaby was enjoying a quiet drink, and exclaimed, "Doctor, theer yan o'them cum back." A single marked salmon had returned. Parnaby caught the fish and took it to London in a tank, living proof that his theory of salmon returning was correct. The mystery of the absence of natural salmon in Borrowdale was answered later by observation of the raging torrents that pour from Seathwaite and around - the upper Derwent is simply too violent for the successful hatching of salmon.

Some time before the end of the 19th Century, the Troutdale experiment died. A flash flood caused damage to the tanks and eventually the buildings were dismantled. Now there are just a few long slate-lined holes beside the beck, perhaps worth a look next time you're passing.

Source: 'Around the Lakeland Hills' by F.J. Carruthers



LOCAL PARISH COUNCIL SEEK YOUR VIEWS

Borrowdale Parish Council have been concerned for a period of time now regarding the impact on the Parish of reductions in funding to the Borough & County Council for Parish maintenance works, e.g. vegetation management, grass cutting, footway maintenance, sapling removal, sign clearance/maintenance etc. An idea that has been used elsewhere in the County is that of the local Parish Council increasing its precept (the amount of money it raises via Council Taxes) to cover the costs of contracting a Parish Maintenance/Lengths man to undertake some of these roles.

For Borrowdale Parish Council to consider contracting such a person the Parish Council would need to raise the Precept by circa £2000 per year (either permanently or on a trial basis). This would pay for circa 12 days over the course of a year. This would work out as approximately an increase of £10 per year for each Household within the Parish.

The Parish Council are keen to canvas your opinion (either way) on this proposal. If you are in support/object or have any other comments, please can you email them to clerk@borrowdale.org.uk by the 31st December 2016.



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Towards the end of 2016, a team from Oxford Dictionaries announced the winner of their search for word of the year - the word that best epitomized the mood, spirit or events of 2016. The word they chose was a leaden, hyphenated adjective - 'post-truth'. This word's been around for a while, and though it never made its way into the dictionary, it was assumed that it meant 'after the truth was known'. Today, however, it has taken on a new meaning, something rather sinister. According to the search team, it now refers to a state of affairs where 'appeals to emotion and personal belief' exert greater influence in shaping public opinion than 'objective facts'.



It's likely that this word derived its new meaning from the political tremors produced in 2016 by the UK referendum campaign and the US presidential campaign, but especially the latter. There are many examples of post-truth politics that can be drawn from both campaigns. Take that big red bus that was driven up and down the country during the referendum campaign - the one with the huge lettering on the side claiming that £350 million would be available to spend on the NHS every week once we Brexited. Some eagerly bought that idea, mesmerized by the eye-watering savings that they were told could be achieved. Too bad about the facts, though. They got left behind, choking on the fumes spewing from the exhaust of the big red bus as it trailed away. Despite facts to the contrary, the lettering on the side of the bus was never corrected and many Brexiteers clung to the claim. Then there's that wall that Donald Trump promised to erect to stop Mexicans from crossing illegally into the United States. The crowds roared their approval every time he spoke of this - and they roared again when he added that he would send the bill for building it to the Mexican government. He must have been banking on the crowds not knowing the facts of the political world that he was campaigning to inhabit. Did they not know that not one brick could be laid unless both houses of Congress agreed or that he would have no legal authority to require the government of another sovereign state to fund a project it wanted nothing to do with? As these examples of post-truth politics suggest, truth often struggles when it is assaulted by the mass appeal of phony ideas promoted by those determined to ignore it. Truth is also assaulted in other ways - for example, when politicians intentionally fail to answer a question put to them, produce an answer that is wilfully vague, confusing or irrelevant, or make a statement that exaggerates the true state of affairs by making something sound better or worse than it is. These assaults are staged by the nasty cousins of post-truth politics. Their names are evasion, prevarication, equivocation, obfuscation, and exaggeration. Most

politicians, it is thought, don't engage in such behaviour. But, sadly, some do, and, unfortunately, all politicians are tarred by the same brush. According to polls that have been conducted every year or two since 1994, those who have felt that British politicians 'almost always' tell the truth constitute fewer than 10 per cent of the public - and as many as 50 per cent have responded 'almost never'. This is a serious indictment and should set off alarm bells. Truth is a delicate commodity, and when it is violated the result is an erosion of trust, mounting cynicism, and spreading disaffection. And when these things happen, it's only a matter of time before democracy itself is threatened.

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Mary Davidson's funeral took place at Saint Andrew's on the 7th of December. She was 83 and died in The Dalton at Cockermouth. She was born in Stonethwaite and always felt she belonged in the valley.

Midnight Mass will be lit by a thousand candles at Saint Andrew's on **Christmas Eve** (starts 11.30pm) the service will be followed by Hot Toddy. At the School Christingle service three so called wise men explained the gifts they were giving: Bit of Gold, money might help. Bit of Incense, he will need a bit of worship. Bit of Myrrh, it helps when you are fed up, a bit low, out of sorts. Anyway let's hope you all bring your gifts to Saint A's to get this Christmas thing off to a good start. 11.30pm Christmas Eve.

Our **School** now has a new and second mini-bus. This will give us more flexibility in getting around and experiencing our learning in the heart of the community, it will also make getting to and from school much easier.

Charlie and Poppie have joined the Keswick/Saint John's **Tygers Group**. Teenagers who are holding on to and growing in their faith. Snippets popped in at their Christmas Party. This was held at Mirehouse. Excellent food and seemed a lot of fun. A good group.

Patricia Roscamp celebrated her 80th Birthday with a small party. On the CAKE it said she was "Teacher, Enviromentalist, Carer, Activist, Artist and Aityist"

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Worship and Dates...

A reminder of Christmas Day Worship:

Christmas Eve. 11.30pm Midnight Mass by Candlelight - Saint Andrew's, Stonethwaite.

Christmas Day. 10am Carols and Communion - Holy Trinity, Grange.

All Welcome and indeed looked for...

1st January	Epiphany (that means the wise men arrive - how about you?) 10.30am Holy Trinity, Grange.
5th January	Winter Term starts at Borrowdale School.
8th January	10.30am Grange Chapel. Covenant Service. Keith Rushton. 4pm Evensong, Grange.
9th January	9.30am Editorial Group, Northside.
11th January	1pm PCC Northside.
15th January	10.30am Holy Trinity, Grange. 4pm Evensong, Grange.
22nd January	10.30am Holy Trinity, Grange. Cameron Butland. 4pm Evensong, Grange.
23rd January	Copy Date - Borrowdale News for February.
26th January	10.30am. Parish Coffee Morning. The Borrowdale Gates.
29th January	10.30am. Holy Trinity, Grange. 4pm Evensong, Grange.
5th February	10.30am Holy Trinity, Grange. Ian Jorysz. 4pm. Evensong, Grange.

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Advance Notices:

20th February	7pm The Borrowdale Story committee meeting.
8th March	10.30am Ash Wednesday. Holy Trinity, Grange, followed by Lent Group each THURSDAY at Northside 10.30am concluding at 12 noon with soup and a bun.

Borrowdale Farmers came to Church for the first Farmers' Service - most of them managed to escape having their photograph taken - no permanent record, but I know they came! Then the dinner. Generally thought excellent. Dale and Fell of Appleby catered. The Institute was transformed by the extraordinary skill of Santa's Little Helpers. We were all hugely impressed.

