



June 2026

St Oswald's Parish Church, Dean

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Services and activities

St Oswald's Church is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and welcomes all who wish to visit. Our Sunday morning services are at 10.00 a.m. – on the 1st Sunday of each month we have a traditional Book of Common Prayer said Holy Communion, the 2nd a Common Worship Morning Prayer with hymns & refreshments, the 3rd a short said Celtic Morning Prayer & the 4th a full Common Worship Holy Communion with hymns & refreshments.

More information about our Church including Services can be found at www.achurchnearyou.com/dean-st-oswald and on Facebook.

Editor's Letter

Hello, fabulous villagers!

June has breezed in with a splash of sunshine and a bouquet of wildflowers, and our villages are buzzing with excitement! From hedgerows shimmering with colour to gardens alive with busy bees, the longer evenings are perfect for impromptu picnics and BBQs, fireside stories, and spontaneous evening walks in the hills around us.

Huge thanks to everybody who made the Dean Arts and Scarecrow Festival another massive success in May! So many people contributed, from the organizing committee, the volunteers, people who baked, those who made scarecrows and those who turned up to enjoy the spectacle. (See a full page of thanks inside this edition).

This edition is bursting at the seams with cheerful tales, quirky updates, and events you won't want to miss. Our local gardeners have pulled off some amazing feats (green thumbs everywhere!). Don't miss the scoop from the Parish Council and all the fun from our local clubs and societies.

If you've got a story, a photo, or even a riddle to share, don't hesitate—join the fun and get in touch! Here's to a June filled with laughter, sunshine, and community spirit.

With big smiles,

Kevin

Editor, Dean Parish News

Deadline for the July edition is 15th June

DEAN PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

THE ANNUAL REPORT

Proceedings of the PCC in 2025

The Parochial Church Council has met 6 times since the 2025 Annual Meeting with a high rate of attendance at each meeting. In August we held an extraordinary meeting to discuss and approve the faculty application for installation of handrails for the chancel steps.

Each meeting followed a structured agenda and included a Safeguarding report. We now have a **Facebook page** on which special services are posted in addition to the “A Church Near You” website

The Treasurer presents a financial report at each PCC meeting.

Other items included our links with the Grasmoor Mission Community (GMC) with Dean School and with our community.

Ministry and Mission in 2025

Our services continue to be led by members of the GMC clergy team and by Lay members of the PCC. We are grateful to all those who are willing to lead our services. All regular services begin at 10.00 am, our BCP (Book of Common Prayer) service is usually held on the first Sunday of the month. Our regular Common Worship (CW) communion on the 4th Sunday of each month. The second and third Sundays are (CW) Morning Prayer and a said service in the Northumbrian tradition.

Regular services have a smaller congregation numbering 10 to 16 participants. Larger numbers attend at Harvest, Carol Service, Christmas & Easter with the Crib and Christingle service attracting the largest mixed age congregation of over 100.

In the past year we have held two baptisms and two funerals and one interment of ashes.

We continue to have strong links with Dean School. We run the Experience programme assisted by other members of GMC and for each session a class from school join us along with their staff which they much enjoy. In addition to the school end of term services held in Church the school has held several clergy led assemblies also in church.

The PCC recently funded and purchased Bibles for the schoolchildren to use during their classroom work.

Our Parish Magazine is delivered by a team of volunteers to every home in the parish. Recently we were very pleased to appoint a new editor following the retirement of our long-standing editor, Michael. We must give a special thank you to Michael for his years as editor, and thanks to all who deliver the magazine and of course to Kevin for volunteering to be the magazine editor.

The Lunch Club is held on the second Thursday of the month in Ullock Village Hall.

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The Fabric Report

Maintenance of the Church Building and Churchyards is one of the major responsibilities of the PCC.

During the past year Askins and Little carried out various masonry tasks mainly around the windows including lead work repair to the hood of the East Window.

New bell ropes were fitted during the year.

Our boiler has been serviced by Whitehaven Gas and fitted with a new thermocouple; it has been troublesome to get going for quite a time. As we want the church heating to be reliable, we need to consider a replacement boiler, parts for the current one may become difficult to obtain rendering the boiler obsolete.

Capricorn our previous grass cutting team have struggled for some time using their machines to cut the grass in the churchyards and have now stepped back from this job.

We have recently asked Mark Scott to tender for the grass cutting in both churchyards and we are currently in the process of agreeing his contract.

THANK YOU

Many people support St. Oswald's both financially and by giving up their time to help it run smoothly and serve our community, making it a very special place to worship and visit. Thanks go to everyone; those who support worship as readers, sidespersons and altar duty, playing the organ, flower arranging, making coffee and those who are on the regular church cleaning rota. A hardworking, dedicated team who all help to keep our beautiful, historic church going and making it a great place to enjoy in whatever capacity. ***A big thank you to all.***

Dean Parish Litter Pick - Update

Cumbria Crack have informed the Friends of the Lake District that they want to cover the litter and anti-social behaviour issue on an ongoing basis with a weekly spotlight on problematic geographical areas of the Lake District and Cumbria.

Following up on our very successful local litter pick they have asked if we would be one of their voices on the ground and send photos of any major littering, fly-camping, or 'fly-parking' that blocks access or damages verges etc so that it can be featured. We would just need to include details of time and place, and any other feedback, e.g. if those responsible have been contacted.

If you see any examples of such anti-social behaviour, please send a photo and full details to Tim.Chittenden@deanparishcouncil.com so that we report the issue to Cumbria Crack and Friends of the Lake District.

CHURCH NEWS

As part of the recent Arts & Scarecrow Festival St Oswald's Church, which is always open to everyone every day, was manned as notified in the last edition of Parish News from 10 o'clock in the morning until 4 o'clock on the Saturday, Sunday & Monday – replacing the opportunity for the guided walk around the Old Churchyard and the Church building which was offered in previous Festivals.

We weren't sure whether many people would take up the opportunity to visit the Church this time, but happily the organisers of the Treasure Hunt started off their list of clue questions with 2 actually in the Church building, so on the Saturday there was no time in the offered six hours that the Church was empty – yes – looking for answers – but also having a good look around and seeking answers to questions of their own. Many had never actually been inside, whilst others had no idea of the age of the place or its history.

Many came in, having heard of our *famous* Mice – and spent a joyful few minutes finding them, and admiring the Robert Thompson furniture they are part of. As the person manning those 18 hours, (having over the years spent many hours in the lovely old building) I have to say they were the shortest hours in my memory. I'm hoping that if we do it again in 2028 that the Treasure Hunt team will be as kind to us again in bringing people in. And if you can't wait, don't forget that the place is still open 24 hours every day, and if you have some spare time to fill, it's always worth a visit.

Michael Bonner – Lay Minister, Dean Parish Church



Lorton & Derwent Fells Local History Society

The next talk arranged by Lorton & Derwent Fells Local History Society will take place on **Thursday 11 June** at 7.30 pm at Yew Tree Hall, High Lorton, CA13 9UJ.

It will be preceded by a short AGM.

Artists and Prints: Cumbria illustrated in early 19th century prints **Dr Michael Winstanley**, formerly of Lancaster University

Developments in printing techniques, including engraving and lithography, made mass reproduction of artworks possible. Prints quickly became popular with the artists and the public.

Dr Winstanley will present the 19th century artists who depicted Cumberland in prints. He will show examples local to our area and explore what these prints can tell us about life in the region at the time.

All are welcome. Visitors £4 cash to include refreshments, payable at the door.
Parking in Lorton is tricky, so please allow plenty of time.



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The poster features a central image of a woman with face paint holding a plant. It includes circular inset photos of performers: a woman singing, a man playing a saxophone, and a man in a hat. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with a dark background.

Dean Scarecrow and Arts Festival

Friday 1st May -Monday 4th May 2026

Well, I hope that you will all agree that it was a very successful festival thanks to everyone in our fantastic community.

Over 84 residents made a Scarecrow plus we had a living one! This was fantastic so much creativity and imagination. Without these we would not have a festival!

On behalf of the committee. THANK YOU ALL for making it possible.

The people who made the signs put the banners signs up and took them down after the event. The minibus drivers.

The people who moved chairs, tables etc all weekend. All the Marshals.

All the people who worked in the kitchen or serving food. Car park attendants.

All the brilliant cooks who made a cake or cakes and then more cakes as we needed more each day.

The raffle ticket sellers. The people who asked for and collected raffle prizes and everything else in connection with the raffle. The people and businesses who donated prizes for the raffle

The organisers of the Treasure Hunt, Planted pots. The map sellers

All the Church activities. All those in Ullock who had craft stalls.

The people who manned the show tent and bar tent and managed the events. The bar staff from Dean & District.

A huge thank you to Alan Wood for the loan of the fields and all the work connected with this and to the Lawsons for the Generators.

Thank you for the generous grant from Grantscape -Potato Pot, Wind Farm limited.

Thank you to all the committee who have worked so hard for the last two years, without their work we would not have had a festival. We will be holding a meeting soon to discuss the financial outcome from the festival and will be sharing some of the profits with local organisations.

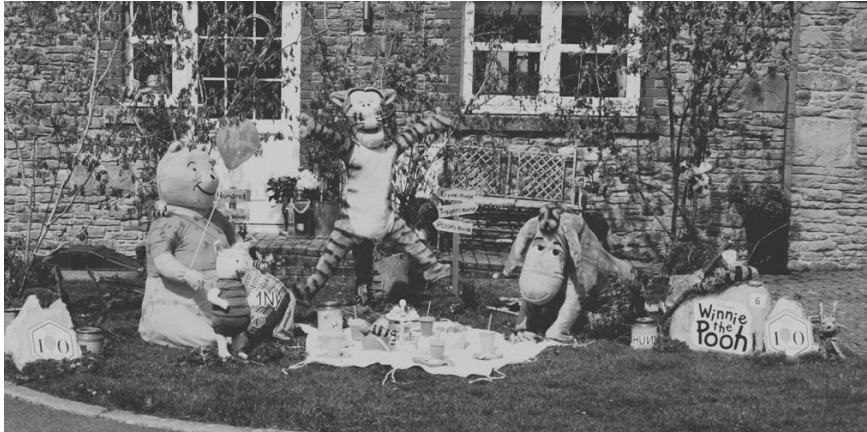
Finally, we should all be so proud to live and be part of such a brilliant community. Sybil Worsley.



Dean Scarecrow and Arts Festival

The winners

1st Tammy Woods, Winnie the Pooh in Dean.



2nd Louise Richardson, Walkies Dog, in Branthwaite



3rd Abigail's Stranger Things in Dean.



Dean Arts and Scarecrow Festival raffle 2026

*****Thank you to all our raffle prize donors*****

List of prizes and winning tickets:

1. Dobies Charitable Trust - £75 voucher for Washington Central Hotel **24**
2. The Royal Yew - £50 voucher **2381**
3. Lake District Well-Being - voucher for 2, group sound bath **3197**
4. Afternoon tea for 2 at Armathwaite Hall **3645**
5. Cumberland Pencil Company – large tin of colouring pencils **228**
6. Shills – Hamper **2655**
7. Shills - Case of 3 bottles of wine **3094**
8. Kirkstile Inn – £25 voucher **3537**
9. Theatre by the Lake - 2 theatre tickets **1868**
10. Keswick Launch Company- Family round trip, up to 2 adults & 3 children **3005**
11. The Ritz Cinema - 4 guest passes **2398**
12. Parkway Cinema – 2 complimentary tickets **2234**
13. Keswick Climbing Wall – voucher for 1 hr climbing session **2861**
14. Lakeland Hauntings – voucher for 2 for Ghost Walk, Keswick **2695**
15. Jennings Brewery - 2 tour tickets **29**
16. Large and small Stanley Insulated mugs and Cool Bag **2145**
17. Aspava restaurant - £20 voucher **2143**
18. Holmen - Bottle of Whisky **2587**
19. Holmen - Bottle of Gin **3753**
20. Chambers Joinery - wine and chocolates **3249**
21. Harrisons butchers - Voucher for 2kg chicken **3389**
22. Cockermouth Art and Craft Shop - £15 token **225**
23. New Bookshop - £10 voucher **3040**
24. Shills - Box of chocolates **3203**
25. Bottle of wine **2800**
26. Sainsbury's - Bottle of Prosecco **1768**
27. Bottle of Prosecco **1522**

- 28.Allison’s chemist - OS map work top saver **3278**
- 29.Toy Shop, Cockermouth - £10 voucher **2781**
- 30.Tesco’s – Hamper **1560**
- 31.Morrison’s – Hamper **3722**
- 32.Holmen- Box of Maltesers **1972**
- 33.Holmen- Box of Quality Street **3604**
- 34.Holmen-Box of Wine Gums **1962**
- 35.Holmen- Box of Fruit Pastilles **2168**
- 36.Holmen-Box of Celebrations **2367**
- 37.Lidl- Box of Swizzles sweets **2004**
- 38. Haigh’s Butcher’s - £15 voucher **3480**
- 39. Oakhurst Garden Centre- £10 voucher **1822**
- 40. Wild Duck Pub, Branthwaite- £50 voucher **2553**
- 41. Old Posting House, Deanscales - £40 voucher **1578**
- 42. Watsons Dairies- £40 voucher **1577**
- 43. Asda – Hamper **2385**
- 44. The Linden Tree - £10 voucher **117**
- 45. County Fruit Store - £10 voucher **2711**

****Any prizes not claimed by June 25th will be donated to charity****

Dean Arts and Scarecrow Festival 2026 Treasure Hunt winner is:

C. C. from Frizington.

The correct answer was 141.

Congratulations to Colt who wins a voucher for 2 adults and 2 children
for The Lake District Wildlife Park.



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Dean & District Sports & Social Committee

New members needed – come and join us!

We're a group of about a dozen volunteers from Dean, Ullock, Branthwaite and Deanscales, who run licensed bars at local weddings, parties and events, with profits going back into our villages.

Members usually help out at three or four bars or events per year, so the time commitment is not huge, but it's good fun and it's all in aid of our local community!

The money we raise pays for annual Christmas parties and a sports day for local children, as well as the popular Christmas meal vouchers for our older residents to use in our local pubs.

We also support the Dean School minibus, the Thursday Club, the Royal British Legion, the Dean Christmas tree and lights, and other local good causes.

We usually meet once a month in the Kirkstile Community Centre in Dean. If you'd like to join us or find out more, or to enquire about a bar for your own wedding, party or event, please contact us at DeanandDistrictSSC@gmail.com

Gardening Tips for June

Make the Most of Your Summer Garden

June is a fantastic month for gardening in the UK, as the longer days and warmer temperatures encourage plants to thrive. Here are some essential tips to keep your garden looking its best:

- **Watering:** Water early in the morning or late in the evening to minimise evaporation and help plants stay hydrated. Pay particular attention to newly planted shrubs and containers, which can dry out quickly.
- **Deadheading:** Remove spent flowers from roses, bedding plants, and perennials to promote ongoing blooming and prevent seeds from forming.
- **Feeding:** Apply a balanced liquid fertiliser to flowering plants and vegetables to support vigorous growth.
- **Pest Control:** Keep an eye out for aphids and slugs, especially after rain. Use organic methods such as hand removal or wildlife-friendly deterrents where possible.
- **Lawn Care:** Mow your lawn regularly but avoid cutting it too short during hot spells. Consider leaving a patch unmown for wildlife.
- **Harvesting:** Pick strawberries, salad leaves, and early peas as they ripen. Regular harvesting encourages further cropping.
- **Planting:** It's still a good time to plant summer bedding and sow fast-growing annuals for late colour. Direct sow seeds such as sunflowers and nasturtiums.
- **Wildlife:** Top up bird baths and feeders and leave some areas of your garden undisturbed to support bees and other pollinators.

With these tips, your garden should continue to flourish throughout June, providing a vibrant and welcoming outdoor space.



Morning Tea/Coffee

Wellington Farm Tearoom

Laplugh Rd, Cockermouth CA13 0QU

What better thing to do on a glorious Sunday morning after a dog walk in Setmurthy Woods? Brunch at Wellington Farm Tearoom of course!

We hadn't booked a table & when we went in there were lots reserved signs on tables, but it wasn't a problem. The staff were really friendly. We opted to sit out on the sheltered deck looking out over the stunning mountain views.

The drinks came quite quickly even though they were busy. Orange juices, tea for me & coffee for Kevin. Food followed & it was hot, freshly cooked, very tasty & good portion sizes. I had eggs Benedict & Kevin had pancakes with bacon & maple syrup.

Menu covers breakfast, lunch, light meals, cakes, scones or just have an ice cream!

There's lots to see & do for families so it's definitely worth a visit. There are animals to see & there's a trail to run around in the woods. Chewy was very interested in the beautiful peacock strutting around!

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Quickbeam and Ceitidh Mac at Mosser Fell Church



Saturday 13 June • Starts at 6.00pm

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The Mosser Fell Church Sessions return for 2026 with two incredible acts.

QUICKBEAM

Quickbeam, whose name harks back to the Old English term for the Rowan tree, is made up of four talented vocalists and musicians from Cumbria:

Abigail Driver, Alison Scott, Arwen Heaton and Jessie McMeekin.

“Quickbeam are a fantastic live act – gorgeous harmonies and a quirky sense of humour to bring a bit of light and joy into the world!” Dave Camlin

CEITIDH MAC

With a progressive twist to her music, Ceitidh Mac is an alt.folk singing / cellist, tipped by Jude Rogers as a ‘Fascinating new Welsh-born, Tyneside-dwelling singer-songwriter and cellist, with an unusual, stunning voice.’ Absorbing in its originality, Ceitidh Mac creates songs that soar with contemporary arrangements / instrumentation playing with live and electronic elements, whilst having a prominent folk influence.

‘Stunning lyrics and a genuine undertone gave me goose-bumps as Mac delicately created beautiful soundscapes through the cello’ NARC magazine



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Lunch Club in UVH
11th June 12-30pm.
SOUP, Cheese and biscuits,
cake, chat and quiz.
Last meeting until September
11th.

Art Club in UVH
Fridays @ 10.00 am
New members welcome

Thursday Club In UVH
25th June 2pm-4pm.
Garden tour, tea and bingo.
All welcome

Wild Duck & in Branthwaite, now re-opened.
Quiz nights,
Darts & Dominoes,
Live Music
check Facebook page for schedule

and please remember – this is your notice board.

Dates for your Diary

June

Sunday	7 th	10.00 a.m.	Said BCP Holy Communion
	11 th	12.30 p.m.	Lunch Club in UVH
	13 th	6.00 p.m.	Quickbeam & Ceitidh Mac in Mosser Fell Church
		7.30 p.m.	Zapatos Rojos in KCC
Sunday	14 th	10.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	16 th	7.30 p.m.	Dean WI in KCC
Sunday	21 st	10.00 a.m.	Said Celtic Morning Prayer
	25 th	2.00 p.m.	Thursday Club in UVH
Sunday	28 th	10.00 a.m.	Parish Communion
		7.30 p.m.	Harp & a Monkey in KCC

Plus our regular weekly activities

Day	Time	What & Where
Monday	9.00 a.m.	“Dean Ducklings” Playgroup in Dean School
	10.30 a.m.	Art Group in KCC
	10.00 a.m.	Marron Valley Handbells in UVH
	7.00 p.m.	“Sing owt” Choir in UVH
Tuesday	6.00 p.m.	Ballet Classes for adults in UVH
Wednesday	10.30 a.m.	Dean Handbell Ringers in KCC
Thursday	7.30 p.m.	Oswald Singers in Dean School.
Friday	10.00 a.m.	Art Class in UVH

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MEETING PLACES IN THE PARISH

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The facility is available for Private Hire, Sports and Arts activities.

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KIRKSTILE COMMUNITY CENTRE, DEAN (KCC)

is available for parties, concerts, meetings etc.

Rates are £10 per hour for the whole premises, £5 per hour for the kitchen (small meeting room).

For more details or to book please contact Sybil Worsley on 01946 861580

ULLOCK VILLAGE HALL (UVH)

is available for parties, concerts, meetings etc.

Rates are £7.50 per hour – For the whole hall

£4 per hour – For the small room (kitchen)

Commercial rates available. For bookings, please contact:

Margaret Trotter 01946 861458 or Jacqui Clarkson 07824 534708

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