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BACK TO NORMAL?

RVHS SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION 2022

It's great to be able to announce the return of the Spring Garden Competition!

Now is the time to start planning your garden so that it is at its best when the judges call round towards the end of May.

This year, there will be only one category: The Spring Garden.

If you would like to enter this year's Competition, please contact Sally Fisher by phone (01229 861876 mobile 07908 429342) or email (sally.fisher072@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Please include your name and address.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER GARDEN COMPETITION

Advanced notice of this competition for U/16s.

There will be classes for 'Child's Garden' and 'Hanging basket or container'.

Open to children living in the Show Area. To be judged in July.

Special prizes as well as cash prizes. Free entry. Full details in the show schedule, which will be available in June.

Sponsored by Rusland Valley Community Trust.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

There is going to be a Jubilee celebration in Satterthwaite on Friday 3rd June. It will be held in Rachael and David Holt's field (on the right of Nursery Lane). We are inviting everyone to a Jacob's Join with the aim of sitting down for lunch at 1pm. Hopefully there will be a tent and several gazebos in case the weather is inclement (as if!). Bring your own picnic chairs, tables, rugs. Why not enter into the spirit and dress up in '50s styles, or something suitably patriotic...how about decorated hats?

There will be lots of games for children, adults and dogs!

MYSTERY OF THE MISSING METAL?

Does anyone know what has happened to the small piece of red metal (about the size of a brick) that was set into the forestry wall by the roadside on the bend between Bowkerstead top drive and the Moor Lane pull in, approaching Satterthwaite? The wall was knocked down by trees falling in our winter storms, and the metal was there for a while, but has been removed by.....?? It is little bit of Satterthwaite history - it was from the front of the school bus that ran into the wall, back in the day. Our then lengthsmen, Vos Karpinski (a Polish refugee who stayed on after WW2, lodging at Pepper House), fitted the metal into the wall when he rebuilt it. It would be very nice to have it back, so that it can be re-incorporated into the wall. Anyone who knows where it is, please tell Andrew Stoker (860292/ 07974 316986).

UKRAINIAN CRISIS DONATIONS

Fran Townsend and Hazel Stone from the Forestry Commission would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in Satterthwaite and environs who donated items to go out to Poland for Ukrainian refugees. Hazel had tapped into the Polish community in Kendal, and all our donations were very speedily despatched on a returning Polish freight lorry. The word is now that cash is probably the most urgent requirement, and best channelled through the DEC Ukraine Appeal.

RAINFALL

Total rainfall for February was 10.57" (9.19" 2021) and only 3 dry days (11dry 2021). By contrast March to the 27th has only 2.43" rain and 15 dry days.

OXEN PARK

Hurrah!! – The Manor is open again

RUSLAND HORIZONS

Broadening Horizons project with Furness College

In March we had two wonderful days with the Furness College students at Glass Knott Woods. Gareth and Ro Thomas, of Woodmatters, ran the event and shared their extensive knowledge, encouraging the students to take part in activities such as fire lighting, whittling, bread and rope making and hunting for animal tracks. The next two events will be held towards the end of March and will include a day of soil analysis and biodiversity assessment as part of our Colton Parish Greening project, plus a three-day residential at Rookhow to learn more bushcraft skills, traditional woodland skills, such as coppicing, and creation of an artwork piece under the guidance of a very talented artist, Sue Flowers, funded by UCLan, our other key partner on this project.

Dry-stone walling work parties

Our first walling work party of the year took place in March at Abbot Park Farm. Thanks to the group of volunteers, and guidance from experienced waller Jim Doherty, a great day of walling was had by all and a much-needed section of dry-stone wall was re-built to make two fields stock proof. Very important with lambing just beginning. Big thanks to Carole at Abbot Park Farm for the very welcome hearty lunch.

event at Abbot Park Farm will be on Friday 8th April and more specialist, when we repair a heck feature in the wall. We can only accommodate a maximum of four people, all of whom need to have some previous walling experience. If you are interested, please get in touch at hello@ruslandhorizonstrust.org

Mind in Furness Project – Funded by the Crofton Trust via the Cumbria Community Foundation

Our first day of delivery on this valuable project will be early April at Hay Bridge Nature Reserve. Thanks to Keith and Helen Loxam for supporting this project by allowing us to use the wonderful forest school space on the reserve.

On Saturday 9th April, we are holding a wildflower seed planting and propagation workshop at our polytunnel at Abbots Reading Farm with morning and afternoon sessions. See Rusland Horizons website, What's On page.

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

Last film of the season:

Tuesday 5th April – *Ali & Ava* – set in Bradford – a film about the goodness and kindness in people. Superb acting, clever and joyous – a must watch; check out the reviews and book in with us now crimcneill@gmail.com

If you want to watch some films over the summer why not hire the cinema and watch the films of your choice in the luxury (well we think so!) of the Carhouse Cinema – contact Carol.

A LITTLE BIT OF RUSLAND HISTORY

Rusland, or Rushland, as the vale was formerly called, is famous for cross roads and foot-ways; but the traveller must go right on, till he arrives at the pretty neatly-kept parsonage close to the road-side. He is now in the Ulverstone road, and a friendly guide-post at the corner will direct his steps. The neat white-washed buildings facing him are called Rook How, and include, with other tenements, the Friends' meeting-house, which is numerously attended on the last Friday in every month. During the late reconstruction of the church, the Friends kindly lent this chapel for the use of their church neighbours.

Excerpt from a book by Harriet Martineau (journalist and writer b.1802, d.1876) passed on by Harriet Baxter, cleaner at Rookhow

RUSLAND and DISTRICT W.I.

The March meeting was held on Zoom - two of our members had Covid - and we were privileged to have a talk by David Weild, retired Chief Engineer of the Astute submarine programme. We were joined by several people to hear this fascinating illustrated talk which traced the history of the development of submarines from first use in the American War of Independence to the present day. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 19th April at 7.30 p.m. in Satterthwaite Parish Room when we shall have a talk on the art of calligraphy with a view to holding a practical workshop at a later date. We will also be having a sales table in aid of Ukrainian charities.

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Five Parish Councillors attended the March meeting, plus the Clerk, a Cumbria County councillor and one member of the public. The subject of deer shooting in the local LDNPA woodlands was discussed and the NP Officer responsible has agreed to attend a future meeting to explain the management plan and safeguards in place.

Problems with vehicles following their satnav onto unsuitable roads have continued and the PC is looking for funding to tackle this via warning signs. Overdue safety improvements to the A590 are still being developed by the agencies and councils involved.

Meanwhile the Parish Council unanimously supported a planning application for calf housing, a midden and storage building submitted by the Messrs Crowe at Hall Farm, Rusland.

The next meeting, which will be the Parish Open Meeting and the Parish Annual Meeting will be at Bouth Village Hall on Monday, 16th May.

There is a vacancy for a Colton Parish Councillor. If you could be interested, please telephone David Hoyle on 01229 860390.

CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends

Writing about current affairs in a publication that appears some time later probably isn't sensible, as things are likely to change and words will be out of date. But at the time of writing, we are in a state of shock because something we thought impossible as happened: for the first time in 83 years, one European country has invaded another. We thought it couldn't happen. Some of us are also surprised that Ukraine, which surrendered its nuclear weapons in return for guarantees of security, can apparently hold out for so long now those guarantees have been done away with. And, living as we do 1500 miles away, we feel absolutely helpless. This month the church celebrates the most important of all Christian festivals: Easter, when we remember Christ rising from the dead. If this celebration pretended that everything was always ok and nothing bad ever happened, then this year, and probably most years, it would sound like hollow platitudes. But before we celebrate Easter in Church we have Lent when we remember that humans are capable, and have always been capable, of terrible deceitfulness, violence, greed and destruction. Then comes Good Friday, the day on which we remember that Jesus was crucified, a man nailed to a cross in agony. Dreadful things happen. Good Friday happens. It is happening today to many Ukrainians. Christ went to his death because of human hatred, the same hatred we see in war today. Good Friday happens, but then Easter happens. Out of death comes life. Christ rose again because human hatred is never stronger than God's indomitable love. From where we are it is very difficult to see, but after crucifixion comes resurrection. God will turn even our worst sins into part of a story of grace. God will lift up the downtrodden and uphold the oppressed. We don't always see it in this life, but in the end God's love has the last word. You are warmly invited to our Easter services and Passion Play.

John

CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL

Sunday	Colton	Rusland	Satterthwaite
April 3 rd		6pm Celtic Evening Prayer	
10 th			11.15 Holy Communion
16 th		8pm Service of Light	
		11.15 Holy Communion	9.45 Holy Communion
24 th			11.15 Holy Communion
Sunday	Hawkshead Church		Sawrey
April 3 rd	9.30 Green Communion		11.15 Green Communion
10 th	9.30 Holy Communion		11.15 Matins
14 th			7pm Liturgy for Maundy Thursday
15 th	3pm Good Friday Passion Play		
17 th	9.30 Holy Communion		11.15 Holy Communion
24 th	9.30 Holy Communion		11.15 Morning Worship

ROOK HOW NEWS

We are really looking forward to welcoming people from the Rusland Valley to have a look around the newly restored 300 year old Grade II* listed Quaker Meeting House. This is one of the most historic buildings in the valley and we want to share it with the local community. The renovation work is almost complete and we're hoping everything will be ready for our big Good Friday Meeting at 11am on 15th April. All are welcome to attend- a silent Quaker Meeting for Worship with homemade hot cross buns afterwards. Pre-Covid this was a large annual gathering of Quakers and other supporters from around the local area. In 2019 the Meeting House was so packed full of 80 people, that the 'minister's platform' collapsed! Thankfully it has now been lovingly restored along with many other improvements including disabled access and facilities for the building.

From 6th May we'll be open on the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month, all year round, 10am-4pm, so please pop in for a cup of tea if you'd like to say hello and have a look around. There's always work to be done at Rookhow, so if anyone fancies an hour or two of walling, gardening or log splitting, we'll also have volunteer work parties (and homemade cake!) on those days. For more information, please contact Sue Nicholls, Rookhow Development Manager. Email: contactrookhow@gmail.com Tel 07557 919879. Website: rookhow.org.uk

PERSONAL

Margaret Wilkinson, formerly of Crosslands Farm, passed away unexpectedly on the 25th March after a short stay in hospital.

Margaret was born and brought up on Church Lane in Satterthwaite and moved to Crosslands Farm, when she married Donald. They retired to Priory Road, Ulverston, enjoying many years there, seeing Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren come along. She also had many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews and was always interested in what they were doing. She will be greatly missed by all the family.

REFUGEES

Gary Thomason in Satterthwaite is considering offering accommodation to Ukrainian refugees. He would like to know if anyone else in the valley is considering doing likewise, as obviously it would be beneficial to all concerned if a small community were set up. Please contact him on 07702 166373 or at garfield.t@me.com.

SATTERTHWAITE AND SURROUNDS - EMAILS

At the start of Covid, Simon Brock set up an email list to organise delivery into the village of supplies and share information. This email list has become a good way of sharing information on what is happening in the area in addition to this newsletter, especially at short notice. If anyone would like to join this list then please email simonbrock@btinternet.com

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