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APRIL SHOWERS

RUSLAND SPRING SHOW

The welcoming aroma of fresh spring flowers and Easter baking filled Rusland Reading Room for a lively Spring Show weekend.

Artistic talent from young and not so young was on display with handprints, photos, and floral, foliage and bulb displays. Thank you everyone who helped behind the scenes with delicious soup and cakes and those who put up the new tent purchased by the Rusland Reading Room with a grant from Rusland Valley Community Trust. Those of us whose exhibits were disqualified, judged as 'not to schedule', are determined to try harder next year.

Best exhibit in each section received a prize in memory of Chris Benefield

Spring Plant Section Best Exhibit won by Wendy Bell

Most points and Gordon Wilkinson plate won by Gay Jarvis

Flower Power Section Best Exhibit winner and winner of the Nicky Fletcher Cup for Floral Display Anne Robinson.

Photographs Best Exhibit winner Dan Stringer
Culinary Delights Best Exhibit winner Anne Robinson

Elsie Wilkinson Bowl for most points winner Marguerite Calvert

Young'uns Best Exhibit winner of a large

Easter Egg Eddy Boyren

Under 17 section Best Exhibit winner of a large Easter Egg Tom Fitter

The committee are very grateful for the generous main raffle prizes from Heft, The Manor and Cafe Ambio at Grizedale

The judges, stewards and exhibitors all contributed to a memorable event making the show a great success, raising more than £1,200.

CORONATION CELEBRATION SUNDAY 7th MAY

In order to mark the Coronation of King Charles III, we propose a village get-together on Sunday 7th May (which is the day for community events), for DIY picnics and BBQs in Satterthwaite playground from 2.00pm. It is not an organised event on the scale of last year's Jubilee, but just a chance for all to get together, so bring your own everything - picnics, BBQs, drinks, chairs, rugs.... possibly even gazebos if the weather looks poor. There is a fixed BBQ in the playground which anyone can use, but bring your own fuel and something to clean the grill. Everyone is welcome, including well-behaved dogs - just make sure you clean up after them.

AFTERNOON TEA IN SATTERTHWAITE

Rusland and District WI is holding a welcoming Afternoon Tea on Sunday, 14th May at 3 p.m. in Satterthwaite Parish Room to show what we do and who we are.

There will be displays from our archive, with lots of photographs of past members.

Invitations will soon be landing on doorsteps.

RVHS SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION 2023

It is time to start planning your garden so that it is at its best when the judges call round during the second week 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 email (sally.fisher072@gmail.com) or phone (01229 861876) as soon as possible. Please include your name and address.

A WELCOME SIGN OF SPRING!

John Walton saw the first curlew of the Spring on 25th March at Roger Ridding

RUSLAND and DISTRICT WI

A very well attended meeting, which included three visitors, took place in March at Satterthwaite Parish Room. After the short business meeting, we were pleased to welcome Jack Ellerby, Project Officer for Friends of the Lake District, whose brief is to reduce the amounts of unnecessary light polluting our night skies. We were interested to see his photographs which demonstrated how different lighting could make such a difference.

Our craft group, meeting weekly, goes from strength to strength. Our walking group is popular and a walk and lunch will take place at Grizedale later this month and the Book Group meets on Zoom on the last Monday of every month. We are having an afternoon tea party on Sunday, 14th May at 3 p.m. in Satterthwaite Parish Room to which invitations will soon be issued.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 18th April at 7.30 p.m. in the Rusland Reading Room when we will welcome Maria Whitehead of Hawkshead Relish. The competition is for a chutney recipe. All welcome.

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

Our last 2 films of the season are: -

Tuesday 4th April - *Compartment No 6* and
Saturday 15th April - *C'mon, C'mon*.

Then we can start watching films for next season, sorting out the garden, going for long walks and enjoying the sunshine (optimist that I am!).

We may put on a 'special' for the Coronation such as Open House for the big ceremony - so 'watch this space'

RUSLAND VALLEY COMMUNITY TRUST

We are small charitable trust based in Rusland and have a small pot of money which we can use to help fund projects in the area.

For example- We have recently helped to purchase outdoor equipment for Leven Valley School, also some equipment at Penny Bridge nursery, a bench at Satterthwaite playground and sponsorship for the Oxen Park Cinema Club.

We contributed to the new tent used for the Spring Show. Which will be a useful asset to the Rusland Parish Room

Please contact us if you have an idea or need some help.

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ROOKHOW is looking for an extra relief cleaner in case our 2 cleaners cannot make it or are on holiday. If you would be available ad hoc for a few days here and there or at short notice, please contact Sue Nicholls, Development Manager Tel 07377 971783 Email: contactrookhow@gmail.com

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL:

At our meeting on Monday 20th Mike Postle kindly attended to give us an update on Superfast and Ultrafast Broadband in the Parish. Very good news to hear that Cumbria is in the pilot project area with the contract awarded to Fibrus, a company with a good track record of fibre rollouts. Whilst dates are not confirmed, it appears likely that most households will get fibre to door connection. For those more remote or difficult sites a new and more generous voucher scheme will be introduced. Check Mike's blog for updates at <http://postleorg.coffeecup.com/stream/>

Our next parish council meeting is on the 15th May at 7pm and is our formal Annual Meeting. Venue to be confirmed. This will be followed by our Open Meeting on Saturday the 20th May in the morning and will be held at Rusland Reading Rooms. In a change of usual format, there will be a speaker and refreshments. We hope many of you will be able to attend. Save the date and further information on the speaker and times will be confirmed soon.

SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

THANK YOU to all those who helped with the Village Litter pick. Thanks also to Alison at Forestry England for supplying the bin bags, disposable gloves and Hi-Viz vests, so that we could all work safely.

Our village and verges are all now looking spotless.

Unfortunately, there is again no report of the latest Parish Council Meeting

DALE PARK RAINFALL

The total for February was only 2.43" with 13 dry days.

March started off well with only .26" of rain until the 10th, and there were 8 dry days. Since then, up to 21st, there has not been a dry day and there has been 6.4" of rain, taking the total for March so far to 8.56".

February and March last year were the opposite way round, with February having 10.57" and March only 2.89".

The yearly total so far is 23.41" which is 6" more than at this time last year. The dry days, though, are about the same for both years.

CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends,

We did not choose to be born, any of us. But when we were a child each of us realised at some point that we were alive. We realised that we were in the midst of an astonishing, beautiful, exhilarating drama. We became aware of life. We may just be a tiny speck in the story of everything, but that tiny speck is what everything we know depends on. Our lives are astonishing: full of energy, creativity, vigour, joy. And precious beyond any measure.

But a little bit later, maybe as we become teenagers, we realise that life is not the only thing in play. There is something that comes to everyone, to everything, that takes the joy out of life. Death is a mystery, just as deep and impenetrable as life. Why is there life? We do not often ask the question, but we are usually glad there is. But if there's life, why is there death? It is unthinkable, intolerable, unjust. What is the point of life if we just have to face death? Do we fear, deep down, that death eventually wins, every time? Death thinks it has got the better of life – it will always win in the end. It will destroy, dismantle and discredit everything, and turn it to dust.

But at Easter, which we celebrate this month, we discover again that there is something death hasn't bargained for. And that is love. We discover again that as well as the glorious mystery of life and the fearful mysteries of death, there is a third mystery: that love is stronger than death. We discover resurrection. Resurrection is the way human beings reach out from the constraints of life and touch forever. And resurrection even more wonderfully is the way forever reaches out from beyond death and touches us with its truth.

Anybody is very welcome to explore this mystery by joining us at our Easter services.

John

CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL 2023

Sunday	Colton	Rusland	Satterthwaite
April 2 nd		6pm Celtic Evening Prayer	
8 th		8pm Service of light	
9 th		11.15 Holy Communion	9.45 Holy Communion
16 th		6pm Evensong	
23 rd			11.15 Holy Communion
30 th		10.00 Benefice Eucharist	

Sunday	Hawkshead Church	Hawkshead Hill Baptists	Sawrey
April 2 nd	9.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Morning Service	11.15 Holy Communion
6 th			7pm Maundy Thursday Liturgy
7 th	2pm Good Friday Liturgy		
9 th	9.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Morning Service	11.15 Holy Communion
16 th	9.30 Holy Communion	10.30 Morning Service	11.15 Holy Communion
23 rd	9.30 Morning Worship	10.30 Morning Service	11.15 Morning Worship
30 th	10pm Benefice Eucharist at Rusland	10.30 Morning Service	

Thursdays at 10am Hawkshead Methodist Church 'Time at 10'

ROOKHOW NEWS

GOOD FRIDAY QUAKER MEETING 11AM-12NOON - Rookhow's large annual gathering. All are welcome, especially local people in the valley. Followed by Tim's homemade hot cross buns. This will be followed at 2-4pm with the presentation of Rookhow's Annual Report and accounts for 2022 and a Strategic Gathering to discuss future developments, including the planning for Rookhow's tricentenary celebrations in June 2025.

OPEN DAYS are on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month 10am-4pm. Tea, coffee and homemade cakes. Our volunteer guides will be happy to show you around and you can wander into the woods too. If you'd like to come with a group, please let Sue know in advance so we have enough cakes!

QUAKER MEETINGS AT ROOKHOW MEETING HOUSE - On the first Wednesday of every month 7.30-8pm and 1st and 3rd Fridays 12.30-1pm. All welcome.

DAY BOOKINGS - Rookhow Meeting House can be booked for meetings & day events (Monday-Thursday) and as a base for use of the woodland.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS: 3 and 4 NIGHT BOOKINGS - Please spread the word to your friends and family from away who might want to come and stay in the Rusland Valley. They can hire the whole site-Bunkbarn, Meeting House, yurt, camping and woodland and have the place to themselves! These bookings help us to run the charity and also support the mental health groups who come to stay. We put at least 5% of bookings income into the Retreat Away Fund. Check the website:

<https://rookhow.org.uk>

Contact: Sue Nicholls, Rookhow Development Manager Tel 07377 971783

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The Annual Parochial Church meeting of St Paul's Rusland will be held in Rusland Reading Room on April 17th at 7pm. All welcome.

The Annual Parochial Church meeting of All Saints Satterthwaite will be held in Satterthwaite Parish Room on April 24th at 7.30pm. All welcome.

HELEN DUNCAN. 9/4/1958 - 27/9/2022.

Andrew writes : -

I was devastated to lose Helen to metastatic bowel cancer last September. These last few months have been really difficult for me, especially the realisation that my wife, best friend, confidant and carer is no longer here.

It was really comforting and heart-warming and at the same extremely emotional to receive and read the scores of cards of condolences and emails etc from friends and people I don't know but who knew Helen from her work in the Co-op and throughout the "horse" world and charity work. Thank you all for your kindness in all its forms.

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