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SEASON'S GREETINGS!

THE GREAT FOREST SELL OFF

How would you feel if you were no longer able to walk freely wherever you wanted to in the Forest? Or if your dog had to be on a lead at all times, or you could no longer ride your horse or your bike there?

IT COULD HAPPEN IN GRIZEDALE.

There is a proposal from DEFRA which means that ALL of the public forests in England could be sold into private (quite possibly overseas) ownership between 2011 and 2020. This includes such national treasures as Grizedale, Sherwood and the New Forest.

Environment Secretary Caroline Spelman has written an open letter to all MPs, which is published on the DEFRA website, dated Friday 29th October 2010 (www.defra.gov.uk - home page - news - "Forestry in England - a New Strategic Approach"). On a national scale we are horrified at the thought of selling off such an invaluable common asset - but on a local level the threat and impact is even worse.

We hardly need to point out the effect that a possible sell-off of Grizedale Forest would have on its workforce locally, and the knock-on effect on our local, already fragile, permanent community. Why would a private owner support costly wildlife rangers and education staff? No FC would mean no Regional office staff. Even felling may not be carried out to a regular plan but simply a contract-out job for times when timber prices are right - doing away with the need for permanent staff. There would be no benign body "up at the Forestry" to whom we all turn in times of needing a fallen tree removed from a path, or a gate fixed.

At present the Forestry Commission does a wonderful and largely unlauded job of balancing the demands of timber extraction, wildlife conservation and public access to all the forests in its stewardship. Over the country, most of FC operations are delivered in partnership with the private sector (eg tree planting, timber harvesting, café, mountain bike and other concessions), sustaining thousands of jobs countrywide.

If the public forests were in private ownership there would also be nothing to stop any future owner from opening up their forest to a vast amount of commercialisation, be it nonsustainable timber extraction, intensive tourist attractions and other developments. Or to leave it all totally unmanaged so that it becomes an impenetrable wilderness, even to wildlife.

If you are appalled by the prospect of this Government "selling the family silver", then there are a number of urgent actions you can take. By far the most valuable action is to write to your MP. You can of course copy letters to the Prime Minister but you can imagine the number of letters received by Number 10! What would be most influential is if MP's (particularly Conservative and Liberal Democrat) across the

country received large numbers of letters from their constituents saying that they opposed the sale of public forests in their constituency. The action list is as follows:

MOST IMPORTANTLY: write to your local MP - in our case Tim Farron, possibly copied to David Cameron.

Encourage your friends in other parts of the country who enjoy their local FC forests to write to their local MPs, especially Lib Dem and Conservative ones.

Sign the on-line petition at 38degrees .

Write to the local and national newspapers and radio.

Remember, if the public forests are sold off, we will NEVER get them back again.

HAVE SOME CHRISTMAS FUN! CHRISTMAS EVE IN SATTERTHWAITE

Carols round the Christmas Tree on the Green, at 6.30pm, followed by mince pies and coffee in the Parish Rooms. Wrap up warmly, bring torches, your best singing voice and plenty of loose change for the bucket collection in aid of the Children's Society.

EVENTS AT THE EAGLES HEAD

THURSDAY, 16TH DECEMBER AT 8PM: Carol Singing with the WI Choir and Craggattak (unplugged!) Mulled wine and mince pies. Collection for Langdale and Ambleside Mountain Rescue.

BOXING DAY: Quiz Evening

NEW YEAR'S EVE: This year's fancy dress theme is "Village People" so you can even come as yourself!! Come along and enjoy the fun, with live music from Craggattak.9pm start.

BURNS NIGHT, Tuesday 25th January 2011: The traditional Burns Supper, featuring the address to the Haggis, Piper and a few wee drams, with a guest appearance by the Scottish Country Dancers of Satterthwaite. Look out for more details nearer the time.

A VERY FESTIVE FOREST Sat 11th and Sun 12th December 10am – 4pm Escape the crowds - buy quality gifts that aren't available on the high street - make your own gifts using wood from Grizedale trees - follow our seasonal trail - lantern walk and tree dressing - local, seasonal food - buy a tree - Only £2 per car! Activities across the whole of the Grizedale Centre. Contact the Centre on 860010 for more details

BOOST FOR LOCAL CHARITY

The very talented Mid-life Crisis played to a full house at the Eagle's Head on 13th November and their programme of '60s and '70s rock classics ensured plenty of audience participation. The bucket collection raised £110 for the Hawkshead and Satterthwaite First Responders.

DREAMING OF SPRING?

Plan your entries now for the Spring Show on the 26th & 27th of March 2011 at Rusland Reading Rooms.

LAKELAND ORIENTEERING CLUB

There are three events, each with two classes, between Christmas and New Year. One short technical/hard course (£3) and one easy family/junior/beginners course (£2)

December 26th (Boxing Day) at Rusland, December 28th at Blawith Common and 30th at Haverthwaite Lane Ends. Registration: 11.30am - 12.30pm. Check www.lakeland-orienteering.org.uk or phone Carol (861507)

COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

We have another vacancy for a Councillor, this time in East Ward, following the retirement of Councillor John Taylor from Finsthwaite. We are very grateful to John for his hard work during his 18 months in office, particularly in connection with green energy initiatives. If you are interested in joining the Council and helping to achieve some of our plans for green energy and other ideas for 'Colton 2020' please contact the Clerk. We are delighted to learn that Cumbria County Council has agreed to provide all 8 requested new grit bins, plus an additional 2 from funds allocated by the new High Furness Local Area Partnership of which we are a member. We hope to see these new bins in place at the locations we specified very soon, hopefully containing some grit!

We are <u>not</u> so delighted to learn that Bouthrey Bridge will not be repaired until next spring, since the Environment Agency 'window' for allowing building work has now closed for the winter. This bridge is reportedly the only one in Cumbria that has not been repaired, one year on from the damaging floods in 2009. The Council has written a letter of complaint to the CCC Chief Executive asking why repair work has not begun and requesting that a temporary footbridge be constructed, strong enough to carry farm stock. At its meeting in October, the Council approved its budget for 2011/2012. Savings made this year will enable us to fulfil our planned projects, including completing the Community Plan, without any increase in the precept next year.

RUSLAND & DISTRICT W.I.

The Annual Meeting was held on 16th November in Rusland Reading Room. Reports were given and audited accounts presented and adopted. The Officers returned were- President, Jennifer Stoker; Secretary, Anne Lewis; Treasurer, Carol Driver, and all other jobs were allocated. Final arrangements were made for the Carol Evening to be held in Satterthwaite Church on Tuesday, 14th December followed by refreshments in the Parish Room. There will be a raffle and a collection and all proceeds will be donated to the Duddon & Furness Mountain Rescue Team.

The first meeting of the New Year will be held in Satterthwaite Parish Room on Tuesday, 18th January when the speaker will be Ron Mein, who will tell us about pack horse trails. We look forward to seeing you on both these occasions.

RUSLAND VALLEY & FELLS LOTTERY BID

As a result of the public meeting held at The Yan in August, a group was set up which has been developing the ideas that came forward at that meeting. Several projects are proposed. There will be a series of public meetings in January to discuss these projects and progress on the bid in general.

Please come along and help knock things into shape before the February deadline.

Jan 18th - Rusland Reading Room

Jan 19th - Satterthwaite Parish Room

Jan 20th - Haverthwaite Church Hall - all at 7.30pm.

Colin Barr (01229 861408)

QUIZ NIGHT

Satterthwaite Parish Room, Saturday 15th January 7.30 Supper and raffle. Tickets £5. All proceeds in aid of the Parish Room.

OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

Two films will be shown on 15th January at Rusland Reading Rooms- Kiki's Delivery Service (4pm) and Frozen River (7.30pm)

If the weather looks inclement then check the website or phone one of the committee members to check if the show is still on. (Carol: 861507).

As well as our new Leven Valley School venue, we have been showing some extra films (mainly Toy Story 3) at some South Lakes Primary Schools and these have proved extremely popular with children and parents, attracting audiences of 60 - 80. If you know a school which would like a film show then contact Carol.

CALLING ALL BUDDING DIRECTORS!

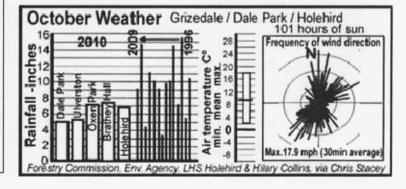
Keswick International Film Festival is looking for talented future Tarantino's or Speilberg's to enter their films into their 2011 Festival. If you are under 18 and living in Cumbria go to www.keswickfilmfestival.org to find out more about how to enter your short film.

The following prizes can be won: First Prize: £200,Second Prize: £100,Third Prize: £50.

All submissions must be received by 31st December

TAKE THE BUS!

Cumbria County Council is launching the A2BNoW concessionary bus fare scheme to provide discounted travel for young people between the ages of 5 and 18, living in South Lakeland. By introducing an upper 'cap' of £1 single and £1.80 return fare for young people, it will make it cheaper for them to access leisure activities by bus. The scheme will work via a 'smartcard' which can be applied for at a cost of £5. Application forms are available now from your local library, online at www.cumbria.gov.uk/a2bnow or by calling 01539 713180.



CHURCH NEWS

Dear Friends

'It is better to give than to receive' we are told, and of course this is true. There are many people who think that human beings are not a particularly generous race, that we are rather better at receiving than giving. All around them they see how people try to get as much as they can from life, without giving all that much in return. The question on people's lips and in their hearts often seems to be 'what can I get?' rather than 'what can I give?' And it is true that ideas of sacrifice and service seem curiously quaint and naïve. Even churches sometimes find themselves wondering what they can get from the community around them before they ask themselves what they have to give.

I think the people who see only this lack of generosity are putting us down unnecessarily. In the right circumstances people are pretty good at giving of themselves. And most people at some stage in their lives will give something to somebody else that really costs them, particularly within families. I have often seen people in some way threaten their own comfort with their generosity. What more could we ask?

Actually, I suspect that many of us are oddly poor at receiving. If somebody is very generous to us, then we become a little suspicious. We wonder what the hidden agenda is and what we will owe in return. We fear that by receiving charity we appear weak and powerless.

Although on the whole it is better to give than to receive, receiving can be pretty good, if we manage to do it properly. Christmas, I believe, is more about receiving than about giving. This may seem an odd thing for me to say. I do not mean that is about what presents we receive and unwrap. Instead, it is about receiving the greatest gift of them all - the fact that God Almighty became human and shared his life among us. The God we believe in is not distant and remote; he is immediate and alongside us, intimately involved in the nitty-gritty of his creation. This is what Christmas is about: it is about receiving a gift so enormous the world cannot contain it; a gift so generous, it is beyond our comprehension. All we have to do is swallow our pride and accept it graciously.

I wish all of you a very happy Christmas and New Year.

John

The Vicarage, Hawkshead, 015394 36301. jjcedixon@btinternet.com

Sunday		Colton	Rusland		Satterthwaite		
Dec.	12 th 19 th 24 th	No Service 3.00pm Carol Service 3.00pm Posada with Carols	11.15	Holy Communion No service	A	Evensong Carol Service with Rusland	
Jan.	25 th 2 nd	No service	11.15 5.00pm	Holy Communion Evensong	11.00 9.45	Holy Communion Holy Communion	
	9 th 16 th		11.15 5.00pm	Holy Communion Evensong	6.00pm 9.45	Evensong Service for All Ages	

Sunday				Hawkshead		Sawrey	
Dec.	12 th	9.30	H.C. with Sunday School			11.15	Matins
	19 th	9.30	Holy Communion	6pm	Christingle	11.15	Holy Communion
	24 th	11.30pm	Midnight Mass			6.00pm	Carol Service
	25 th	9.30	Holy Communion			11.15	Holy Communion
	26 th	9.30	Holy Communion				THE STATE OF THE S
Jan.	2 nd	8.00	Holy Communion 1662	6pm	Healing Service	11.15	Holy Communion
		9.30	Service for All Ages		Hawkshead Methodist Chapel		
	9 th	9.30	H.C. with Sunday School	6pm	Evensong	11.15	Matins
	16 th	9.30	H.C. with Sunday School	6pm	Evensong	11.15	Holy Communion 1662

BUYING PRESENTS? KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

If you choose to buy goods from the comfort of your home it is called 'Home shopping' and includes anything purchased by post, telephone, fax, email, mobile phone, interactive TV and the Internet.

You have the same rights as if you had bought from a High Street shop, the goods must match their description and advertising claims, be of satisfactory quality and they must be safe.

Did you know that you also have additional rights when you buy without meeting the seller face to face? These include the right to:-i) clear information including any extra charges such as delivery or VAT,

- ii) cancel your order at any time up to 7 working days after you received the goods
- iii) have goods delivered within 30 days
- iv) protection from fraud, if someone makes dishonest or fraudulent use of your payment card, you can cancel the payment and the card issuer must refund all the money to your account.
- v) keep or dispose of any goods you receive but have not ordered, if a seller demands payment for unsolicited goods you don't have to pay or return the goods.
- vi) a cooling off period of 7 working days after placing an order, however you cannot cancel if you buy goods which were made to order, perishable, newspapers, software, and audio or video recordings which have been unsealed.

These rights do not apply to food or drink, timeshare agreements or financial services such as a loan. Be aware that there are different rules if you buy goods from a private individual or from Internet auction sites such as eBay or the seller is based outside the EU.

Free, confidential advice and help is available on any aspect of this article as well as debt, benefits, employment, and any other problems. You can contact the Grange or Windermere Citizens Advice Bureau by phone or in person. Call 015395 33100 / 015394 46464.

DIARY DATES. Dec . Sat & Sun 11th-12th Festive Forest - Grizedale Centre - 10am to 4pm 13th Satterthwaite PCC - The Yan, Grizedale - 7.30pm Mon 14th Rusland and District WI - Carol Evening - Satterthwaite Church - 7.30pm Tues 16th Craggattak and the WI Sing Carols at the Eagles - 8pm Thurs 24th Carols Round the Christmas Tree - Satterthwaite Village Green - 6.30pm Fri 26th Orienteering - Rusland - 11.30am Sun Quiz Evening at the Eagles 28th Orienteering - Blawith Common - 11.30am Tues 30th Orienteering - Haverthwaite Lane Ends - 11.30am Thurs 31st New Year's Eve Party - Eagle's Head - 9pm Fri 10th Colton Parish Council - Water Yeat Village Hall - 7.30pm Jan. Mon 15th Oxen Park Cinema Club - Rusland Reading Rooms -Sat 4.00pm - Kiki's Delivery Service 7.30pm - Frozen River Quiz Night - Satterthwaite Parish Room - 7.30pm 18th Rusland and District WI- Satterthwaite Parish Room - 7.30pm Tues Rusland Valley and Fells Lottery Bid - Public Meeting - Rusland Reading Rooms - 7.30pm 19th Rusland Valley and Fells Lottery Bid - Public Meeting - Satterthwaite Parish Room - 7.30pm Wed

PERSONAL

THE SAMARITANS

Whatever you're going through, we'll go through it with you. Phone 01229 825656 or 08457 909090

- We all wish Bonzo Johnson, of Oxen Park a speedy recovery after his recent stay in hospital.
- . Congratulations to Amy, Martin and the proud Hool and Postlethwaite grand-parents on the arrival of young Maisie.

Last date for items. 13th January. Send to: Liz Cringle Tel – 01229 860274, email;liggerc@hotmail.com;Colin Barr – *Oxen Park Tel:* 01229 861408, email: <u>cjb@barrecol.co.uk</u>; Elsie Wilkinson – *Crosslands Tel:* 01229 860253; Frances Townsend – *Pepper House Tel:* 01229 860206, frances.townsend@virgin.net; Sylvia Chadwick – *Monks Cottage Tel:* 015395 31685

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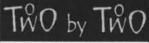
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