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## 'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY!

### ALL CHANGE AT THE EAGLE'S HEAD

After ten years behind the bar and in the kitchen, Rob and Becky Bruce called time at the Eagle's Head in November. Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> was their last evening, coinciding with Mid-Life Crisis playing rock music, which made for a fabulous send-off party. The pub was packed to the rafters, gifts were exchanged and many heartfelt tributes to Rob and Becky were paid. Not a dry eye in the house! We wish them well in their future ventures, and hope we will still see them from time to time, when they come a-visiting the family.

And now...it is a big WELCOME to new owners Emma Jones and Simon Cole, who opened their doors two days later! Emma's parents, Sue and Malcolm, live at the old Vicarage, so expect to see Malcolm pulling a few pints from time to time. We wish Emma and Simon all the luck in the world with their exciting new venture, and hope that many locals will come and support them. Look out for various forthcoming events which will be held at the pub.

### LEVENS VALLEY SUPPORT GROUP FOR ST MARYS HOSPICE

The Flower Demonstration at the Café Ambio, by Roz Harrison of Dodds Flower Shop was a great success, concluding with an auction of the flower arrangements and the raffling of a wonderful Xmas Cake, donated by Andrew Southcott Catering. A magnificent £875 was raised.

Many thanks to all for their continued support, and particularly to Les Micklethwaite for the opportunity to visit the The Lakeland Motor Museum before the Demonstration and to Andrew Southcott for waiving his fee.

And then.....

Spooky goings on at the Lakeland Motor Museum over a four day period at Half Term led to a wonderful surprise for the Support Group. Staff dressed up for Halloween, held a raffle and organised spooky activities for the children, which led to a magnificent amount of £475.00 being raised!!

The Group were delighted to receive this generous donation for the Hospice and many thanks go to the Museum for their continued support.

### COME A-CAROLING!

TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 7.30pm in Satterthwaite Church, WI Carol Concert, with light refreshments. Collection in aid of St Mary's Hospice.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 9.00pm. Come and sing Christmas songs and carols with the WI Choir and friends at the Eagle's Head. Mulled wine and mince pies will be available.

SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, 4pm. Joint Carol Service – Rusland Church

CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLS in Satterthwaite. Meet round the Christmas Tree in the back of the Church at 6.30pm - this will enable Harry to play some organ accompaniment. Wrap up warm, bring your best singing voice and plenty of loose change for the bucket collection. Afterwards, come down to warm up in the Eagle's Head, where mulled wine and mince pies will be available.

COUNTING THE BIRDS THAT ARE COUNTING ON YOU  
It will be all eyes to the skies on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2014, as the nation takes part in the RSPB's annual Big Garden Birdwatch. The activity is the biggest garden wildlife survey in the world and last year almost 600,000 people counted the birds in their garden. Big Garden Birdwatch, which has been running for 35 years, provides the RSPB with masses of information about changes in numbers of garden birds in winter, and helps to alert conservationists to significant declines in UK garden species such as house sparrows and starlings.

This year, for the first time, we need you to log some of the other wildlife you see in your garden too. We want to know whether you ever see deer, squirrels, badgers, hedgehogs, frogs and toads in your gardens, to help build an overall picture of how important our gardens are for giving all types of wildlife a home.

To take part, spend just one hour at any time over the Big Garden Birdwatch weekend noting the highest number of each species seen in your garden or local outside space at any one time. Then simply submit your results to the RSPB, either online at [www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](http://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch) or in the post.

### OXEN PARK CINEMA CLUB

Our COFFEE MORNING is at the Coro on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> – we are well known for our great coffee - come and join us (9.30 – 11.30) or send us a cake, good quality bric a brac, raffle or tombola prizes.

Of course, the best news is that the Carthouse Cinema is open at last. After ten years we are up and running and our thanks go to all of you who have supported us in any way – either by being a member, coming to film shows, supporting fund raising events, sponsoring films, advertising in the programme or making a donation. Now you can book yourself in for a film and experience the 'living room cinema' for yourself. The official first show saw a full house for Skyfall. The next film is LINCOLN on Tuesday 3rd December. Booking is recommended, because we only have seats for 35. It is a long film but one which is worth seeing in comfort – and we have comfort.

We have our Christmas children's film at Leven Valley School on 12th December at 3.45pm. Entrance £3 but child care and a snack included. What's the film? – come and see!

### SATTERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

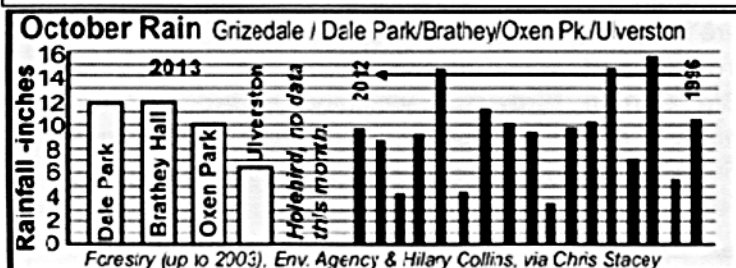
The council sends seasonal greetings to all in the parish.

SPC's next meeting will be on Tuesday 21st January 2014, 7.30pm in the Parish Room.

At the meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> November PCSO Emma Forrester reported criminal damage to a barrier in Grizedale Forest and the arrest of a suspect related to charity box thefts in the area. Of great concern to the Cumbria Police is the rise in sheep and livestock theft at this time of the year. Of the £413,000 of livestock thefts over the last three years, £368,761 related specifically to sheep thefts. The public are asked to report anything suspicious to the police on the non-emergency 101 number.

The council is keen to maintain the Neighbourhood Watch signs in the village and PCSO Forrester, agreeing that new signs will create the right impression, will try to arrange this quickly. The clerk receives regular email alerts from the NW scheme but has no way of circulating them to the community at large. Anyone wishing to be kept informed should submit an email address to the clerk.

Although it is unlikely that better broadband reception will reach all corners of the parish it is important that individuals register an expression of interest online at [www.connectingcumbria.org.uk/when-and-where](http://www.connectingcumbria.org.uk/when-and-where). In January the council will be discussing its budget for 2014 – 2015. The most costly item is likely to be the re-employment of the lengthsman. To date the council has received grants for his work. In future it will have to be covered by the precept. Grants required by the community need to be renewed. Those wishing to be involved in the debate should attend the meeting or send comments via email to the clerk. To achieve a larger involvement in its business the council urges parishioners to send their email addresses to the clerk. Many of the issues and concerns of 2013 will be carried into 2014, hopefully to successful completion.



### HOLES IN THE ROAD!

Report at: - [fixmystreet.co.uk](http://fixmystreet.co.uk) or [potholes.co.uk](http://potholes.co.uk). This makes reporting of the pothole a matter of record. If the Council does not fix it within a reasonable time (a week or so) it becomes 100% liable for any damage caused.

### RUSLAND & DISTRICT W.I.

At the Annual Meeting in November we welcomed the W.I. Advisor, Bridget Lockwood. Janet Taffs was re-elected as President, Anne Lewis continues as Secretary and Judy Shaw takes over officially as Treasurer. Mrs. Lockwood then addressed us and produced an excellent pudding quiz. The following day 18 members and friends enjoyed lunch at the Station Café, Haverthwaite. The annual Carol Evening will be on Tuesday, 10th December at 7.30 p.m. in Satterthwaite Church with all proceeds going to St. Mary's Hospice. Please come and support this evening which is in memory of long standing member Jennifer Stoker. We are looking forward to hearing Martin Cooper's talk on "The West Highland Way" on Tuesday, 21st January at 7.30 p.m. in Satterthwaite Parish Room. All are welcome to come to our first meeting of 2014.

### COLTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Highways:** After some pleading from the Clerk, the local County Highways team has repaired two collapsed culverts at Colton: i) 'Vicarage Corner' where there was a constant deluge of water across the road and ii) on the Snows near Riddingside Farm where the water had washed away much of the tarmac. The team has also been repairing potholes, and has tried to rod the notorious drain at Bouth Road Ends that keeps clogging up; a gully-sucker and jetter is being sent to clear the whole drain. Whilst we know that the local team is doing its very best in the face of dwindling resources, the question remains that all our roads are deteriorating markedly with very little routine maintenance being done. Needless to say, Colton is not the only parish dismayed at the state of the roads. We will be attending a meeting shortly between South Lakeland parishes and both the Highways Manager (Nick Raymond) and the County Cabinet Member for Highways (Keith Little). Meanwhile our temporary Lengthsman, Archie Workman, is doing great works around the Parish, clearing drains where he can, and cutting back verges. He removed from the drain below Lin Bridge a huge length of matted earth which he christened the 'Rusland Slug'! If you need Archie to visit your patch, please contact the Clerk.

**Community Grants:** We understand that Neighbourhood Forums will no longer be making grants. Instead grants would be decided by a 'Community Grants and Engagement Review' which would include three representatives from Parish Councils in the NF area; one of these representatives will be from Colton.

Our next meeting is on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 7.30pm in Rusland Reading Rooms.



## CHURCH NEWS

**Dear Friends,**

*Once upon a time there was a King, who fell in love with a beautiful peasant girl. But how could he declare his love? If he went to all dressed in his royal finery, he reckoned that she would be so alarmed at the appalling prospect of having to behave as a queen that she would turn him down.*

*Or perhaps she would feel compelled to say 'yes' because she thought it her duty to obey her sovereign, and, being a good man, that wasn't the kind of relationship he wanted.*

*So instead of going dressed as a king, he wondered about pretending to be a peasant to make his proposal. But that was no good either. Even if she fell in love with him, when she realised that he was a king, she would say that she had agreed to marry him under false pretences.*

*What could he do? There was only one solution. He would actually have to become a peasant himself. It was the only way, and he took it. He abdicated as king, married the humble maiden, and lived happily ever after.*

*That story, more or less, was told over by the Danish philosopher, Soren Kierkegaard. It is a story he used to help us to understand the meaning of Christmas.*

*We, the human race, are of course the peasant girl, and we are loved deeply and utterly and passionately by the King who is God, who comes to us in the person of Jesus. We being mere mortals are unable to recognise the utterly mysterious God in his full glory, and even if we could, what we'd give wouldn't be love but grudging obedience.*

*Yet if God had come down to earth and pretended to be human, like some of the Greek Gods did in ancient legends, we would not be convinced.*

*If God wants human beings to know him and love him, then the only way is to actually become one of us. And that is what Christmas is about.*

**John**

**The Vicarage, Hawkshead.01539436301. [jjcedixon@btinternet.com](mailto:jjcedixon@btinternet.com)**

### CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

Sunday		Colton		Rusland		Satterthwaite	
Dec	1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30	Communion, Penny Bridge	5pm	Evensong	9.45	Holy Communion
	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	Communion	11.15	Holy Communion	6pm	Evensong
	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	Communion	5pm	Evensong	9.45	Service for All Ages
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	3pm	Carol Service	4pm	Carol Service, Joint with Satterthwaite		
	24 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Family Event with Carols				
	25 <sup>h</sup>	10.30	Communion, Penny Bridge	9.30	Holy Communion	11.00	Holy Communion
Jan	29 <sup>th</sup>					10.00	Benefice Service
	5 <sup>th</sup>			5pm	Evensong	9.45	Holy Communion
	12 <sup>th</sup>			11.15	Holy Communion	6pm	Evensong

Sunday		Hawkshead		Sawrey			
Dec	1 <sup>st</sup>	8am	Holy Communion	6pm	Healing and Wholeness Service	11.15	Holy Communion
		9.30	Service for All Ages		Hawkshead Methodist Chapel		
	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	H.C. with Sunday School			11.15	Matins
	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	H.C. with Sunday School	6pm	Evensong	11.15	Holy Communion
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30	Holy Communion	6pm	Christingle	11.15	Morning Worship
	24 <sup>th</sup>	23.30	Midnight Mass			6pm	Carol Service
	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	Holy Communion			11.15	Holy Communion
Normally, Wed. 10am weekly – Holy Communion at Hawkshead							

### SATTERTHWAITE PARISH ROOM ANNUAL QUIZ

Saturday, 25th January at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets (to include supper) available after Christmas from Hilary Collins : 01229 860 312

### TOP TIPS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

If you shop using Ebay then don't get caught out buying from outside the UK where your consumer rights are not as strong if there's a problem. Under 'Item Location' select 'UK only' to generate a list of items that are within the UK. Sending parcels can be expensive. If you have internet access you could consider using [www.Myhermes.co.uk](http://www.Myhermes.co.uk) it is cheaper than Royal Mail and they collect from your home. There's also Collect+ if you can drop your parcels off at one of their collection outlets, more info at [www.Collectplus.co.uk](http://www.Collectplus.co.uk)

To keep costs sensible amongst relatives or work colleagues, how about a 'Secret Santa'. Each person in the group buys just one gift for an agreed amount of money, all the gifts are gathered together and each person receives one without knowing who purchased it.

Even though it's Christmas, get your priorities right and don't fall behind on the routine bills. If you do get into money difficulties, get advice as soon as you can from your local Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB).

Free, confidential advice and help is available from Cumbria Rural Citizens Advice Bureau on any aspect of consumer problems, debt, benefits, housing, employment and any other problems. We have various outlets across South Lakeland and can also give advice over the phone. For telephone advice and/or to make an advice appointment contact 015394 46464. If you don't need us for advice, how about helping us by becoming a volunteer or making a donation? Not many people realize that we are a charity - see our website for details

[www.cumbriaruralcab.org.uk](http://www.cumbriaruralcab.org.uk).

## DIARY DATES

Dec	Mon	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Colton Parish Council Meeting - Rusland Reading Rooms - 7.30pm
	Tues	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oxen Park Cinema Club - <i>Lincoln</i> - The Carthouse - 7.30pm
	Thurs	5 <sup>th</sup>	Oxen Park Cinema Club - Coffee Morning at the Coro - 9.30am to 11.30am
	Thurs	12 <sup>th</sup>	Oxen Park Cinema Club - Childrens Film - Leven Valley School - 3.45pm

## EVENTS AT THE EAGLE'S HEAD

- NEW YEAR'S EVE: open until late, so come and join your friends to see in the New Year. The Bogle Banned will be playing from 10pm
- SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY - Burn's Night Supper at the Eagle's Head - book the date in your diary and look out for further details in the next newsletter - or contact Emma and Simon directly on 860237 to book.

## THE PEST CONTROL MAN

Rick Evans is employed by Graythwaite Estates to deal with foxes, crows and POACHERS. He drives a Silver Nissano Terrano Reg. No. NC54 HPN. If any evidence of poaching is observed he would like to be contacted day or night. Mobile: 07874 937386 Home: 01229 811064

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